

**ON THE STATUS, UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE,  
OF A TRIVIAL NAME CONSISTING OF UN-LATINISED MODERN  
PATRONYMIC**

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Some years ago Dr. Brown, palaeobotanist of the U.S. Geological Survey, developed the theory that the trivial names of species named after persons should not be latinised or take the possessive form. So he proposed a *Salix cockerell*. This name was, however, invalid since another man had published the same species as *Salix cockerelli*.

I thought that this practice would not spread, but in the *Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington* 41 : 54-58, published in February 1939, there is a paper containing descriptions of new species of the genus *Serica* Macleay, 1819, *Hor. ent.* 1 (1) : 146 (Order Coleoptera) by L. W. Saylor, containing the name *Serica craighead* (: 55), *Serica oliver* (: 56), and *Serica watson* (: 58).

The International Rules, however, require that such trivial names should be latinised, and the names referred to above do not conform to this requirement. The weak point is that in the early part of the XIXth century some fishes were named in this fashion and also at least one bird, and these names have become current.

I am very much opposed to changing names, if it can possibly be avoided, but whatever may have been done in the past there should be a stand against objectionable names in the future. I think that the zoological names cited above should be changed to the usual form.

**ON THE STATUS, UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE,  
OF A SPECIFIC OR SUBSPECIFIC TRIVIAL NAME CONSISTING OF A  
PHONETIC REPRODUCTION OF THE INITIAL LETTERS OF TWO OR  
MORE MODERN PATRONYMICS**

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I should be grateful if the International Commission would render an *Opinion* on the question whether the trivial name "veedee" comprised in the specific name *Aglaostigma veedee* Ross, 1943, *Proc. ent. Soc. Wash.* 45 : 81, is acceptable in this form.

The name "veedee" presumably represents the initials "V.D." written phonetically. These letters are apparently the initials of E. C. Van Dyke and E. P. Van Duzee, both of whom are listed as collectors of this species, so that this specific trivial name may be jointly dedicatory in the form of initials.

Does a specific or subspecific trivial name so formed fulfil the requirements of Article 3 of the Code?

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