



Vicki Funk Invited Review Series

The IAPT announces the establishment of the Vicki Funk Invited Review series for taxonomy and systematics in TAXON. Taxonomy and systematics are the fields of science with the goal to document the diversity of life, infer the tree of life, and test species limits. As such, they are the foundational disciplines on which other biodiversity-related fields of science build their own hypotheses. These fields are as divergent as ecology, global change biology, genetics and crop breeding. However, the importance of taxonomy and systematics for these and other fields is often diminished or its results taken for granted. Thus, in establishing this invited review series, IAPT will highlight review articles in TAXON that focus on the importance of taxonomy and systematics for other fields of biology and beyond. The series commemorates the legacy of Vicki Funk, who was one of the most prominent taxonomists emphasizing the importance of taxonomy and systematics in the various aspects of our lives.

In recognition of the importance of this new invited review series, IAPT encourages scientists to write such reviews by:

- Paying an honorarium of USD 1000 for the publication of a Vicki Funk Invited Review article
- Publishing Vicki Funk Invited Review articles as open-access with free color figures

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- The review should be concise and comprise about 4000–6000 words without references.
- Authors who would like to prepare a manuscript for the Vicki Funk Taxonomy Review series must first submit a proposal of up to 600 words clarifying the title, authors and the scope of the review and why it will make a valuable contribution to the discipline.
- The review manuscript must conform to the standard guidelines for authors unless an exception is permitted by the editor-in-chief.
- Proposals or questions related to the reviews should be addressed to the editor-in-chief (dirk.albach@uol.de).
- We particularly encourage proposals from early-career researchers.

TAXON further welcomes reviews on any other topic related to taxonomy and systematics, which can be submitted at any time.

This review series is named after Vicki Funk (1947–2019), influential botanist from the Smithsonian Institution and former president of the International Association for Plant Taxonomy. In her work she reached out beyond the field of taxonomy and collection-based research and always emphasized the impact of the field to policy and society. Her example in leadership and mentoring beyond her immediate field of science make her an ideal namesake for this review series.