

common, belonging to a subfamily in which the genera are distinctive based on both wing venation and male genitalia, with the exception of a very few autapomorphs. *Tibicina* has the same wing venation and male genitalia as the large Nearctic genus *Okanagana* Distant, 1908 and is therefore congeneric. Failure to suppress this genus will ultimately necessitate the renaming of all the species in the largest genus of North American cicadas, a taxonomic upset at least as great as renaming *Tibicen*. So, by the simple action of suppressing one name that is little used in the world literature, it is possible to retain stability in North American cicada names and at the same time remove the final vestige of the TIBICENINI/TIBICININI confusion.

**Comments on *Anaphes* Haliday, 1833 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): proposed designation of *A. fuscipennis* Haliday, 1833 as the type species**

(Case 3554; see BZN 68: 122–126; 69: 140; 71: 132–133)

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Huber et al. (BZN 68: 122–126) eloquently put the case for the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to use its plenary power to set aside Opinion 71, insofar as it applies to the type species of the nominal genus *Anaphes* Haliday, 1833. They argued that the current type species of the genus, *Ichneumon punctum* Shaw, has been shown to belong to the genus *Camptoptera* Förster, 1856 and that the next available genus name for species currently placed in combination with *Anaphes* is *Patasson* Walker, 1846. This would require a change of combination for almost 200 species, many of which are important biological control agents. However, he failed to point out that as *Ichneumon punctum* Shaw belongs to the genus *Camptoptera*, the genus group name *Anaphes* would become the valid genus group name for combination with the 76 species currently placed in *Camptoptera* requiring a further 76 combination changes. This undoubtedly would cause even more confusion. In summary, without the use of the plenary power requested by Huber et al., all 200 species currently placed in *Anaphes* would require generic recombination with *Patasson* and 76 species currently placed in *Camptoptera* would require generic recombination with *Anaphes*. The change would also require seven new generic group name synonymies with *Patasson* and 10 new generic group name synonymies with *Anaphes*. Thus in the interests of simplicity, stability and causing the minimum disruption I support this application.

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We agree with Huber et al. (BZN 68: 122–126) and the comments by Huber (BZN 71: 132–133). We are in support of their petition asking the ICZN to set aside the earlier designation of *Anaphes punctum* (Shaw) and to designate *Anaphes fuscipennis* Haliday (1833, p. 346) as the type species of *Anaphes* Haliday, 1833.

The designation of *A. fuscipennis* is the right course in the interests of stability and is consistent with the usage of the generic name *Anaphes*. As noted by Huber et al., the use of *Anaphes punctum* (Shaw) as the type species would lead to instability.

#### **Additional reference**

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#### **Corrigendum to Comment on Case 3554**

***Anaphes* Haliday, 1833 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): proposed designation of *A. fuscipennis* Haliday, 1833 as the type species**  
(see BZN 71: 132–133)

The text in BZN 71: 132, beginning on line 4 from bottom of page, should correctly read ‘the disadvantage of not changing the type species from *I. punctum* Shaw to *A. fuscipennis* Haliday is: . . .’

The added ‘not’ is essential to contrast this statement with the first line in the preceding paragraph of the Comment. The situation could more have been more clearly and explicitly expressed as ‘There are no disadvantages whatsoever in changing the type species of *Anaphes* from *I. punctum* to *A. fuscipennis*’.

**Comments on *Spracklandus* Hoser, 2009 (Reptilia, Serpentes, ELAPIDAE): request for confirmation of the availability of the generic name and for the nomenclatural validation of the journal in which it was published**  
(Case 3601; see BZN 70: 234–237, 71: 30–38; 133–135)

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I write in support of the application for the following reasons:

1. As a herpetologist, I find the application is perfectly reasonable. Hoser’s Case 3601 was only made necessary by the unscientific and then unethical actions of Wallach et al. (2009) and more recently those of Kaiser (2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2014), Wüster et al. (2014), and the constant attacks on Hoser in social media.

2. Taking relevant publications at face value, in particular those of Hoser (2009) and the response from Wallach, Wüster & Broadley (2009), it is clear that Hoser’s scientific works are not out of the ordinary in any way and should not in the normal course of events warrant ICZN intervention. However, the continued attempts to suppress Hoser’s publications by Kaiser (2014), Schleip (2014) and Wüster et al. (2014), confirm the need for the ICZN to address these matters.

3. Claims by Wallach et al. and others published since in BZN fail to establish by any reasonable interpretation of the Code that Hoser’s original 2009 paper and the

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