Proposal to amend Recommendation 46A endorsing the use of standardized author citations of names

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I would like to propose rephrasing Rec. 46A Note 1 to better encourage the use of the Brummitt & Powell / IPNI standard when the authors of plant names are not given in full. This will plainly reflect the widespread use of this standard in botanical literature, and the strong need for a single standard to facilitate uniform databasing.

The standard of IPNI does not include spaces, but the most common use of this standard includes spaces between initials and surnames or their abbreviations, or also between multiple initials when present. To allow this practice, a sentence is appended to Note 1.

**Recommendation 46A**

Note 1. Brummitt & Powell’s *Authors of plant names* (1992), updated as necessary from the *International Plant Names Index* (www.ipni.org) and *Index Fungorum* (www.indexfungorum.org), should be followed when standardizing author citations of names. Depending on editorial policy, spaces may be optionally placed between the author’s initial(s) or abbreviated names and the surname or its standard abbreviation or contraction, except when the surname is abbreviated to a single letter, and also between surnames and suffixes.

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