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***Bassanichthys*, a New Replacement Generic Name for the Eocene Fish *Bassania* Bannikov, 2004 (Teleostei, Perciformes)**

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Recently, I described a new genus of percoid fish, *Bassania* (Eocottidae, Perciformes), with the type species *B. pesciaraensis* from the Middle Eocene of northern Italy (Bannikov, 2004). However, the generic name *Bassania* Bannikov, 2004 is a junior homonym of the lepidopteran genus (Lepidoptera, Geometridae) *Bassania* Walker, 1860 (see *The Generic Names...*, 1979), which was kindly indicated to me by Dr. J.K. Page (Great Britain). Moreover, the generic name *Bassania* Cambridge, 1898 was given to an arachnid and subsequently replaced by *Bassaniana* Strand, 1928. Because of the homonymy, I propose a new name, *Bassanichthys* Bannikov, nom. nov. (*pro Bassania* Bannikov, 2004), with the type species *Bassania pesciaraensis* Bannikov, 2004 (by monotypy), for the genus of Eocene fish. This name is given in honor of the Italian paleoichthyologist F. Bassani, plus the Greek *ichthys* (fish), masculine gender. According to Article 39 of the ICZN (*International Code of Zoological Nomencla-*

ture, 2000), the subfamily name Bassaniinae Bannikov, 2004 should be replaced by Bassanichthyinae Bannikov, nom. nov.

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