

(219–220) Proposals to add new Recommendations and an Example to Recommendation 30A and 41A

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Since 1 January 2012 certain electronic-only publications have been accepted as effectively published (Art. 29.1). Electronic material can be effectively published in Portable Document Format (PDF) in an online publication with an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) or an International Standard Book Number (ISBN). Most electronic publications are paginated in their final versions. However, the editors of the International Plant Names Index (<http://www.ipni.org>) have come across un-paginated electronic-only publications. Although the page numbers are indicated in PDF-reading software, no page numbers appear on the actual pages of the publications. If the pages were printed and deposited in libraries, as recommended (Rec. 29A.2(c)), there would be no page numbers visible (unless they were printed by the software in use). Also, for un-paginated publications (whether printed or electronic), there are no set standards on how to cite the exact page where the protologue is published, and a “page or plate reference” is required for new combinations or replacement names to be validly published (Art. 41.5).

For example, the new species *Crocus antalyensioides* Rukšāns was published electronically in *International Rock Gardener* (ISSN 2053-7557), in the un-paginated PDF of Volume 64, April 2015. The

citation for the protologue for this new name could be “Int. Rock Gard. 64: unpaginated. 2015”, or “Int. Rock Gard. 64: [6 of 38]. 2015” or “Int. Rock Gard. 64: [6]. 2015”. To avoid this uncertainty and facilitate compliance with Art. 41.5 we propose the following two new Recommendations:

(219) Add a new Recommendation to Art. 30A:

“30A.2. Authors and editors are strongly recommended to include page numbers on the actual pages of publications, such that if electronic publications are printed, these page numbers are visible.”

(220) Add a new Recommendation with an Example to Rec. 41A:

“41A.2. If electronic publications are not paginated, page numbers should be referenced with square brackets.”

“Ex. 1. The name *Crocus antalyensioides* Rukšāns was published electronically in *International Rock Gardener* (ISSN 2053-7557), Volume 64, April 2015, in Portable Document Format (PDF), without page numbers included on the actual pages of the publication, although they are indicated in PDF-reading software. The reference should be cited as Int. Rock Gard. 64: [6]. 2015.”