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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

I must apologise for the long delay in answering your letter of August 7, 1964. All cases concerned with the application of Article 23b have been held up during the long argument amongst Commissioners on the amendments to be made to Article 23b, recommended at Washington in 1963. In 1964 the argument came to a head with the passing at the International Congress of Entomology in London of a Resolution proposing that the field of Entomology should be exempted from the provisions of paragraph b of Article 23. In 1965 an interpretive Declaration was drafted and circulated to Commissioners for voting. It was rejected by a small majority. Since then, the Council has agreed to establish a committee to consider the difficulties involved, and in the meantime it is proposed to publish a Declaration suspending Article 23b until after the next meeting of the Commission.

I have been looking at your application again and see that you only stated that Areostrea Pervinquiere, 1910, had been widely accepted since 1910. You must state when Drepanites Bennett was actually used. Even if only adopted once since 1910 the 50-year period cannot commence until after that date. Will you please let me have references and dates to the usages of Drepanites since 1910. I presume Drepanites v. Mojsvar 1893 is a junior homonym of Drepanites Bennett.

Yours sincerely,

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