

LIMACIA MULLER, 1781 (GASTROPODA): PROPOSED
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY
POWERS TO PREVENT A NOMENCLATORIAL
DISTURBANCE. Z.N.(S.) 1665

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A recent enquiry from Mr. Joshua E. Baily Jr., brought to light a defect concerning the generic name *Limacia* O. F. Muller, 1781 (*Zool. Dan.* (ed. 2) **1** (Danish Text): 65). Muller included the following named species in that genus: "*verrucosa* Seb." (= *Doris verrucosa* Linnaeus), *clavigera*, *quadrilineata* (these two species described on the following pages in that book), *fasciculata* (= *Limax marinus* Forskal), *papillosa* (= *Limax papillosus* Linnaeus), *auriculata* (which can be identified from Muller's figure published by Abildgaard (1806, *Zool. Dan.* **4** : pl. 138, fig. 1)), and *lacinulata* (= *Limax tergipes* Forskal). Hence, the name *Limacia*, pending type-selection, could gain priority over any of the following generic names: *Euphurus* Rafinesque, 1815, *Polycera* Cuvier, 1816, *Aeolidia* Cuvier, 1798, *Facelina* Alder & Hancock, 1855, *Tergipes* Cuvier, 1805, and *Fiona* Forbes & Hanley, 1851. All of these names are in constant use except the first which has now become generally replaced by *Limacia*.

2. The name *Limacia* was completely forgotten until Ellis (1950, *J. Conch.* **23** : 132) published some notes left by the late R. Winckworth, without noticing that they had been purposely withheld by Winckworth, as they were not ripe for publication. Ellis' introduction of *Limacia* was generally accepted though not accompanied by any type designation. It is here sought to remedy that defect by selecting *Doris clavigera* Muller, 1776, as the type-species. No family name is involved in this case.

3. Since, however, any undetected earlier and inadequate type designation would gravely upset the nomenclature of the group, I hereby request as a safeguard that the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature should:

- (1) use its plenary powers to set aside all type-designation for the nominal genus *Limacia* Müller, 1781, made prior to the Ruling now requested and, having done so, designate *Doris clavigera* Muller, 1776, to be the type-species of that genus;
- (2) place the generic name *Limacia* Müller, 1781 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Doris clavigera* Müller, 1776, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;
- (3) place the specific name *clavigera* Müller, 1776, as published in the binomen *Doris clavigera* (type-species of *Limacia* Müller, 1781) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.



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