

Replacement names for two fossil dreissenids *Congeria praebalatonica* Miletić-Spajić, 1959 and *Congeria elongata* Jeanrenaud, 1963 (Bivalvia: Dreissenidae)

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We propose two new replacement names for two fossil dreissenids from Serbia and Romania, as both are unreplaced junior primary homonyms of previously described taxa. The newly proposed replacement name for *Congeria praebalatonica* Miletić-Spajić, 1959 is *C. interamnis* nom. nov., and *C. oliverae* nom. nov. is proposed for *C. elongata* Jeanrenaud, 1963.

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The dreissenid genus *Congeria* Partsch, 1835 includes several species known only from fossil material, as well as three extant species restricted to underground habitats in cave watercourses in the Dinarides, western Balkans (MORTON & BILANDŽIJA 2023, MOLLUSCABASE EDS 2026). There are currently 51 recognized species in the genus *Congeria*, 48 of which are extinct (MOLLUSCABASE EDS 2026). The vast majority of described species were derived from strata around the Pannonian Basin, in present-day Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Serbia (MOLLUSCABASE EDS 2026), and are among most commonly recorded invertebrate fossils in that area (KÁZMÉR 1990).

†*Congeria praebalatonica* Miletić-Spajić, 1959 is a fossil dreissenid species described by MILETIĆ-SPAJIĆ (1959) from the type locality given as “Mirijevo (stream Bučar)” (originally written in Cyrillic script as “Миријево (поток Буچار)”, transliterated as “Mirijevo (potok Bučar)”), in Serbia. It is important to note that the type locality, the village of Mirijevo in central Serbia, should not be confused with the much better known part of the city of Belgrade, also called Mirijevo, through which another well-known stream (Mirijevski stream) flows. The name *Congeria praebalatonica* is a junior primary homonym of †*Congeria spathulata praebalatonica* Sauerzopf, 1952, currently recognized as †*Andrusoviconcha spathulata praebalatonica* (Sauerzopf, 1952), described by SAUERZOPF (1952) from Austria. ICZN Art. 60.1 prescribes

the obligation to replace junior homonyms, and since *C. praebalatonica* has no valid synonyms that can be used to satisfy ICZN Art. 60.2, Art. 60.3 must be applied – the junior homonym must be replaced by a new substitute name. The conditions of Arts. 23.9.1.1. and 23.9.1.2. are not met, as the species was described after 1899, and its name has not been mentioned in at least 25 works by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years, and in a timespan of not less than 10 years.

†*Congeria elongata* Jeanrenaud, 1963 is another fossil dreissenid, described by JEANRENAUD (1963) from the village of Căzănești, near the town of Negrești, Vaslui county in eastern Romania (originally written as “Căzănești, r. Negrești”). The name *Congeria elongata* is a junior primary homonym of †*Congeria subglobosa elongata* Miletić-Spajić, 1959, and under ICZN Art. 60.3, the name representing the junior homonym must be replaced by a new substitute name. All ICZN Arts. applicable to the previously mentioned *C. praebalatonica* are also applicable to *C. elongata*, and accordingly, a new substitute name has been proposed. Type material of both species was not located despite searches in the collections of the Museum of Natural History, Belgrade, and the Institute of Zoology, Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade. The original descriptions do not specify the repository of the type material.

†*Congeria interamnis* Vujić & Gojšina nom. nov.

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†*Congeria praebalatonica* Miletić-Spajić, 1959: 106–107, figs. 4a–4c (non †*Congeria spathulata praebalatonica* Sauerzopf, 1952).

†*Congeria praebalatonica* – KNEŽEVIĆ & RADULOVIĆ 1996: 42.

†*Congeria praebalatonica* – KNEŽEVIĆ & ŠUMAR-GANIĆ 1996: 121.

Etymology. The replacement name is derived from Latin adjective “interamnis”, meaning “between the rivers”. The name is inspired by the fact that the type locality (the village of Mirijevo) lies between two recent rivers in central Serbia, Great Morava and Mlava.

†*Congeria oliverae* Vujić & Gojšina nom. nov.

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†*Congeria elongata* Jeanrenaud, 1963: 51, pl. 2, figs. 13–14 (non †*Congeria subglobosa elongata* Miletić-Spajić, 1959).

†*Congeria (Mytilopsis) elongata* – PAPAIANOPOL 1997: pl. 2, fig. 8.

†*Congeria (Mytilopsis) elongata* – MACALEŢ 2001: 267–268.

†*Congeria elongata* – IONESI et al. 1995: 13.

Etymology. Named after Olivera Miletić-Spajić, Serbian palaeontologist who described several fossil bivalves from Serbia.

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