Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870 (Foraminiferida): Orbitolites prattii Michelin, 1847 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870 are hereby set aside and Orbitolites prattii Michelin, 1847 is designated as type species.

(2) The name Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, Orbitolites prattii Michelin, 1847, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name prattii Michelin, 1847, as published in the binomen Orbitolites prattii (specific name of the type species of Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name Discocyclininae Galloway, 1928 (type genus Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2599

An application for the designation of Orbitolites prattii Michelin, 1847 as the type species of Discocyclina Gümbel, 1870 was received from Drs A. R. Loeblich, Jr. & H. Tappan (University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.) on 3 March 1987. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 162-163 (September 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received. It should be noted that the correct name of the type species is O. prattii Michelin, 1847, as in the request to the Commission, and not O. pratti of 1846 as cited by the workers quoted in the application.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 163. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Martins de Souza, Melville, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were returned by Gruchy, Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Kraus would have preferred more information on usage and importance of the generic name in question.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Discocyclina, Gümbel, 1870, Abhandlungen der Mathematisch-Physikalischen Classe der Königlich Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 10(2): 687.


prattii, Orbitolites, Michelin, 1847, Iconographie zoophytologique, p. 278.

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