OPINION 1756

ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 (Insecta, Coleoptera): given precedence over CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819

Ruling
(1) Under the plenary powers family-group names based on Anthribus Geoffroy, 1762 are hereby given precedence over those based on Choragus Kirby, 1819.
(2) The name Choragus Kirby, 1819 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy Choragus sheppardi Kirby, 1819, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
(3) The name sheppardi Kirby, 1819, as published in the binomen Choragus sheppardi (specific name of the type species of Choragus Kirby, 1819), is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
(4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
(a) ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 (type genus Anthribus Geoffroy, 1762), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on Anthribus are to be given precedence over those based on Choragus Kirby, 1819;
(b) CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819 (type genus Choragus Kirby, 1819), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on Choragus are not to be given priority over those based on Anthribus Geoffroy, 1762.

History of Case 2795
An application for the conservation of the family-group name ANTHRIBIDAE Billberg, 1820 by giving it precedence over CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819 was received from Dr. Hans Silfverberg (Universitetets Zoologiska Museum, Helsingfors, Finland) on 18 October 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 194–195 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.
A comment in support from Drs. Beverley A. Holloway & Guillermo Kuschel (Mt. Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand) was published in BZN 50: 57 (March 1993).
It was noted on the voting paper that 10 of the 11 representative works held by the Commission Secretariat (para. 3 of the application) which demonstrate usage of the name ANTHRIBIDAE were published no earlier than 1960.
Proposals to place on Official Lists the name Anthribus, the type genus of the family ANTHRIBIDAE, and that of its type species A. fasciatus Forster, 1770, were included in Case 2292 which was voted on concurrently by the Commission. Approval of the latter case has allowed Anthribus to be attributed to Geoffroy (1762) (see BZN 48: 118, 127 and 129 and Opinion 1754, March 1994). The authorship and date of the generic name were not an issue in the present case.

Decision of the Commission
On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 194–195. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:
Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Savage.

No vote was received from Uéno.

Holthuis abstained because the status of Anthribus Geoffroy, 1762 was undecided at the time of voting.

Original references

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

CHORAGIDAE Kirby, 1819, Transactions of the Linnean Society of London, 12: 447.
Choragus Kirby, 1819, Transactions of the Linnean Society of London, 12: 447.

sheppardi, Choragus, Kirby, 1819, Transactions of the Linnean Society of London, 12: 448.