

CASE 3579: *Scarabaeus fimetarius* Linnaeus, 1758 (Insecta, Coleoptera): proposed setting aside of the lectotype and designation of a neotype. R.B. Angus, C.J. Wilson & F.-T. Krell.



William David Lindsay Ride (1926–2011) – Commissioner 1963–2001, Chairman of the Editorial Committees for the 3rd and 4th Editions of the Code, President of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in 1973–1977 & 1983–1989

W.D.L. Ride, a member of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature between 1963 and 2001, died in Australia on 6 November 2011. He served as President of the Commission from 1973 to 1977 and again from 1983 to 1989.

His wide experience of public administration is credited by Melville (1995) as providing the successful bridge for the Commission to become a member of the IUBS (International Union of Biological Sciences) which has delegated the authority for the Commission as a representative international scientific body after the demise of the Congress of Zoology in 1972. He was further recognised for his considerable experience in drafting policy, which set the foundations for his chairmanship of the Editorial Committees for both the third and fourth editions of the Code. David Ride contributed significantly to nomenclature, with his extensive service to the Commission, his publications of papers on the topic and guidance of the Commission through times of major transition over several decades.

David Ride was a mammalogist and palaeontologist who had studied at the renowned Oxford school in vertebrate anatomy under E.S Goodrich. He published on the native mammals of Australia, and co-authored an index to the genera and species of fossil mammals described from Australia and New Guinea. He edited volumes on biological nomenclature and on endangered species in Australia.

His professional career included extensive influence in Australian museums and academics. He became Director of the Western Australian Museum, Perth in 1957, at the same time he held the position of Reader in Zoology at the University of Western Australia. Jose I. dos R. Furtado, now a senior member of the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature (ITZN), was an undergraduate at the University of Western Australia when Ride first took up his positions in Perth, and remembers Professor Ride as an inspiring teacher of vertebrate biology who brought evolutionary biology to life by integrating structure with function.

Professor Ride worked for the Australian Biological Resources Study, located within the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), in Canberra from 1974 to 1980, and was Director in 1975. He also served as the Head of the School of Applied Science, Canberra College of Advanced Education from 1982–87, and was appointed Principal of the College in 1987. Following his retirement, he became a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University until 2002. Professor Ride was made a Member of the Order of Australia, an Australian order of chivalry, in 1984.

David Ride's contributions to zoological nomenclature were monumental and live on in the legacy of the Code. The Commissioners and Members of the Trust extend sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Melville, R.V. 1995. *Towards stability in the names of animals: A history of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature 1895–1995*. 92 pp. ITZN, London.



Professor Frank A. Bisby (1945–2011), Director Catalogue of Life and Species 2000

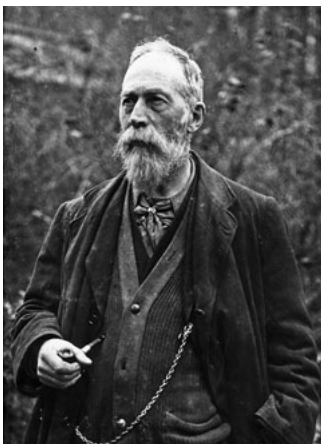
Frank A. Bisby was the initiator and director of the Catalogue of Life and Species 2000, and several other major biodiversity informatics projects that were closely linked with the work of the ICZN. He died unexpectedly on 25 October, the day after the announcement of the release of the 2011 edition of the Catalogue of Life (CoL). This dynamic database lists 1,370,276 species (with

'accepted names' and limited synonymies) sourced from 101 databases that are validated by taxonomic specialists. It is widely seen as the most complete taxonomic e-infrastructure project for living organisms today. Frank was keen on collaboration with the ICZN and worked to ensure that the nomenclatural authority that will be available through ZooBank is linked with the taxon concepts presented in CoL.

Frank Bisby was also Professor of Botany at Reading University, U.K. with a speciality in legumes. He was an inspirational teacher, who was particularly popular for his field courses. He had moved to Reading from a faculty position at Southampton University after finishing his PhD at Oxford.

Frank Bisby was a leader with vision, bringing together teams of people to contribute skills in a global endeavour of cataloguing the world's species. His contributions were enormous and he will be missed.

Anchoring Biodiversity Information: From Sherborn to the 21st century and beyond



Charles Davies Sherborn provided the bibliographic foundation for current zoological nomenclature with his magnum opus *Index Animalium*. In the 43 years he spent working on this extraordinary resource, he anchored our understanding of animal diversity through the published scientific record. No work has equalled it since and it is still in current, and critical, use.

Until now, Sherborn's contribution has been recognised and relied upon by professional taxonomists worldwide but he has escaped the celebration of his accomplishment that is his due. This changed on Friday, 28 October 2011, with a symposium in his honour in the 150th year of his birth organised by the