

NOTES AND NEWS

REMOVING THE HOMONYMY BETWEEN *LAURENTIELLA* DRAGESCO & NJINÉ, 1971 (PROTISTA) AND *LAURENTIELLA* LE LOEUFF & INTÈS, 1974 (CRUSTACEA)

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The genus *Laurentia* (Protista, Ciliophora, Oxytrichidae) was established by Dragesco (1966) to contain *L. macrostoma* Dragesco, 1966, found by Dragesco himself in a flask of saprobic water along the margins of Lake Léman (Thonon, Africa). *Laurentia* Dragesco, 1966 was named after M. Laurent, Director of the Hydrobiological Station of Thonon. However, Borror (1972) noted that *Laurentia* Dragesco, 1966 (Ciliophora) was preoccupied by *Laurentia* Ragonod, 1888 (Lepidoptera), and yet by another homonym, *Laurentia* Costa, 1890 (Hymenoptera). In order to remove *Laurentia* Dragesco, 1966 from the homonymy of *Laurentia* Ragonod, 1888, Dragesco & Njiné (1971) proposed the replacement of *Laurentia* Dragesco by *Laurentiella* Dragesco & Njiné, 1971 (cf. Berger, 2001).

Later on, Le Loeuff & Intès (1974) erected *Laurentiella* (Crustacea, Thalassinidea, Laomeidiidae) as a monotypic genus, in honour of Michèle de Saint Laurent (1926-2003), for *Laurentiella heterocheir* Le Loeuff & Intès, 1974 (see also Ngoc-Ho, 1997). Because *Laurentiella* Le Loeuff & Intès, 1974 (Crustacea) was preoccupied by *Laurentiella* Dragesco & Njiné, 1971 (Ciliophora), *Laurentiella* (Crustacea) became the junior homonym of, and a threat to, *Laurentiella* (Ciliophora).

Application of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 2005, Article 60) requires the replacement of the junior homonym. For want of an

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available and potentially valid synonym, and in order to keep Le Loeuff and Intès' intention to honour Michèle, we propose to replace *Laurentiella* Le Loeuff & Intès, 1974 (Crustacea) by **Saintlaurentiella** nom. nov. (type-species: *Laurentiella heterocheir* Le Loeuff & Intès, 1974, by monotypy; gender feminine). Currently, the genus *Saintlaurentiella* nom. nov. only includes its type-species.

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