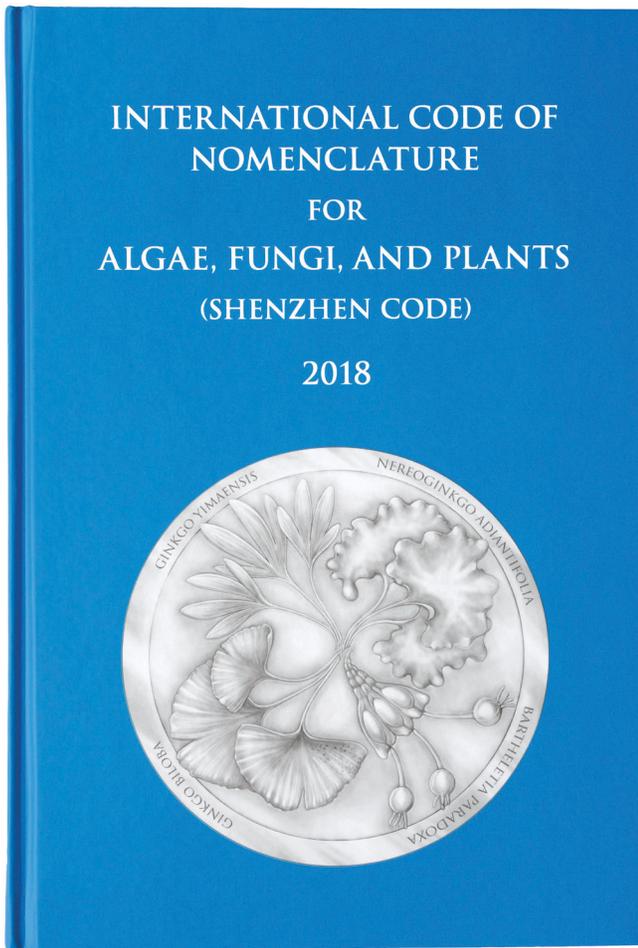


■ SHENZHEN CODE

The International Association for Plant Taxonomy is pleased to announce the publication of the latest edition of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (Shenzhen Code)*. “The Code” is the official rule book that governs the naming of plants, fungi, and algae, how those names are used, and how one determines which name is correct when multiple names have been established for the same taxon. The *Shenzhen Code* supersedes the previous version of the *Code (Melbourne Code)*, published in 2012). Thus the *Shenzhen Code* is an essential resource for all botanists, mycologists, and phycologists.



This new edition of the *Code* features important new rules and provisions that all taxonomists need to be aware of in their work. For example:

- All provisions dealing solely with fungi are in a separate chapter, as are provisions related to hybrids.
- Provisions for governance of the *Code* are greatly expanded and mostly new.
- New rules are provided for choices of types where a largely mechanical method of selection was used.
- Rules regarding electronic publication are clarified.
- The section on orthography has been reorganized and clarified.
- And full bibliographic references are provided throughout the 100s of Examples, making the *Code* more self-contained and user-friendly.

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