OPINION 1496

Simulia ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844 (currently Helodon ferrugineus; Insecta, Diptera): given precedence over Simulia rufa Meigen, 1838 and Simulia borealis Zetterstedt, 1842

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen Simulia ferruginea, is hereby given precedence over the specific names rufa Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen Simulia rufa, and borealis Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen Simulia borealis, whenever these names are considered synonyms of ferruginea.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen Simulia ferruginea, with an endorsement that it is to be given precedence over rufa Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen Simulia rufa, and borealis Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen Simulia borealis, whenever these names are considered synonyms of ferruginea;

(b) rufa Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen Simulia rufa, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen Simulia ferruginea, whenever the two names are considered synonyms;

(c) borealis Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen Simulia borealis, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen Simulia ferruginea, whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

History of Case 2394

An application for Simulia ferruginea Wahlberg, 1844 to be given precedence over two senior subjective synonyms was received from Prof Dr I. A. Rubtsov (Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leningrad) on 19 October 1981. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 352–354 (December 1986). Notice of the case was given to nine general and nine specialist serials. In an unpublished comment, Dr J. E. Raastad (University of Oslo, Norway) supported the importance of conserving the name Helodon ferrugineus (Wahlberg, 1844). He further pointed out there is no certainty that this species and Simulia rufa, Meigen, 1838 are the same.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 352–353. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trijapitzin, Ueno, Willink

Negative votes — 5: Dupuis, Hepell, Holthuis, Lehtinen and Ride.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.
Voting against the application, Ride said that it would have been better to suppress the names *rufa* Meigen and *borealis* Zetterstedt, rather than merely giving *ferruginea* precedence over them.

**Original references**

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

