OPINION 1499

Lepralia punctata Hassall, 1841 (currently Cribrilina punctata; Bryozoa, Cheilostomata): replacement neotype designated

Ruling

(1) (a) Under the plenary powers the neotype designated in Opinion 1016 for Lepralia punctata Hassall, 1841, is hereby set aside;

(b) A replacement neotype, specimen number BMNH 1985.11.20.1, is hereby designated for Lepralia punctata Hassall, 1841.

(2) The entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology arising from Opinion 1016 is hereby amended to read: punctata Hassall, 1841, as published in the binomen Lepralia punctata, as defined by the neotype designated in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 2562

An application for a replacement neotype to be designated for Lepralia punctata (currently Cribrilina punctata) was received from Dr J. D. D. Bishop (British Museum (Natural History), London) on 14 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 288–296 (October 1986). Notice of the case was given to twelve general and twelve specialist serials. No comments were received, but in para. 27 of the application it was stated that a number of specialists agreed with the proposals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 294–295. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes—20: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes—3: Holthuis, Lehtinen and Cogger.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Holthuis considered that the taxonomy was too unsettled and that Opinion 1016 should not be revoked until the taxonomy of the group was more settled. Cogger believed that the objectives of the application could be met by setting aside the previous neotype designation so that the original lectotype designation could stand. Hahn also thought this, but nevertheless voted for the proposals.

Original references

The following is the original reference to the name on an Official List amended by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

punctata, Lepralia, Hassall, 1841, Annals and Magazine of Natural History, 7: 368.

The replacement neotype of Lepralia punctata is illustrated on BZN 43: 289 (Fig. D) and discussed on BZN 43: 293–294.