Proposal to add a new Note with an Example after Art. 11.4

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Creation of a replacement name (avowed substitute, nomen novum, nom. nov.; Art. 6.11) for a taxon below the rank of genus is a routine procedure in the case of unavailability of the final epithet of the earliest legitimate name of the taxon (Art. 11.4). However, in some cases a heterotypic synonym exists that may be the correct name or provide the basionym of the correct name. The clarifying Note and Example proposed here, to be placed after Art. 11.4, will help avoid the introduction of unfamiliar new epithets in replacement names (which could be nomenclaturally superfluous and therefore illegitimate) and will also facilitate reuse of the earliest epithet in future scenarios, as described in Art. 11 Ex. 12.

Add a new Note with an Example after Art. 11.4:

“Note n. If applying Art. 11.4 would result in a later homonym or a name not validly published (e.g. a tautonym), the final epithet of the next earliest legitimate name in the same rank is to be used instead.”

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