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Dan H. Nicolson, General Committee Secretary

One Standing and five Special Committees were authorized by the Tokyo Congress to be set up under the auspices of the General Committee (see McNeill in Taxon 42: 907-922, 1993).

It is recommended that each Committee have one person, usually the Convener, who launches the Committee’s proceedings by outlining the goals and makes and/or invites comments and proposals of the members. Members’ comments should be addressed to the Committee Secretary, who agrees to act as the focus of correspondence and to bring the proceedings to a successful conclusion, drafting a report which, when appropriate, will include specific proposals to the 1999 Congress in St. Louis. All circulars and proceedings of the Committees should be distributed with continuous page numbers, as well as clearly titled and dated.

The Rapporteur-Général (Werner Greuter) and the General Committee Secretary (Dan H. Nicolson) are ex officio non-voting members of each Committee. They should be included in its mailing list and may participate in the discussions.

Committees may co-opt additional members and are specifically encouraged to do so in order to replace members who are not responsive. This is very important. It is advisable that membership be at least 6, or 9 or 12 (a number divisible by 3), because Committees are not to submit proposals without the support of two-thirds of the active membership, defined as those participating in the final vote. Proposals with support have a much stronger chance of being accepted.

Final Committee reports are to be sent to the Editors of Taxon on or before 1 August 1997. This early date is to ensure timely publication (February 1998), give the Rapporteurs time to complete the Synopsis (August 1998), and give everyone else a chance to consider and discuss the proposals before receiving the mail ballot and Synopsis (February 1999).

Readers of this announcement who can offer examples, comments, etc. to any of these Committees are urged to communicate directly with one of the officers, or a member. Proposals to amend the Code that impinge directly on subjects that are a Committee’s concern should not be submitted directly for publication in Taxon, but first offered to the relevant Committee for consideration.

1. Standing Committee on Lists of Names in Current Use

Mandate: General Prop. C, as amended: “The Section to authorize the appointment of a Standing Committee on Lists of Names in Current Use, to initiate, assist, coordinate and vet production of further lists and of updating of the existing lists of NCU and to report to each subsequent International Botanical Congress.”

Convener/Secretary: W. Greuter (Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Königin-Luise Str. 6-8, D-14191 Berlin, Germany)

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2. Special Committee on Lectotypification (including Specimen Definition)

_Mandate:_ Art. 8 Prop. J led to establishment of new Lectotypification Committee and this proposal was referred to it. Other proposals referred to this Committee are: Art. 8 Prop. K-M, P-Q & T, Art. 9 Prop. A-B, and Rec. 9B (new) Prop. A. The mandate not only includes problems of lectotypification but of defining specimens.


_Secretary:_ F. R. Barrie (MO; currently c/o Botany Department Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605-2496, U.S.A.).

_Members:_ W. R. Buck (NY, U.S.A.), P. F. Cannon (IMI, U.K.), U. Eggli (ZSS, Switzerland), R. J. F. Henderson (BRI, Australia), P. Hiepko (B, Germany), P. Isoviita (H, Finland), J. L. Luteyn (NY, U.S.A.), P. Perret (G, Switzerland), P. S. Short (MEL, Australia), and N. P. Taylor (K, U.K.)

3. Special Committee on Hybrids

_Mandate:_ Division III Prop. A to abolish the Permanent Committee on Hybrids was approved. Art. 13 Prop. B was referred to a new Special Committee on Hybrids. Other proposals referred to the Committee are: Art. 20 Prop. A, and all proposals to Art. H.3-9.

_Convener:_ P. Trehane (Hampreston Manor, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7LX, U.K.).

_Secretary:_ W. L. A. Hetterscheid (Vaste Keurings Commissie Registration Department, Linnaeulaan 2a, NL-1431 JV Aalsmeer, Netherlands).


4. Special Committee on Harmonization of Codes

_Mandate:_ Art. 65 Prop. A was referred to a new Special Committee on Harmonization of Codes, particularly in relation to nomenclature in taxonomic groups that border on those covered by other Codes.

_Convener/Secretary:_ D. L. Hawksworth (IMI, Bakeham Lane, Egham, Surrey TW20 9TY, U.K.).

_Members:_ M. A. Faust (US, U.S.A.), R. A. Fensome (Dartmouth, Canada), W. F. Prud’homme van Reine (L, Netherlands), P. H. A. Sneath (Leicester, U.K.), and P. Tubbs (BM).

5. Special Committee on Orthography

_Mandate:_ Art. 73 Prop. B was referred to a new Special Committee on Orthography. Other proposals referred to it are: Art. 73 Prop. D-F, H-K, and Rec. 73G Prop. A.

Secretary: G. Zijlstra (Herbarium, Heidelberglaan 2, NL-3584 CS, Utrecht, Netherlands).

Members: H. M. Burdet (G, Switzerland), V. Demoulin (LG, Belgium), C. Jeffrey (K, U.K.), G. Perry (PERTH, Australia), and A. Traverse (University Park, PA, U.S.A.).

6. Special Committee on Electronic Publishing and Databasing

Mandate: To examine the impact of electronic publishing and databasing on the Code.


Secretary: R. H. Zander (Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211, U.S.A.).