

MOTIONS to be submitted

to

The Sixth International Botanical Congress, Amsterdam, 1935.

The following Motions are submitted for consideration by the Sixth International Botanical Congress, Amsterdam, 1935.

MOTION I.

That the Sixth International Botanical Congress, Amsterdam, 1935, be asked to take into consideration the adoption of a limited list of nomina specifica conservanda especially concerned with trees and other plants which are extensively cultivated or which are otherwise of economic importance.

This Motion is supported by the following resolution : 'That in view of the present instability in the nomenclature of many of the commonly cultivated trees, it is highly desirable that in the interests of Forestry, a list of *nomina specifica conservanda* be adopted.' This Resolution has been adopted by the following :

- The Imperial Forestry Institute.
- The Forest Products Research Laboratory.
- The Society of Foresters of Great Britain.
- The Empire Forestry Association.
- The Royal English Forestry Society.
- The Royal Scottish Forestry Society.

In the event of the Congress agreeing to consider this subject the following Motions (II and III) are submitted for consideration :

MOTION II.

That the following Article be added to the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature :

ARTICLE 21B. To avoid disadvantageous changes in the nomenclature of species of Phanerogamae by the strict application of the Rules of Nomenclature, and especially of the principle of priority in starting from the dates given in Art. 20, the Rules shall provide lists of specific names which must be retained as exceptions. These names shall concern only a limited number of species, and especially those of trees and other plants which are extensively cultivated, or which are otherwise of economic importance. The names to be conserved shall be by preference those which have been in general use in the fifty years immediately preceding the Fifth International Botanical Congress, Cambridge, 1930. The lists of these names shall form an appendix to the Rules.

As examples of cases for conservation the following seven names are cited:

Nomina conservanda. *Nomina rejicienda.*

<i>Picea excelsa</i>	-	-	<i>Picea Abies.</i>
<i>Artocarpus integrifolia</i>	-	-	<i>Artocarpus integra.</i>
<i>Ulmus nitens</i>	-	-	<i>Ulmus foliacea.</i>
<i>Ulmus campestris</i>	-	-	<i>Ulmus procera, U. anglica.</i>
<i>Betula verrucosa</i>	-	-	<i>Betula alba, B. pendula.</i>
<i>Cedrus Libani</i>	-	-	<i>Cedrus libanotica.</i>
<i>Pseudotsuga Douglassii</i>	-	-	<i>Pseudotsuga taxifolia.</i>

NOTE 1. These lists of conserved names shall remain permanently open for additions.

NOTE 2. Any proposal of a name for conservation must be accompanied by a detailed statement of the case for its conservation.

NOTE 3. A conserved name is conserved against all other names for the group, whether these are cited in the corresponding list of rejected names or not, so long as the group concerned is not united or re-united with another group bearing a legitimate name. In the event of union or re-union with another group, the earlier of the two competing names is adopted in accordance with Art. 56.

MOTION III.

That a Special Committee be appointed by and at this Congress, to prepare from such lists as have been submitted to it, lists of nomina specifica conservanda, as provided in Art. 21b.

NOTE 1. This Committee to be requested to publish (as provided in Art. 36) at the earliest possible date and not later than one year from the date of its appointment, a list or lists of names which it is prepared to recommend to the Seventh International Botanical Congress for conservation.

NOTE 2. This Committee to hold office until the succeeding International Botanical Congress. In the event of the death or resignation of any of its appointed members, or otherwise if it so desire, the Committee to have power to co-opt additional members.

NOTE 3. When a name proposed for conservation has been officially published by the Committee, botanists shall be authorised to use it, pending the decision of the succeeding International Botanical Congress.

Signed on behalf of the signatories to the Resolution quoted above.

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18th December, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted by the Committee of Section K (Botany) at the Aberdeen Meeting of the British Association, 1934 :—

‘That this Section recommends, through the Acting Rapporteur Général, that the principle of *nomina specifica conservanda* be brought forward for discussion by the Section of Taxonomy at the Sixth International Botanical Congress.’

ERRATUM.

In the Memorandum on the Nomenclature of Forest Trees issued 31st July, I was in error — through a regrettable oversight — in stating that ‘This provision as to the earliest epithet is not found in the “Vienna Rules” (1905).’ Owing to different numbering of the Articles in the several editions of the Rules, I had overlooked Art. 48 (Brussels), which definitely provides for the retention of the first specific epithet. Ambiguous use of the term ‘specific’ has contributed to the mistake.

J.B.D. (27th Aug., 1935).

