**Helicotubulus**, a replacement name for *Helicosyrinx* Kozłowski, 1967 (Phoronoidea) preoccupied by *Helicosyrinx* Baur, 1864 (Mollusca, Gastropoda)

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In his paper on some problematic organic-walled microfossils from Ordovician glacial boulders of Baltic origin, Kozłowski (1967) proposed the name *Helicosyrinx* for a new genus of marine encrusting invertebrates. *Helicosyrinx* comprises two species, namely *Helicosyrinx dextrogyra* Kozłowski, 1967 (type species) and *Helicosyrinx sinistrogyra* Kozłowski, 1967, both of the Middle Ordovician age. These curious forms, some of which were preserved twisted around stipes of the sessile graptolite *Mastigograptus* sp., were assigned tentatively to Phoronoidea (Kozłowski 1967).

We have found that the name *Helicosyrinx* Kozłowski, 1967 is preoccupied by the generic name of the opisthobranch gastropod *Helicosyrinx* Baur, 1864 (type species: *Helicosyrinx parasita* Baur, 1864). According to Article 53 and Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999), the name of the alleged phoronoid becomes a junior homonym of the name of the gastropod mollusc. Thus, in accordance with the ICZN, we propose the new name *Helicotubulus* for the phoronid-like form in question. The new generic name derives, like the previous one, from the Greek *helix* (= spiral); the new suffix *-tubulus* (= small pipe or tube) is from the Latin.

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