OPINION 2244 (Case 3443)

_Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802 (Coleoptera, *Tenebrionidae*): usage conserved

**Abstract.** The Commission conserved the usage of the generic name _Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802 by designation of _Tentyria ligurica_ Solier, 1835 as the type species of this genus of darkling beetles from the Palaearctic region.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; Coleoptera; *Tenebrionidae*; Tentyriini; _Tentyria_; _Tentyrina_; _Tentyria ligurica_; _Tentyrina orbiculata_; darkling beetles; Palaearctic region.

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**Ruling**

(1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus _Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802 are set aside and _Tentyria ligurica_ Solier, 1835 is hereby designated as the type species.

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

(a) _Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802 (gender: feminine), type species _Tentyria ligurica_ Solier, 1835, as ruled in (1) above;

(b) _Tentyrina_ Reitter, 1900 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Gebien (1937) _Pimelia orbiculata_ Fabricius, 1775.

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

(a) _ligurica_ Solier, 1835 as published in the binomen _Tentyria ligurica_ (specific name of the type species of _Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802), as designated in (1) above;

(b) _orbiculata_ Fabricius, 1775, as published in the binomen _Pimelia orbiculata_ (specific name of the type species of _Tentyrina_ Reitter, 1900).

**History of Case 3443**

An application to conserve the usage of the generic name _Tentyria_ Latreille, 1802 by designation of _Tentyria ligurica_ Solier, 1835 as the type species of this genus of darkling beetles from the Palaearctic region was received from Patrice Bouchard (Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), Ivan Löbl (Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland) and Martin Lillig (Institut für Biogeographie, Basel, Switzerland) on 8 November 2007. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 65: 110–113 (June 2008). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission’s website. No comments were received on this case.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 June 2009 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 65: 112. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2009 the votes were as follows:

Negative votes – 7: Bogutskaya, Kullander, Lim, Ng, Pape, Patterson and van Tol. Kojima abstained. Pyle was on leave of absence.

Kojima, who ABSTAINED, said that the taxonomic problem that will result in synonymising *Tentyrina* under *Tentyria* should have been more clearly presented in the case. Tol, voting AGAINST, said that the objective synonymy of *Tentyria* Latreille and *Tentyrina* Reitter, based on the same type species, is to be preferred above the selection of *T. ligurica* Solier as the type species of *Tentyria* as this species was originally not included in *Tentyria*.

**Original references**

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


