

VALIDATION OF *WIJKIA CUYNETII* (SEMATOPHYLLACEAE)

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When examining a collection of mosses from several African countries made by the Hungarian geographer D. Balázs, Bizot (1973) described ten species and three varieties as new to science. Because the holotypes of these new names and their place of preservation were not indicated, these names were invalidly published according to Art. 37.1 of the ICBN (McNeill *et al.* 2006). However, they were subsequently validated by Pócs (1977) in the catalogue of the type specimens preserved in EGR when he clearly indicated, following the prior acceptance of this decision by M. Bizot, the original specimens housed in this herbarium as holotypes.

One of the new species described by Bizot (1973) from the material collected in Cameroon is *Acanthocladium cuynetii* Bizot. Because the generic name *Acanthocladium* Mitt. of 1883 is a later homonym of *Acanthocladium* F. Muell. of 1861 (Asteraceae), Crum (1971) proposed the new generic name *Wijkia* H. A. Crum as a replacement. Following this essential nomenclatural change, Schultze-Motel (1975) transferred the newly described *A. cuynetii* to *Wijkia*, making the appropriate new combination. However, this combination is invalid since the species itself was then invalidly published. Thus, the transfer of *A. cuynetii* to *Wijkia* is effected herein.

Wijkia cuynetii (Bizot) W. Schu.-Mot. *ex* Ochyra, **comb. nov.**

BASIONYM: *Acanthocladium cuynetii* Bizot in Pócs, Fol. Hist.-Nat. Mus. Matr. 4: 27. 1977 [*Acanthocla-*

dium cuynetii Bizot, Acta Bot. Acad. Sci. Hung. 18: 16. 1973, *nom. inval.* (Art. 37.1); *Wijkia cuynetii* (Bizot) W. Schu.-Mot., Willdenowia 7: 520. 1975, *comb. inval.*]. TYPE CITATION: Cameroon. HOLOTYPE: 'Cameroon: Mt. Cameroon, corticole dans forêt dense, alt. 1800–2200 m, 6.VIII.1967, leg. D. Balázs No. 20' – EGR!; ISOTYPES: KRAM!, PC-Bizot!

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