(227) Proposal to amend the Code by adding a new Article 41.1bis

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When, in the protologue of a name, a validating description or diagnosis is provided, a type is designated, and a single synonym is referred to, is the newly published name de jure that of a new taxon or is it de facto a replacement name with the single synonym as its replaced synonym? In my opinion, such a name should be regarded as the name of a new taxon only when its description or diagnosis and type are different from those of the single synonym referred to.

(227) Add the following Art. 41.1bis:

“41.1bis. Reference to a single synonym is to be regarded as a reference to the replaced synonym unless the author(s) (a) provided a description or diagnosis with the newly published name that is different from the validating description or diagnosis of the synonym referred to, and (b) designated a type of the newly published name that is different from the previously or simultaneously designated type of the synonym referred to.”