

**OPINION 2280 (Case 3436)*****Pachynematus* Konow, 1890 (Insecta, Hymenoptera, Symphyta):  
generic name given precedence over *Epitactus* Förster, 1854**

**Abstract.** The Commission has conserved the widely used sawfly generic name *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890 by giving it precedence over a rarely used name *Epitactus* Förster, 1854, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms. Sawflies in this genus are of economic significance as pests of cereal and grass-fodder crops in North America, Europe and China.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Hymenoptera; TENTHREDINIDAE; NEMATINAE; *Pachynematus*; *Epitactus*; *Nematus trisignatus*; *Epitactus praecox*; sawflies; Holarctic.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890 is hereby given precedence over the name *Epitactus* Förster, 1854 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Schmidt et al. (1998) *Nematus trisignatus* Förster, 1854, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *Epitactus* Förster, 1854 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
  - (b) *Epitactus* Förster, 1854 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Epitactus praecox* Förster, 1854, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *trisignatus* Förster, 1854, as published in the binomen *Nematus trisignatus* (specific name of the type species of *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890);
  - (b) *praecox* Förster, 1854, as published in the binomen *Epitactus praecox* (specific name of the type species of *Epitactus* Förster, 1854).

**History of Case 3436**

An application to conserve the widely used sawfly generic name *Pachynematus* Konow, 1890 by giving it precedence over the rarely used senior subjective synonym *Epitactus* Förster, 1854, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms, was received from Andrew D. Liston (*Senckenberg Deutsches Entomologisches Institut, Müncheberg, Germany*) on 6 August 2007. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 67: 32–37 (March 2010). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **67**: 35. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2011 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 19: Ballerio, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Krell, Lamas, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 6: Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Kottelat, Kullander, Pape and van Tol. Alonso-Zarazaga, Lim and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Voting AGAINST, Bouchet commented that conditional reversals of precedence are a source of nomenclatural instability. Although he sympathised with the intention of the author, he could not technically endorse the solution that was offered to solve the case.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Pachynematus* Konow, 1890, *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift*, **1890**(2): 233 & 238.

*Epitactus* Förster, 1854 *Verhandlungen der naturhistorischen Vereines der preussischen Rheinlande und Westfalens (N.F.)*, **1**: 435.

*tresignatus*, *Nematus*, Förster, 1854, *Verhandlungen der naturhistorischen Vereines der preussischen Rheinlande und Westfalens (N.F.)*, **1**: 292.

*praecox*, *Epitactus*, Förster, 1854, *Verhandlungen der naturhistorischen Vereines der preussischen Rheinlande und Westfalens (N.F.)*, **1**: 435.