

***Earleria* gen. nov. & *Gabriella* gen. nov., replacement names for *Foersteria* Arai & Brinckmann-Voss, 1980 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa, Mitrocomidae) and *Foersteria* Wehner, 1988 (Crustacea, Decapoda, Prosopidae), junior homonyms of *Foersteria* Szépligeti, 1896 (Insecta, Hymenoptera, Braconidae)**

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During a literature search of British fossil crabs, AJR discovered that the genus name *Foersteria* had been used within three groups of animals- crabs (Decapoda, Brachyura, Prosopidae), wasps (Insecta, Hymenoptera, Braconidae) and jellyfish (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa, Mitrocomidae). Investigation revealed that the name was first used for two species of wasps by Szépligeti (1896), thus this usage has priority. Co-authors were sought to suggest replacement generic names for the species of crab and jellyfish.

The genus *Foersteria* was proposed by Arai & Brinckmann-Voss (1980) for two hydromedusae species which were contained in two different genera: *Staurophora purpurea* Foerster, 1923 and *Halistaura bruuni* Navas, 1969. Recently, two new species were assigned to *Foersteria*: *Foersteria antoniae* Gili, Bouillon, Pagès, Palanques, Puig & Heussner, 1998 and *Foersteria araiiae* Gili, Bouillon, Pagès, Palanques & Puig, 1999.

However, *Foersteria* Arai & Brinckmann-Voss, 1980 is a junior homonym of *Foersteria* Szépligeti, 1896. To solve this problem, the genus *Earleria* Genzano & Mianzan, gen. nov., derived from the name of Russell Earle Foerster, to which the previous genus name was dedicated, is here proposed to contain the following medusae species:

Type species: *Earleria bruuni* (Navas, 1969) comb. nov.

Earleria purpurea (Foerster, 1923) comb. nov.

Earleria antoniae (Gili, Bouillon, Pagès, Palanques, Puig & Heussner, 1998) comb. nov.

Earleria araiiae (Gili, Bouillon, Pagès, Palanques & Puig, 1999) comb. nov.

In 1988 Wehner erected *Foersteria* to contain a new species of fossil crab and other species transferred from other genera, namely *Pythonoton* von Meyer, 1843, *Prosopon* von Meyer, 1835 and *Homolopsis* Bell, 1863.

However, *Foersteria* Wehner, 1988 is a junior homonym of

Foersteria Szépligeti, 1896. To correct this anomaly, the genus *Gabriella* Collins & Ross gen. nov., derived from Gabriele Wehner, is proposed to contain the following species of fossil crabs:

Type species: *Gabriella bibergensis* (Wehner, 1988) comb. nov., Germany, Upper Oxfordian

Gabriella audini (Deslongchamps, 1835) comb. nov., France, Bathonian

Gabriella cornuta (Wehner, 1988) comb. nov., Germany, Upper Oxfordian

Gabriella dumosa (Wehner, 1988) comb. nov., Germany, Lowermost Tithonian

Gabriella lugobaensis (Förster, 1985) comb. nov., Tanzania, Uppermost Bajocian/Bathonian

Gabriella major (Hée, 1924) comb. nov., France, Bajocian

Gabriella plana (Van Straelen, 1936) comb. nov., France, Hauterivian

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