

NEOSCYTONEMA, A NEW NAME FOR PALAEOSCYTONEMA MAITHY AND SHUKLA

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MAITHY AND SHUKLA (1977) erected the genus *Palaeoscytonema* with type species *P. srivastavae* from the Suket Shale Formation of Ramapura (Vindhya). However, earlier EDHOORN (1973) has erected *Palaeoscytonema* with type species *P. moorhousei* from the Gunflint chert, Animikie, Thunder bay, Ontario. Therefore, *Palaeoscytonema* Maithy & Shukla (1977) is a later homonym ; it is therefore illegitimate and must be rejected (ICBN. Art. 64.1). Since these two genera are distinct and based on two different types, a new name *Neoscytonema* is proposed for *Palaeoscytonema* Maithy & Shukla as replacement.

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