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Minepharus, Praeostrea, Vevoda

Dear Norman:

Amputations and surgical sewings on requested in your 28 July 1966 letter have been accomplished at expense of remaking two figure assemblages and an hour or so of time--mine, for now I lack help. Where you have new typescript, a lot of editorial changes would be avoided if you required closer adherence to Treatise style--Minepharus, for instance, wrongly indented, names spelled out where they shouldn't be, articles included for me to delete, etc. These are minor things but I expect you to produce typescript as good as Myra Keen's. Figure caption was given as Minepharus [sic] triadicus Tokuyama, LV, int., x 0.7, U. Trias, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan. Since previously stated occurrence is given as U.Trias., Japan, our style calls for omitting this in figure caption. Correct form is:

M. triadicus (Tokuyama), Yamaguchi Prefecture; LV int., XI.
[Note additions of asterisk and parens. Change of mag. is based on measurements given in text accompanying figure copied and allows for 3/2 reduction.]

The answer to your question about inviolability of actions of first revisor is explicitly given in Code Art. 24a,i. Page priority has no significance. Your action in recognizing Vevoda Barrande, 1881, as valid name of a genus and Praeostrea Barrande, 1881, as a synonym establishes the priority of Vevoda but not necessarily the synonymy alleged.

Please be on the lookout for abbreviations denoting mode of type species fixation. I have decided to accept in the Treatise points made by Myra Keen--that M (monotypy), T (tautonymy), and TYP (typus, typicus for originally included species) differ from OD, standing for explicit designation by original author. SM and SD are recognized also as distinct, although the Code says nothing about SM. I am deleting the OD's in "OD(M) or OD,M."

Cordially


R. C. Moore

cc: Myra R. Keen
Henryk Stens
Curt Teichert