

***Mercediella* nom. nov., a replacement name for
Camposichthys Figueiredo & Silva Santos, 1991
(Pisces: Pycnodontiformes)**

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Abstract. *Camposichthys* has been published three times for genera of bony fishes, generating a triple homonymy which is described and analyzed in this paper. A replacement name for the youngest homonym is presented.

***Camposichthys* Travassos, 1946
(Characiformes: Cynodontidae)**

Travassos (1946) was the first to erect *Camposichthys* and did so on some erroneous assumptions regarding the then complicated status of *Cynodon* Spix in Spix & Agassiz, 1829, *Raphiodon* Agassiz in Spix & Agassiz, 1829, and *Rhaphiodonichthys* Campos, 1945 (see Kottelat 1988). In Opinion 2012, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (2002) considered *Camposichthys* Travassos, 1946, to be a junior objective synonym of *Cynodon* Spix in Spix & Agassiz, 1829, and placed it in the ‘Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology’. Despite this nomenclatural act, in accordance with § 80.7.1 of the current version of the Code (ICZN 1999) this name continues to compete in homonymy.

***Camposichthys* Whitley, 1953
(Characiformes: Curimatidae)**

In 1953, Whitley established *Camposichthys* as a replacement name for *Camposella* Fernandez-Yepe, 1948 preoccupied by *Camposella* Cole, 1919 (Insecta: Diptera) and, when he learned that *Camposichthys* Whitley, 1953 was also preoccupied, in 1954 he replaced it with a new name, *Stupens*.

***Camposichthys* Figueiredo & Silva Santos, 1991
(Pycnodontiformes: Pycnodontidae)**

Camposichthys was used a third time as the name of a new genus of Pisces by Figueiredo & Silva Santos (1991), for †*Camposichthys riachuelensis*, a fossil pycnodontid species from Brazil described as new in the same paper. This genus is currently treated as valid (Barbosa et al. 2008; Figueiredo 2009; Poyota-Ariza & Wenz 2002; Souza Lima et al. 2002) and no junior synonym is available for this genus that could serve as a replacement name.

To resolve the remaining homonymy between *Camposichthys* Travassos, 1946, and *Camposichthys* Figueiredo & Silva Santos, 1991, *Mercediella* is here proposed as a replacement name for the latter junior homonym following §§ 53.2, 56.1 and 60.3 of the Code. The only known member of this genus is the originally designated type species †*Mercediella riachuelensis* (Figueiredo & Silva Santos, 1991).

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