PFLUGELLA, NEW NAME FOR TRICELLARIA
PFLUG, 1965 (MICROPROBLEMATICA), NON
FLEMING, 1828 (BRYOZOA)

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Pflug (1965) established the new genus Tricellaria (type-species T. delylensis Pflug) from the Precambrian (Algonkian) of Montana. Pflug (1965:16) commented on the possible foraminiferal nature of this form and further added (1965:23) "A problematic fossil is Tricellaria delylensis n. gen. n. sp. which exhibits several structures similar to Foraminifera." Edwards and Vevers (1975:347) listed Tricellaria Pflug under Rhizopoda, Protozoa, as did Tobias (1968:191) who also noted Tricellaria Pflug as "a foraminiferan-like structure."

The generic name Tricellaria, however was previously used by Fleming (1828:502) for a new genus of Recent scrupocellarid bryozoan (type-species Cellaria ternata Ellis, 1786).

Despite the questionable foraminiferal affinity of Tricellaria Pflug as well as its possible removal from the animal kingdom, the taxon is nevertheless subject to the precepts of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN, Art. 2b). Tricellaria Pflug is a junior homonym of Tricellaria Fleming and must be replaced (ICZN, Art. 53).

The new name Pflugella is proposed to replace Tricellaria Pflug, 1965, non Tricellaria Fleming, 1828.

The name Pflugella is constructed in honor of Prof. Dr. Ing. H. D. Pflug, (Geologisch-Palaontologisches Institut, Liebig University, Giessen) for his contributions to micropaleontology.

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