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PROPOSALS TO CONSERVE OR REJECT

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Seven Special Committees were authorised by the St. Louis Congress to be set up under auspices of the General Committee (Barrie & Greuter, *Taxon* 48: 771–784, 1999).

It is recommended that each Committee have one person, usually the Convener, launch the Committee's proceedings by outlining its goals, offering comments and, perhaps, first drafts of proposals, and inviting members to respond in kind. 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 2005 Congress in Vienna (cf. McNeill & Stuessy, *Taxon* 50: 557–558). The most efficient method of correspondence these days is via electronic mail and the officers of each Committee have received a list of the e-mail addresses of prospective members. All circulars and proceedings of the Committee should be distributed with continuous page numbers, clearly titled and dated.

The Rapporteur-Général (John McNeill) and the General Committee Secretary (Fred Barrie) are *ex officio* non-voting members of each Committee. They should be included on the 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 strong Committee support have a much better chance of being accepted.

To ensure timely publication (February 2004), final Committee reports should be sent to the Editors of *Taxon* on or before 1 August 2003; late submissions (to 31 December 2003) may be accepted for publication in May 2004. This schedule is essential to give the Rapporteurs time to complete the *Synopsis*, and give everyone else a chance to consider and discuss the proposals before receiving the mail ballot and *Synopsis* (February 2005).

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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 a Committee's concern should not be submitted directly for publication in *Taxon*, but first offered to the relevant Committee for consideration.

Texts of the proposals mentioned below may be found in Greuter & Hawksworth, *Taxon* 38: 69–128. 1999. The affiliation of each committee member is, wherever possible, indicated simply by the relevant herbarium abbreviation (cf. Holmgren & al., *Regnum Veg.* 120. 1990) and country.

(1) Special Committee on Electronic Publishing.

Mandate: To examine the impact of electronic publishing on the *Code*. Approval of Gen. Prop. A authorised continuation of the Electronic Publications committee established at the Tokyo Congress.

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(2) Special Committee on Early (pre-1935) Lectotypifications of Generic Names.

Mandate: to explore the consequences to nomenclatural stability of deleting the Code's proscriptions of "mechanical typification" (Art. 10.5(b)) and American Code typifications (Art. 10, Ex. 7), particularly for non-Linnaean generic names. Article 10, Prop. B was the only proposal referred.

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(3) Special Committee on Suprageneric Names.

Mandates: (a) to consider the utility of establishing starting point dates for names above the rank of genus and (b) to evaluate the acceptability of critical works and

the ranks used therein. *Proposals referred*: Art. 16, Prop. F-J; Art. 33, Prop. D; Art. 35, Prop. E; Art. 41, Prop. A & B and Art. 49, Prop. A. The committee will also review a list of proposed changes to the family name citations in Appendix IIB that were not implemented in the St. Louis Code (cf. Turland & Barrie, Taxon 50: 897–903. 2001).

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(4) Special Committee on Effective Publication.

Mandate: to review the criteria used to define effective publication (Art. 30), especially in connection with theses and dissertations. Article. 30, Prop. D was the only proposal referred.

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(5) Special Committee on Hybrid Names in the Botanical and Cultivated Plant Codes.

Mandate: to consider options for maximising harmony and minimising repetition between the ICBN and the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, particularly with respect to the treatment of hybrid names. *Proposals referred*: Pre. 8, Prop. B; Art. 10, Prop. A; Art. 20, Prop. C; New Sect. 5bis; Art. 28, Prop. A; Art. 35, Prop. D; Art. 41, Prop. C; Art. 43, Prop. A.

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(6) Special Committee on Liaison with other Codes.

Mandate: to explore ways the Botanical Code might be modified to reduce inter-code conflicts, independently of the other code-issuing bodies. Established through approval of Div. III, Prop. A, as amended.

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(7) Special Committee on Division III.

Mandate: to consider what changes, if any, might be desirable in Division III of the Code. One area of particular interest was the criteria for assigning institutional votes (Div. III.4). Proposed from the floor by the Nominating Committee.

Convener: J. West (Herbarium Australiense, P.O. Box 1600, Canberra City, ACT 2601, Australia; judy.west@pi.csiro.au).

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