

NOMENCLATURE

Guidelines for the preliminary evaluation of general nomenclature manuscripts submitted to *Taxon*

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■ CRITERIA FOR PUBLICATION OF GENERAL NOMENCLATURE PAPERS

The main criteria in determining whether a general nomenclature manuscript (i.e., other than proposals to conserve or reject names, proposals to suppress works, requests for a binding decision, or to proposals amend the *Code*) will be considered for publication in *Taxon* are whether or not the published paper will make a significant contribution to the taxonomy and nomenclature of organisms treated under the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* or to the general field of biological nomenclature.

■ EXAMPLES (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) OF SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED

I. Manuscripts that focus on a particular group of organisms

(1) Names of taxa of scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance for which nomenclatural or type clarification is needed in order for the application of the name to be unambiguous.

(2) Situations, regardless of the scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance, in which the nomenclatural issues involved are complex.

(3) Linnaean and other older names, which are often associated with confusion in typification and proper application, especially when treated holistically (e.g., manuscripts that treat all Linnaean names in a given lineage will be given higher priority).

(4) Cases involving ambireginal organisms that could potentially be treated under different codes of nomenclature.

(5) Manuscripts supplying background for proposals to conserve or reject names.

II. Manuscripts that focus on the general topic of nomenclature

(1) Addresses or challenges current theories and philosophy of biological nomenclature (these may be published as a Point of View).

(2) Addresses the interpretation and application of existing rules in the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.

(3) Supplies background for proposals to amend the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.

(4) Provides corrections to the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants*.

(5) Overviews older literature with an analysis of the author's (or authors') nomenclatural practices.

(6) Overviews the type specimens made by a particular author, collected during a particular historical expedition, or housed at a particular institution; manuscripts that contribute new data and nomenclatural updates are preferred.

(7) Reports of special committees established by the Nomenclature Section of an International Botanical Congress, as well as commentary on these reports by others.

■ PROCEDURES FOR MANUSCRIPTS THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER I OR II ABOVE

Generally manuscripts involving routine typifications, nomenclatural novelties, or nomenclatural revisions not involving plants with scientific, economic, medical, conservation, or ecological importance will not be considered for *Taxon*. If a taxonomic treatment is being published, in conjunction with the nomenclature manuscript submitted, the authors must show why a separate nomenclatural paper is needed, and why the appropriate journal for submission is *Taxon*. The nomenclature editors may suggest other possible publications to which rejected manuscripts may be submitted.