Debaryomyces or *Debaryozyma*?

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The name *Debaryomyces* Lodder et Kreger-van Rij has been proposed for conservation and, pending a recommendation by the General Committee, is still applicable.

Lodder and Kreger-van Rij (2) separated the *Debaryomyces* species with a strong fermentative ability from those lacking this ability. The former, including the type species *Debaryomyces globosus* Klöcker, could be classified in the genus *Saccharomyces*; the latter comprised several species which had been in *Debaryomyces* since 1913. Since the type species had been removed, the name *Debaryomyces* could not be maintained for this group, unless the name was conserved. Therefore, the authors provisionally indicated the genus as *Debaryomyces* Lodder et Kreger-van Rij nom. conserv., with the intention of making a formal proposal for conservation to the General Committee and awaiting a decision by the International Botanical Congress. This proposal was not made until 1978 (2a). Meanwhile, examinations with newer methods (1, 3, 5) have supported the splitting of the genus *Debaryomyces* Klöcker. Van der Walt and Johannsen (4), apparently unaware of the previous publication of the proposal for conservation of the name *Debaryomyces* Lodder et Kreger-van Rij, have now described a new name, *Debaryozyma*, for the species in this genus.

Recommendation 15A of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (3a) states that botanists should follow existing nomenclature as far as possible pending a recommendation for the proposal by the General Committee. In this case it means that the name *Debaryomyces* is still applicable. The composition of the General Committee is mentioned in the Code (page 69). To avoid confusion and accumulation of syn-

onyms, we consider it expedient to bring again our proposal to the attention of yeast taxonomists.

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