

My proposal (BZN 52: 241) to solve the nomenclatural problem outlined in this case was not made 'in favour' of the unused name *Pentheus* C.L. Koch, [1841], but its adoption in place of *Armadillo* Latreille is the only solution that does not violate all the basic rules and is valid under the Code, and it is certainly the least confusing. Moreover, the widely-used family-group name CUBARIDAE Brandt, 1833 could be resurrected in place of ARMADILLIDAE.

Comment on the proposed conservation of the generic names *Crenitis* Bedel, 1881, *Georissus* Latreille, 1809 and *Oosternum* Sharp, 1882 (Insecta, Coleoptera)
(Case 2925; see BZN 53: 99-103)

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I am in full support of the well documented application by M. Hansen for the conservation of the three names *Crenitis*, *Georissus* and *Oosternum* by the suppression of their senior objective synonyms.

The action is particularly important in the case of the genus *Crenitis* that was already conserved by the Commission after being threatened by another senior synonym (details in the application). The generic name *Crenitis* is in fact the Greek noun meaning 'growing near a spring' (e.g. for plants), which is undoubtedly of feminine gender (see Liddell & Scott, *Greek-English Lexicon*).

The name *Georissus* (or *Georyssus*) was also consistently used in several recent, not strictly taxonomic papers, dealing with larval (Emden, 1956) or adult morphology (most recently Oliva, 1992). The names *Georissus* and *Oosternum* are used in a recent work dealing with the families and subfamilies of Coleoptera (Lawrence & Newton, 1995) that will be used as the standard reference for a long time.

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(Case 2928; see BZN 51: 135-146, 266-267, 342-348; 52: 78-93, 187-192, 271-275, 347-350; 53: 191-192)

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