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Astragalus dieterii*, a new name for *Astragalus insularis* Maassoumi & Podlech (Fabaceae).*Ramalingam Kottaimuthu¹ and Natarajan Vasudevan**

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Abstract

Astragalus dieterii is proposed here as a replacement name for *Astragalus insularis* Maassoumi & Podlech because it is a later homonym of *Astragalus insularis* Kellogg.

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INTRODUCTION

Recently we proposed the new name, *Astragalus podlechii* Kottaim. & Vasud. (2015) for *Astragalus insularis* Massoumi & Podlech (2003) which is an illegitimate and later homonym of *Astragalus insularis* Kellogg (1884). Unfortunately *Astragalus podlechii* Kottaim. & Vasud. is also illegitimate and a later homonym of *Astragalus podlechii* I. Deml (1972). We hereby correct this issue by providing a new name *Astragalus dieterii*.

Nomenclature***Astragalus dieterii* Kottaim. & Vasud. nom. nov.**

Replaced synonyms:—*Astragalus insularis* Maassoumi & Podlech in Feddes Repertorium 114(5–6): 325. 2003 nom. illeg., non *Astragalus insularis* Kellogg in Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences 1(1): 6. 1884.

Astragalus podlechii Kottaim. & Vasud. in Feddes Repertorium 126(1-2): 5. 2015 nom. illeg., non *Astragalus podlechii* I. Deml in Boissiera 21: 40. 1972.

Type:—IRAN: Prov. Azarbayejan: Tabriz, Jazireh-e Islami, 15 km from Sarag to Agh-Gombad village, 1310 m, 21-04-1996, Kasebi & Imani 5624 (TARI).

Etymology:—The epithet honours Dr. Dieter Podlech, for his valuable contribution to the knowledge of the genus *Astragalus*.

Distribution:—IRAN.

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