Short Communication

Eumetula brattegardi, new name for Eumetula vitrea Høisæter, 2011 not (Dall, 1927) (Gastropoda, Caenogastropoda, Triphoroidea, Newtoniellidae)

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INTRODUCTION

The genus Eumetula Thiele, 1912 in north European waters was revised by Høisæter (2011). In this paper a species from the upper continental slope off Norway, Eumetula vitrea was described. The species had earlier been partly described as Eumetula n.sp. by Høisæter (2009). The species name is accepted in Bouchet (2014). Recently (Fernandes et al. 2015) reviewed a group of species from the western Atlantic referred to the genus Cerithiella Verrill, 1882. As Stilus Jeffreys, 1885 was regarded as a synonym of Cerithiella by Bouchet & Warén (1993) species from the western Atlantic referred to Stilus were also studied by Fernandes et al. (2015). Fernandes et al. found one of these, Stilus vitreus Dall, 1927 to be more similar (based on shell morphology) to Eumetula than to Cerithiella. They consequently renamed this species Eumetula vitrea. Based on a photograph in Fernandes et al. (2015) (their Figure 8) I agree that Dall’s species most likely belongs to the same genus as the two species of Eumetula from Norwegian waters, E. arctica (Mørch, 1857) and E. vitrea Høisæter, 2011. Eumetula vitrea Høisæter, 2011, thus becomes a junior secondary homonym, and according to Articles 57.3 and 60.3 in ICZN (1999), the species name has to be replaced.

Nomenclatural changes

I propose Eumetula brattegardi nomen novum (LSID: http://zoobank.org/1F156BD2-3847-4F5-A3E1-4AB9EF359AAC) as the new name. The species is named after Dr. Torleiv Brattegard of the University of Bergen, who collected the material from the Norwegian Sea in which the species was found. I follow Bouchet & Rocroi (2005) in transferring the genus to the family Newtoniellidae from Cerithiopsidae.

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