

OPINION 1847

Diplocentrus mexicanus Peters, 1861 (Arachnida, Scorpiones): rediscovered holotype confirmed as the name-bearing type

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Ruling

- (1) The name-bearing type for *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861 is hereby confirmed as the rediscovered holotype.
- (2) The name *Diplocentrus* Peters, 1861 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *mexicanus* Peters, 1861, as published in the binomen *Diplocentrus mexicanus* (specific name of the type species of *Diplocentrus* Peters, 1861) and as defined by the holotype (female specimen no. ZMB 74 in the Zoologisches Museum, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2914

An application for the rediscovered holotype to be confirmed as the name-bearing type of *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861 was received from Dr W. David Sissom (*West Texas A & M University, Canyon, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 22 November 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 37–39 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 38. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

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

Diplocentrus Peters, 1861, *Monatsberichte der Königlichen Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin*, 1861: 512.

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