

NOMENCLATURE

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Guidelines for the preliminary evaluation of general nomenclature manuscripts submitted to *Taxon*

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■ CRITERIA FOR PUBLICATION OF GENERAL NOMENCLATURE PAPERS

The main criteria in determining whether a general nomenclature manuscript (i.e., other than proposals to conserve or reject names, proposals to suppress works, requests for a binding decision, or to proposals amend the *Code*) will be considered for publication in *Taxon* are whether or not the published paper will make a significant contribution to the taxonomy and nomenclature of organisms treated under the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* or to the general field of biological nomenclature.

■ EXAMPLES (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) OF SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED

I. Manuscripts that focus on a particular group of organisms

- (1) Names of taxa of scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance for which nomenclatural or type clarification is needed in order for the application of the name to be unambiguous.
- (2) Situations, regardless of the scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance, in which the nomenclatural issues involved are complex.
- (3) Linnaean and other older names, which are often associated with confusion in typification and proper application.
- (4) Cases involving ambiregnal organisms that could potentially be treated under different codes of nomenclature.
- (5) Manuscripts supplying background for proposals to conserve or reject names.

II. Manuscripts that focus on the general topic of nomenclature

- (1) Addresses or challenges current theories and philosophy of biological nomenclature (these may be published as a Point of View).
- (2) Addresses the interpretation and application of existing rules in the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.
- (3) Supplies background for proposals to amend the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.
- (4) Provides corrections to the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.
- (5) Overviews older literature with an analysis of the author's (or authors') nomenclatural practices.
- (6) Overviews the type specimens made by a particular author, collected during a particular historical expedition, or housed at a particular institution.
- (7) Reports of special committees established by the Nomenclature Section of an International Botanical Congress, as well as commentary on these reports by others.

■ PROCEDURES FOR MANUSCRIPTS THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER I OR II ABOVE

Generally manuscripts involving routine typifications, nomenclatural novelties, or nomenclatural revisions not involving plants with scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance will not be considered for *Taxon*. If a taxonomic treatment is being published, in conjunction with the nomenclature manuscript submitted, the authors must show why a separate nomenclatural paper is needed, and why the appropriate journal for submission is *Taxon*. The nomenclature editors may suggest other possible publications to which rejected manuscripts may be submitted.