

NOMENCLATURE

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 1982-1985

Since its previous published report (Taxon 31: 313-314. May 1982), the General Committee formally announced the four special ad hoc committees authorized by the Sydney Congress (Taxon 31: 718. November 1982). The regular committees, elected at Sydney, were listed in Taxon 31: 310-313. May 1982). Major changes, additional committees, and other activities are now summarized.

Regarding the four special committees, John McNeill, convener of the Committee on Lectotypification, enlisted the aid of Scott Redhead (Ottawa) as secretary; similarly, Vincent Demoulin (Liège) agreed to serve as secretary of the Committee on Orthography, of which Dan Nicolson has been convener; in August 1984 Arthur Chapman (Canberra) was asked to serve as secretary of the Committee on Valid Publication, a task he promptly pursued with vigor. Important changes were made in two of the permanent Nomenclature Committees upon resignation of their respective secretaries: Richard P. Korf (Ithaca) became secretary of the Committee for Fungi and Lichens, and Gea Zijlstra (Utrecht) became secretary of the Committee for Bryophyta. Both consequently became members of the General Committee; however, as Korf was already a member-at-large of the General Committee, John McNeill (Ottawa) was coopted to serve as the 18th member of this committee. The Subcommittee for Family Names of Pteridophyta has coopted three additional members (as strongly urged at Sydney): P. J. Brownsey (Wellington), J. Holub (Praha), and W. A. Sledge (Leeds). The Committee for Hybrids coopted three additional members: J. Chmelář (Brno), Fritz Schneider (Wageningen), and Almut Jones (Urbana). Upon the retirement of Richard Cowan, he has been succeeded as President of IAPT and hence on the General Committee by Stanley W. Greene (Reading).

The Sydney Congress agreed to set up an ad hoc committee to prepare fairly explicit guidelines for publication of proposals to conserve or reject names under Articles 14 and 69, respectively. F. R. Fosberg (Washington) agreed to accept the chairmanship of such a committee (with heavy reliance on Dan Nicolson as a consultant); R. K. Brummitt (Kew) and H. W. Lack (Berlin) are members. Paul Silva (Berkeley) was appointed by the General Committee to serve as its representative on an IUBS Committee on Nomenclature of Protists. The Executive Committee of IUBS, endorsing a resolution of ICSEB III regarding registers of plant and animal names, asked the General Committee to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of a registration procedure for new names of taxa governed by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. Werner Greuter (Berlin) being willing to act as convener, the General Committee saw no objection; John McNeill (Ottawa), R. K. Brummitt (Kew), David Hawksworth (Kew), and Paul Silva (Berkeley) are serving as members of this Committee for Registration of Plant Names.

The gratitude of the entire taxonomic community must go to the dozens of volunteers who serve so faithfully on the various nomenclature committees, so that attention can be focused on well-considered reports in the relatively brief time available at Botanical Congresses.

The principal tasks explicitly assigned to the General Committee in the Code are to act on proposals for conservation and rejection of names (Art. 14.11, 15 & 69.2) and on names so similar they are likely to be confused (Art. 64.2 footnote). Since the Sydney Congress, the General Committee has considered recommendations in the following reports, in accordance with the Guidelines adopted at Sydney (Taxon 31: 314, corrected 32: 167). The Bryophyte names were marked with an asterisk in the Sydney Code to indicate that they may be used under Art. 15, the status now of all names accepted or rejected:

Subcommittee for Family Names of Pteridophyta (Taxon 30: 163-168. 1981) [entire list *not* approved].

Committee for Bryophyta (Taxon 31: 316-317. 1982) [names of 5 families and 3 genera approved for conservation].

Committee for Spermatophyta, Report 24 (Taxon 31: 540–544. 1982) [12 generic names approved for conservation or emendation, and two species names (*Scabiosa papposa* L. and *Gomphrena ficoidea* L.) for rejection].

Committee for Spermatophyta, Report 25 (Taxon 32: 279–284. 1983) [4 generic names approved for conservation or emendation, and three species names (*Rotala decussata* DC., *Solanum indicum* L., & *Solanum sodomeum* L.) for rejection].

Committee for Spermatophyta, Report 26 (Taxon 32: 623–625. 1983) [one generic name (*Rottboellia* L. f.) approved for emendation and one species name (*Lupinus hirsutus* L.) for rejection; the *Bombax* recommendation was not approved].

Committee for Spermatophyta, Report 27 (Taxon 33: 297–301. 1984) [11 generic names approved for conservation or emendation].

Committee for Spermatophyta, Report 28 (Taxon 33: 705–707. 1984) [6 generic names approved for conservation or emendation].

All persons who have comments on names recommended for conservation (or rejection) by the special committees are urged, as soon as possible after publication of their reports in *Taxon*, to send the comments to the secretary of the General Committee so that, if they bring up points not previously considered, they can be circulated.

The General Committee is engaged in a continuing consideration of criteria for judging names “sufficiently alike to be confused,” with no clear consensus yet but some tendency, perhaps, toward requiring demonstrable evidence of confusion and consideration of each case on its own merits. In the meantime, the following cases have been voted upon and become the first proposals under the Sydney revision of Art. 64 to provide for “binding decisions”:

Christella Lév. [Pterid.] and *Cristella* Pat. [Fungi]. Vote (14:2) that these are *not* confusable [not closely related, different etymology as well as spelling, one name in disuse].

Gillena Moench [Rosaceae] and *Gillena* Adanson [Clethraceae]. Vote (13:1) that these are *not* confusable [*Gillena* illegitimate and hence unable to cause much confusion].

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR FUNGI AND LICHENS

The previous report of the Committee was published in *Taxon* 31: 318. 1982. Membership of the Committee for the votes recorded here was L. Holm (Sweden, Chairman), T. Ahti (Finland), H. H. Burdsall, Jr. (U.S.A.), V. Demoulin (Belgium), W. Gams (Netherlands), D. L. Hawksworth (U.K.), G. L. Hennebert (Belgium), R. P. Korf (U.S.A., Secretary), M. McGinnis (U.S.A.), D. N. Pegler (U.K.), R. H. Petersen (U.S.A.), Z. Pouzar (Czechoslovakia), B. C. Sutton (U.K.), J. P. van der Walt (South Africa), and Y.-c. Wang (People's Republic of China). Dr. Gams was elected to replace the late G. F. Laundon (New Zealand). Though the Committee was empowered to co-opt three additional members at the meetings of the International Mycological Society in Tokyo in 1983, those in attendance opted not to increase the size of the Committee beyond the current 15 members.

The decisions on proposals reported here have all been delayed an unusually long period for a variety of reasons. Minor editing of the proposals to conform with the changes enacted at Sydney in 1981, in particular elimination of “ex” citations no longer required by reason of the adoption of the earlier starting-point date for fungi, has been necessary in many instances.

The voting of the Committee is indicated for each proposal, those in favor preceding those against. A minimum of ten positive votes is required for recommendation by the Committee that the proposal be accepted. Each of these proposals had been subject to a vote by previous Committees, but those results were not accepted by the General Committee when submitted, for technical reasons. Consequently, all proposals have been revoted, and those reported here were unanimously 15–0 in favor of the proposal, or 0–15 against the proposal.

Proposal 431. *Drechslera* Ito vs. *Angiopoma* Léveillé. Proposed by B. C. Sutton in *Taxon* 26: 591–592. 1977. Votes: 15–0.