

II. Mitteilungen aus Museen, Instituten usw.

1. List of most frequently used zoological names.

There is a desire on the part of some zoologists that certain very commonly used zoological names should be excepted from the application of the Law of Priority, and a proposition to this effect has been presented to the Commission from the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the Eastern Branch of the American Society of Zoologists. That this desire is so widespread and so deeply rooted as is assumed by some of our colleagues has not been confirmed by inquiries made by several members of the Commission. Further, an effort made by the Secretary to collect from zoologists the most commonly used and most important generic names has as yet met with such poor success that the conclusion does not seem entirely unjustified that some of our colleagues who may be in favor of such a list are not as yet sufficiently enthusiastic over the proposition to induce them to demonstrate their desire by placing into the hands of the Commission the data upon which such a list must of necessity be based. Further, there are many colleagues who are known to us to be directly and enthusiastically opposed to such a list.

After careful consideration of the subject and of the many difficulties involved, the Commission has decided to propose to the Congress the trial of a proposition which it is hoped will meet with the approval of both sides of the controversy, namely,

1) The Commission invites all zoologists to send to the Secretary of the Commission, prior to January 1, 1911, a list of 100 zoological generic names which they consider should be studied in connection with the preparation of an »Official list«. Each name should be accompanied either by the name of the author of the generic name, or by an indication of the group to which it belongs.

2) All systematists are invited to send a separate list of the 50 to 100 generic names in their specialty which they look upon as the most important and most generally used. Each name should be accompanied by the full and complete original bibliographic reference, by the name of the type species, determined according to Art. 30 of the International Rules, and by the name of the order and family to which the genus belongs.

3) All zoologists and paleontologists who give courses in General Zoology are invited to supply the Secretary with a list of the text books used in said courses so that said books may be indexed for generic names.

4) The Commission will alphabetize all the generic names sent in and will endeavor, according to circumstances, to determine which are the 100 to 500 most commonly quoted genera.

5) The genera selected will be submitted to specialists in the

groups in question who will be requested to submit opinions on the nomenclatorial status of said names.

6) Upon return of the lists from the specialists, the Commission will endeavor to test the names, according to the International Rules, and if feasible will publish a list of the genera in question with their most commonly used names and their correct names.

7) If the undertaking is successful, the zoologists of the world will be invited to give to the Commission the benefit of their criticisms not later than July 1, 1912, so that the Commission can restudy the names and submit to the next Congress.

8) An Official list of generic names, with their genotypes; and with the

9) Proposition that the Congress adopt said list and a

10) Resolution to the effect that no zoologist shall upon nomenclatorial grounds change any name in said list unless he first submits to the Commission his reasons for making the change and unless the Commission considers the reasons valid.

The Commission believes that this proposition is feasible, but for the present views it is in the light of an experiment, dependent to no small extent upon the question whether a proper amount of cooperation is forthcoming. In this connection the Commission takes the liberty of inviting attention to the fact that the great advances in nomenclature have been made by colleagues who have showed a conviction in their view sufficient to induce them to devote some time to the subject.

2. VIII. Internationaler Zoologenkongreß.

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3. Ergänzungen und Nachträge zu dem Personalverzeichnis zoologischer Anstalten.

Der Herausgeber richtet an die Herren Fachgenossen die Bitte, ihm etwaige Ergänzungen der Personalverzeichnisse oder eingetretene Veränderungen freundlichst bald mitteilen zu wollen.

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