

NOTE

Reversal of precedence in favor of Lachniden Herrich-Schaeffer 1854  
(Hemiptera: Aphididae) over Lachnaedes Billberg 1820  
(Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

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Bouchard et al. (2011) drew attention to the homonymy of the family-group names *Lachnaedes* Billberg 1820: 34 and *Lachniden* Herrich-Schaeffer 1854: VII based, respectively, on the genus-group names *Lachna* Billberg 1820: 35 and *Lachnus* Burmeister 1835: 91. Despite the different spellings of their type genus names, the stem for both family-group names, i.e., *Lachn-*, is identical (e.g., *Lachnidae*, *Lachninae*). In cases of homonymy of family-group names based on similar generic names, per Article 55.3.1 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999), an application is to be sent to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature for a ruling to remove the homonymy, unless the senior synonym is a nomen oblitum.

The Herrich-Schaeffer name is currently used as a valid subfamily of Aphididae Latreille 1802 (Hemiptera) whereas that of Billberg is considered a synonym of the subfamily Lagriinae Latreille 1825 (1820) (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae). Bouchard et al. (2005) established that the widely-used but younger names Lagriinae, Lagriini, and Lagriina should be conserved over Lachninae, Lachnini, and Lachnina following ICZN Article 40.2.

In order maintain usage of the Hemiptera family-group name, we here establish a reversal of precedence in accordance with ICZN Article 23.9. The Coleoptera family-group name *Lachn-* Billberg 1820

has not been used as a valid name after 1899, conforming to ICZN Article 23.9.1.1. To address Article 23.9.1.2 and provide evidence of the recent and frequent usage of *Lachn-* Herrich-Schaeffer 1854 as valid, we here list “25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years”: Inouye 1970, Mamontova 1972, Steffan 1972, Holman 1974, Raychaudhuri et al. 1980, Ghosh 1982, Binazzi 1984, Harrington 1985, Verma and Das 1992, Footitt and Richards 1993, Heie 1995, 2015, Nieto Nafría et al. 1997, 2002, 2011, Remaudière and Remaudière 1997, Zhang and Chen 1999, Normark 2000, Ripka 2001, Lampel and Meier 2003, Petrović-Obradović 2003, Binazzi and Scheurer 2009, Blackman 2010, Osiadacz and Hałaj 2010, Chen et al. 2012, 2015. *Lachn-* Billberg is thus a nomen oblitum with respect to *Lachn-* Herrich-Schaeffer, and the latter is a nomen protectum with respect to the former.

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