

NOTE

Correction to the authority of *Rhizobium leguminosarum*

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The origins of the epithet *Rhizobium leguminosarum* are obscure. Early interpretations of the authority were Frank 1890 [*Landwirtschaftliche Jahrbücher* **19** (1890), 563] emend. Baldwin and Fred 1929 [*Journal of Bacteriology* **17** (1929), 146] as reported in editions of *Bergey's Manuals of Determinative Bacteriology* up to the 7th edition (Breed *et al.*, 1957). The presently accepted authority for *Rhizobium leguminosarum* is (Frank 1879) Frank 1889, 338^{AL} (*Schinzia leguminosarum* Frank 1879, 397), first cited by Buchanan *et al.* (1966), who correctly gave the publication of Frank (1879) as *Botanische Zeitung* **37** (1879), 376–387, 394–399. However, Jordan & Allen (1974) incorrectly gave this reference as *Berichte der Deutschen Botanischen Gesellschaft* **37** (1879), 376–387, 394–399. This error has been repeated by Jordan (1984) and in the original and amended editions of the Approved Lists (Skerman *et al.*, 1980, 1989). It is proposed that a correction be made in the next edition of the Approved Lists.

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