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Dear Colleague:

I have received a copy of your recent work entitled "Ekzogiry, ikh sistematika i znachenie dlya stratigrafic melovykh otlozheniy yugo-zapadnykh otrogov Gissarskogo Rhrebta", 1966, and wish to thank you for it. It is a very useful publication, which I am using now and which is going to be listed among the literature references for the Chapter on Oysters in the Bivalvia Volume of the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology.

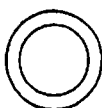
Your genus Gyrostrea must date from 1963, as far as I can ascertain. In your paper of 1963, "Klassifikatsiya ekzogir: Bull. Moskov. Obshchest. Ispytatel. Prirody, Otd. Geol., v. 38, no. 5, p. 152, your new genus fulfills all the requirements of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1961) to become correctly available. I believe your publication of 1963 is the very first to introduce the genera name Gyrostrea. We must all follow the International Code carefully, because that is the only way to avoid difficulties.

Please continue sending me your valuable publications. It is rather difficult to obtain SSSR publications so that one is dependant on copies sent by the authors.

I have been very sick this year and had to be in a hospital for a week. However, I am now recovering nicely and continue to work on fossil oysters.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,



H.B. Stenzel

Visiting Professor of Geology

to Mirkamalov

Contents of first airmail package of fossils:

- (1) Exogyra (Exogyra) costata Say  
Saratoga Chalk (Maastrichtian)  
about 8 miles west of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
- (2) Exogyra (Exogyra) costata Say  
Mount Laurel Sand (Maastrichtian)  
Canal near St. Georges, Delaware.