OPINION 1166
LIPARTHRUM WOLLASTON, 1854 (COLEOPTERA, SCOLYTIDAE) CONSERVED

RULING.– (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that Liparthrum is the correct original spelling of the generic name Leiparthrum Wollaston, 1854.

(2) The generic name Liparthrum Wollaston, 1854 (gender: neuter), type species, by original designation, Liparthrum (correction of Leiparthrum) bituberculatum Wollaston, 1854, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2109.

(3) The specific name bituberculatum Wollaston, 1854, as published in the binomen Liparthrum (correction of Leiparthrum) bituberculatum (specific name of type species of Liparthrum Wollaston, 1854), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2723.

(4) The generic name Leiparthrum Wollaston, 1854 (an incorrect original spelling through the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) above of Liparthrum) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2115.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2071

An application for the conservation of the generic name Liparthrum Wollaston, 1854, was first received from Professor Stephen L. Wood (Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, U.S.A.) on 13 May 1974. It was then sent to the printer on 27 August 1974 and published on 31 December 1974 in Bull. zool. Nom. vol. 31, pp. 234-235. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the Bulletin as well as to the statutory journals and to eight entomological serials.

The application was supported by Prof. Anton Pfeffer (Prague) and by Dr. J.J. Menier (Paris) and, though with some reservations, by Prof. Dr. Schedl (University of Linz, Austria) and Dr. D.E. Bright (Biosystematics Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada (Bull. zool. Nom. vol. 32, p. 135). It was opposed by Dr R.K. Brooke (Durban Museum, RSA) (ibid.) because 'no compelling reason other than the weight of erroneous usage has been offered in support of the proposed conservation. It is not the purpose of the plenary powers to canonise by subsequent edict errors for which wide support can be cited when the inconvenience caused by application of the provisions of the Code is minimal'.

Professor Wood replied in Bull. zool. Nom. vol. 33, p. 4
(26 June 1976) with revised proposals, and it was on these that the Commission has now voted. No comment was received on them.

**DECISION OF THE COMMISSION**

On 14 December 1979 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (79)23 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 33, p. 4. At the close of the voting period on 14 March 1980 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Bayer, Mroczkowski, Willink, Vokes, Corliss, Tortonese, Alvarado (a conditional vote), Brinck, Hahn, Habe, Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Ride, Nye, Binder, Halvorsen

Negative Votes — five (5): Heppell, Welch, Sabrosky, Kraus, Cogger

Abstention — Dupuis

No voting paper was returned by Bernardi.

The following comments were returned by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

**Welch**: 'The change in spelling of *Leiparthrum* Wollaston, 1854, to *Liparthrum* Wollaston, 1864 is not a question of priority in my opinion, but a case of an "incorrect subsequent spelling" [Art. 33b]. As Wollaston gave no reason for the change in spelling one can only assume, using Occam's razor, that it was a *lapsus calami* which was subsequently repeated by other authors. To cite transliteration from Greek to Latin as the cause is an assumption. To argue that there are 150 citations in which *Liparthrum* was used still does not correct an error. The error in spelling can be cited in the synonymy of the genus and thus noted in the literature.'

**Sabrosky**: 'I share Bright's reservations and agree with Brooke. In addition, I object to the amended proposal: we should not declare *Liparthrum* the correct original spelling, but a valid emendation.'

**Kraus**: 'I totally agree with the reservations expressed by Brooke, as the name in question does not have any importance in a more general sense. Therefore I can see no objection to the application of the relevant automatic provisions of the Code.'

**Cogger**: 'I concur fully with the comments of R.K. Brooke.'

**ORIGINAL REFERENCES**

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
bituberculatum, Leiparthrum, Wollaston, 1854, Insecta Maderensia, being an account of the insects of the islands of the Madeiran group, p. 294
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(79)23 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1166.

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Secretary
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London
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