Sokolovisyrinx, a new name for Sokolovites Kożłowski, 1967 (Pogonophora?) preoccupied by Sokolovites Casey, 1966 (Mollusca, Ammonoidea)

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Kożłowski (1967) proposed the genus and species name Sokolovites pogonophoroides for a new organic microfossil from the Ordovician glacial boulder of Baltic origin and assigned it tentatively to the Pogonophora (see Mierzejewski 1986: 169). Recently, we found that the name Sokolovites is preoccupied: Casey (1966) described an ammonite from the Lower Albian of the former U.S.S.R., and assigned it the name Sokolovites Casey, 1966. In this situation, according to Article 53 and Article 60 of the current edition of the ICZN (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature 1999), the name of the alleged pogonophoran becomes a junior homonym, and it must be rejected and replaced. Therefore, we propose the replacement name Sokolovisyrinx. The new generic name, like the previous one, derives from the name of B.S. Sokolov, an eminent Russian geologist and palaeontologist; the new suffix—syrinx is the Latin and Greek for "pipe-like objects".

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