

Authorship and publication date of the Palaeozoic genera *Cypridinella*, *Cypridellina*, *Sulcuna*, *Rhombina*, and *Offa* (Ostracoda: Myodocopa)

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Abstract

Authorship and publication date of the Palaeozoic genera *Cypridinella*, *Cypridellina*, *Rhombina*, *Sulcuna*, and *Offa* have been attributed in the literature to either Jones 1873a, Jones & Kirkby, 1874, or Jones, Kirkby, and Brady, 1874, or 1884 (see Kornicker, 2001). Kornicker (2001) concluded that the correct authorship and publication date of the five genera are Jones, 1873a. Becker (2004) disputed this and argued that the correct authorship and publication date of the first four genera are Jones and Kirkby, 1874 (*Offa* not mentioned), centering his argument on the genus *Sulcuna*. On June 10, 2005, I forwarded a request to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) requesting a ruling on the identity of the author of the Palaeozoic genus *Sulcuna*. An answering letter received in August 2005 from the ICZN Secretariat (Fig. 1) stated that Jones (1873a) should be credited as the author of the genus *Sulcuna*.

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Introduction

Becker (2004:296) wrote the following, which clearly introduces the subject:

“Recently, KORNICKER (2001) discussed the correct nomenclatural state of some “British Fossil Bivalved Entomostraca from Carboniferous Formations”. Actually, the “correct authorship” of the myodocopid genera *Cypridinella*, *Cypridellina*, *Sulcuna*, *Rhombina*, and *Offa* was attributed to JONES (1873a). KORNICKER (2001:691) found the descriptions of the five genera in JONES 1873a are adequate to satisfy Article 12.1 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, Fourth Edition (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, 1999 [ICZN 1999. Names published before 1931. Requirements]). In contrast, BECKER & BLESS (1987: 40), like BECKER (2003), had