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Ridiculella, A NEW REPLACEMENT NAME FOR *Amaralia* KEGEL, 1967

Ridiculella, nuevo nombre de sustitución para *Amaralia* Kegel, 1967

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Kegel described *Amaralia* as monospecific genus for his new ichnofossil species *A. paulistana*, which he thought to be related to an informal group of bilobite trace fossils which gathers, for example, the ichnogenera *Cruziana*, *Isopodichnus* and *Rusophycus*. Besides some mere listings *Amaralia* has not received any attention in literature until Häntzschel (1975) considered *Amaralia paulistana* as unrecognizable due to poor description. Fernandes et al. (2002) treated *Amaralia* as a possible pseudofossil without further explanation, followed by Silva et al. (2003), who provided the first reasonable consideration of *Amaralia paulistana* as a pseudoichnofossil, identifying the 'traces' as casts of sedimentary structures formed by salt concentration, probably halite and gypsum, between layers of limestone.

Thus, by our current knowledge the genus *Amaralia* Kegel, 1967 enters in the conditions of clause 2.2 of the ICZN (1999) as the name of a taxon at some time but not later classified as animal which continues to compete in homonymy in zoological nomenclature, what makes the here proposed replacement name necessary under the clauses 42.2.1, 56.1, 60.1 and 60.3 of the currently valid 4th edition version of the Code. Our decision to maintain the

older *Amaralia* Fowler, 1954 as a valid name was not ruled by the principle of priority referred to in 60.1 and 60.3, but by the fact that it is used for a generic taxon assigned to animals as regulated by clauses 23.1.3 and 23.7.3.

The new name shall draw the attention to the possibility to consider it disputable that even names subsequently recognized as assigned to mineral structures still compete in homonymy.

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