Comment on a proposed emendation of the family-group name **VACHONIANINAE**
Maury, 1973 (Arachnida, Scorpiones) to avoid homonymy: this is the correct original
spelling and the case is resolved by application of the Code
(Case 3119; see BZN 57: 24–25, 167–168)

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In their application Drs Fet and Braunwalder noted that the family-group names
**VACHONIIDAE** Chamberlin, 1947 (pseudoscorpions) and **VACHONIANINAE** Maury, 1973
(scorpions) would be homonyms if the the latter name were spelled **VACHONIINAE**, as
would be normal practice because the grammatical stem of the name of the type
genus *Vachonia* is Vachoni- and not Vachonian-. To avoid the homonymy they
proposed that the scorpion name should be spelled **VACHONIAINAE**, taking the entire
generic name as the stem.

However, Article 29.3.3 of the current Code permits a new family-group name to
be formed from ‘the entire generic name with one or more appropriate linking letters
incorporated to form a more euphonious name’. Under this provision (which was not
in previous editions of the Code) **VACHONIANINAE** is a correct original spelling;
although not in accord with the then-current Code it was introduced by Maury
(1973) to avoid homonymy with **VACHONIIDAE** Chamberlin.

The spelling **VACHONIANINAE** is not only correct but is that which has been used by
subsequent authors, and Drs Fet and Braunwalder have agreed to withdraw their
proposal and close the case.

**Comments on the proposed conservation of Cryptops Richter & Richter, 1926**
(Trilobita)
(Case 3171; see BZN 58: 97–99)

An application by Dr D.J. Holloway and Prof K.S.W. Campbell to conserve the
name *Cryptops* Richter & Richter, 1926 for a genus of late Devonian trilobites
(family **PHACOPIDAE**) was published in the *Bulletin* in June 2001. It was also placed
on the website run by Dr S.M. Gon III (http://www.aloha.net/~smgon/
ICZN3171.htm). Four supportive comments have also been placed on the website.

It is planned to send the application to the Commission for voting on 1 March 2002.
Any person wishing to comment is asked to send their comment direct to Dr Gon by
e-mail (smgon@aloha.net) as soon as possible, and by 15 February 2002 at the latest.

**Comment on the proposed designation of Cuma rathkii Krøyer, 1841 as the type species**
of *Diastylis* Say, 1818, and designation of a lectotype (Crustacea, Cumacea)
(Case 3078; see BZN 56: 174–176; 57: 45–46)

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In his description of *Cuma rathkii*, Krøyer (1841) observed that he had specimens
from both South Greenland and the Kattegat but did not indicate a holotype. In my
application (para. 5) I recorded that there was syntype material in the Zoological
Museum of the University of Copenhagen, catalog no. CRU-7936. In endorsing my