Request for an Opinion

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Proposal to acknowledge Beijerinck as the original author of the species *Pantoea agglomerans*. Request for an Opinion

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The name '*Bacillus agglomerans*' was first published by Beijerinck in 1888. Ewing and Fife changed the name to *Enterobacter agglomerans* in 1972 as a new combination, acknowledging that Beijerinck had been the original author and making the new full name *Enterobacter agglomerans* (Beijerinck 1888) Ewing and Fife 1972. Beijerinck's name was omitted from the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names in 1980, which listed only Ewing and Fife as the authors. The current listings in the List of Bacterial Names with Standing in Nomenclature follow the Approved Lists and omit Beijerinck from the names for both *Enterobacter agglomerans* and *Pantoea agglomerans*. It is proposed that Beijerinck be acknowledged as the original author of this species by having his name reinstated in its full name, *Pantoea agglomerans* (Beijerinck 1888) Gavini *et al.* 1989, and a Request for an Opinion is put forward to the Judicial Commission.

The name '*Bacillus agglomerans*' was first published by Beijerinck in 1888 (Beijerinck, 1888). In the *Index Bergeyana*, Buchanan and colleagues judged that name and Krasil'nikov's transfer of the name to *Pseudomonas agglomerans* to be validly published (Krasil'nikov, 1949; Buchanan *et al.*, 1966). Ewing & Fife (1972) changed the name to *Enterobacter agglomerans* in 1972 as a new combination, acknowledging that Beijerinck had been the original author and making the new full name *Enterobacter agglomerans* (Beijerinck 1888) Ewing and Fife 1972.

Beijerinck's name was omitted from the Approved Lists of Bacterial Names in 1980, which listed only Ewing and Fife as the authors (Skerman *et al.*, 1980). The *Supplement to Index Bergeyana* included Beijerinck in the name (Gibbons *et al.*, 1981). The current listings in the List of Bacterial Names with Standing in Nomenclature (<http://www.bacterio.cict.fr/> – updated 1 August 2004) follow the Approved Lists and omit Beijerinck from the names for both *Enterobacter agglomerans* and *Pantoea agglomerans*.

We propose that Beijerinck be acknowledged as the original

author of this species by having his name reinstated in its full name, *Pantoea agglomerans* (Beijerinck 1888) Gavini *et al.* 1989, and put forward a Request for an Opinion to the Judicial Commission.

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