OPINION 2286 (Case 3509)

_Cetonia squamosa_ Gory & Percheron, 1833 (currently _Aethiessa squamosa_; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved

**Abstract.** The Commission has conserved the specific name _Cetonia squamosa_ Gory & Percheron, 1833 by ruling that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior homonym of _C. squamosa_ Lefebvre, 1827 (currently _Protaetia_ (Netocia) _squamosa_, also _Cetoniidae_), endemic in southern Italy including Sicily.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; _Cetoniidae_; _Protaetia squamosa_; _Aethiessa squamosa_; flower chafer; Southern Italy; Sicily; North Africa.

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**Ruling**

(1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name _squamosa_ Gory & Percheron, 1833, as published in the binomen _Cetonia squamosa_, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of _squamosa_ Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen _Cetonia squamosa_.

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

(a) _squamosa_ Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen _Cetonia squamosa_;

(b) _squamosa_ Gory & Percheron, 1833, as published in the binomen _Cetonia squamosa_, with the endorsement that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of _squamosa_ Lefebvre, 1827, as published in the binomen _Cetonia squamosa_, as ruled in (1) above.

**History of Case 3509**

An application to conserve the specific name _Cetonia squamosa_ Gory & Percheron, 1833 by ruling that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior homonym of _C. squamosa_ Lefebvre, 1827 (currently _Protaetia_ (Netocia) _squamosa_, also _Cetoniidae_, endemic in southern Italy including Sicily) was received from Ignazio Sparacio (Palermo, Italy) on 30 November 2009. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 67: 133–136 (2010). 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 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 67: 134. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2011 the votes were as follows:

- **Affirmative votes – 23:** Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Kullander, Krell, Lamas, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.
- **Negative votes – 1:** Bouchet.
- Alonso-Zarazaga, Lim, Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.
Voting FOR, Ng said he felt that the proposed action would cause the least disruptions overall.

Voting AGAINST, Bouchet said the application (para. 3) indicated that there was a very limited usage of the names involved, and he favoured a strict application of Article 60.3.

**Original references**

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