

OPINION 954

ACTEONELLA D'ORBIGNY, 1842 (GASTROPODA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Acteonella* d'Orbigny, 1842, made prior to the present Ruling, are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Acteonella uchauxensis* Cossmann, 1896, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Acteonella* d'Orbigny, 1842 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Acteonella uchauxensis* Cossmann, 1896, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1937.

(3) The specific name *uchauxensis* Cossmann, 1896, as published in the binomen *Acteonella uchauxensis* (type-species of *Acteonella* d'Orbigny, 1842) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2440.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1858)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. C. P. Nuttall in August 1968. Mr. Nuttall's application was sent to the printer on 29 August 1968 and was published on 17 January 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 190–192. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two specialist serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 June 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)22 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 191–192. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 1 September 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fourteen (14), received in the following order: Holthuis, Melville, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Starobogatov, Obruchev, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Mertens, Munroe, Binder, Forest, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—seven (7): do Amaral, Bonnet, Brinck, Evans, Kraus, Mayr, Simpson.

Commissioner Alvarado returned a late affirmative vote. Dr. Sabrosky did not vote, making the following comment: I am disturbed by the fact that the Commission is receiving so little advice from specialists. I believe that we should ask for comment by specialists groups, nomenclature committees, or societies in cases such as these that could easily be decided either way.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

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

Acteonella d'Orbigny, 1842, *Paléont. franc., Terr. créét.* 2 : 107-113, pls. 164-7
uchauxensis, *Acteonella*, Cossmann, 1896, *Essais paléoconch. comp.* 2 : 166

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)22 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 954.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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