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SHORT NOTES

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Bronn and Roemer (1852) erected the new monotypic genus *Mesostylus* (Thalassinidae) for *Pagurus faujasi* Desmarest, 1822. Subsequently, A. Milne Edwards (1860) noted that *Mesostylus* was a junior subjective synonym of *Callianassa* Leach, 1814 and removed *M. faujasi* to *Callianassa*. Beurlen (1930) described the new thalassinid genus, *Protocallianassa* (type species: *Callianassa archiaci* A. Milne Edwards, 1860, by monotypy). Subsequently, Mertin (1941) removed *Callianassa faujasi* from *Callianassa* to *Protocallianassa*. Therefore, it can be seen that *Mesostylus* is a senior subjective synonym of *Protocallianassa*.

However, *Protocallianassa* is a name that is well established by many paleontologists. A presumed valid name, *Protocallianassa* has been used in 27 works by 20 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years (Table 1). The senior synonym, *Mesostylus*, has been used by only two authors, Bronn and Roemer (1852) and Bosquet (1854), and has not been used as a valid name after 1899. Thus, *Mesostylus* precedes *Protocallianassa*, but priority is suppressed under Arts. 23.9. 1.1 and 23.9.1.2 of the International Zoological Nomenclature (1999). Herein, the senior synonym, *Mesostylus*, becomes *nomen oblitum* and the junior synonym, *Protocallianassa*, is a *nomem protectum* under Art. 23.9.2.

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Glaessner (1956)
Balss (1957)
Roberts (1962)
Glaessner (1969)
Förster (1973)
Kriz and Cech (1974)
Förster (1977)
Taylor (1979)
Beikirch and Feldmann (1980)
Aliev and Aliev (1980)
Bishop (1983)
Aguirre Urreta (1983)
Bishop (1985)
Bishop (1986a)
Bishop (1986b)
Bishop (1986c)
Stinnesbeck (1986)
Feldmann and Wilson (1988)
Aguirre Urreta (1989)
Feldmann and Keyes (1992)
Vega, Feldmann, and Sour-Tovar (1995)
Feldmann, Casadó, Chirino-Gálvez, and Aguirre Urreta (1995)
Toolson and Kues (1996)
Felder and Jagt (1998)
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