

(362–363) Proposals to amend the *Code* to modify its governance with respect to names of organisms treated as fungi

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At the XVIII International Botanical Congress (IBC) in Melbourne in 2011 a Special Subcommittee on Governance of the *Code* with Respect to Fungi was established with the mandate “to consider what specialized procedures and by-laws may be desirable for dealing with changes to fungal nomenclature”. In parallel, a Special Committee on By-laws for the Nomenclature Section, also established at the XVIII IBC, has proposed (Knapp & al. in *Taxon* 65: 661–664. 2016) an extensive revision of the “Provisions for the governance of the *Code*” that comprise Division III of the current *Melbourne Code* (McNeill & al. in *Regnum Veg.* 154. 2012). The Special Subcommittee has based proposed changes to governance of the *Code* with respect of fungi on this proposed new Division III. Two proposals to amend the *Code* are presented below. These are supported by an 80% majority of the Subcommittee (i.e., the first eight of the present authors, not K.A.S.), as explained by the accompanying Report of the Subcommittee (May, this issue, pp. 921–925). In addition, the proposals have the support of the International Mycological Association, represented among the authors by K.A.S. and P.W.C. These proposals and the Report should be read together. The numbering of Articles and Recommendations below is provisional. Should the proposals be accepted, the Editorial Committee may well find ways of condensing the changes while retaining the intent. One such modification could be defining “names of fungi” as shorthand for “names of organisms treated as fungi”. In the proposed amendments detailed below, new text is given in **bold type**, and deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~. Existing provisions of the proposed new Division III appear within quotation marks (“...”), whereas all other text is new.

(362) Amend Division III of the *Code* so that proposals on matters relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi are dealt with by the Fungal Nomenclature Session of an International Mycological Congress.

To the proposed new Division III (Prop. 286, hereafter “Div.

III”) add a new section 8 on proposals relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi:

8. Proposals relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi

8.1. For proposals relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi, exactly the same procedures outlined in sections 1 to 7 of Div. III are to be followed except that, for certain provisions in sections 1, 2, 4, and 5, mentions of International Botanical Congress, Nomenclature Section [of that Congress], Bureau of Nomenclature, and Nominating Committee are to be replaced by International Mycological Congress, Fungal Nomenclature Session [of that Congress], Fungal Nomenclature Bureau, and Nominating Committee of the Fungal Nomenclature Session, respectively; and officers such as President, Rapporteur-général, and Vice-rapporteur (these specifically renamed Chair, Secretary, and Deputy Secretary, respectively) are to be understood as members of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau rather than the Bureau of Nomenclature (specifically, in subsections 1.1, 1.2, footnote to 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10, 4.11, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8; but not in subsections 5.3 and 5.4; and in 5.2, point (8) does not apply).

Who decides what proposals deal solely with fungi

8.2. The General Committee in consultation with the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi is responsible for deciding which proposals deal solely with names of organisms treated as fungi.

IMA rather than IAPT co-organizes the preliminary guiding vote

Replicate subsection 2.5 in section 8 with the following edits:

“8.3. A guiding vote on proposals to amend the *Code* relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi is organized by

the **Fungal Nomenclature Bureau of Nomenclature** in conjunction with the **International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT)** **International Mycological Association (IMA)** to coincide with the publication of the synopsis of proposals. No accumulation or transfer of votes is permissible in this vote. The following persons are entitled to vote:

- (1) Individual members of the **IAPT-IMA**;
- (2) **Individual members of organizations affiliated with the IMA**;
- (3) **Individual members of other organizations approved by Fungal Nomenclature Bureau**;
- (42) Authors of proposals to amend the *Code* relating solely to **names of organisms treated as fungi**;
- (53) Members of the **Permanent Nomenclature Committees for Fungi**.”

Timing of the Fungal Nomenclature Session

Replicate subsection 4.1 in section 8 with the following edits:

“8.4. The **Fungal Nomenclature Session** is part of an **International Mycological Botanical Congress** and meets prior to a plenary session of the Congress **at a time and with a duration to be determined by consultation between the International Mycological Association and the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau**.”

Function of the Fungal Nomenclature Session

Replicate subsection 4.3 in section 8 with the following edits:

“8.5. The **Fungal Nomenclature Session** has the following functions:

- (1) approves the previous *Code* **if amended at the last International Mycological Congress (in the circumstance where there has not been an International Botanical Congress since the last International Mycological Congress) as published as a basis for discussion by the Session, and otherwise utilizes the most recent published Code**;
- (2) decides on proposals to amend the *Code* relating solely to **organisms treated as fungi**;
- (3) appoints ad hoc committees to consider specific questions and report back to the **Session**;
- (4) authorizes Special-purpose Committees, with a specific mandate, **to deal with matters relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi**, to be appointed by the **Nomenclature Committee for Fungi in consultation with the General Committee** and report back to the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** of the next **International Mycological Congress**;
- (5) elects the ordinary members of the **Permanent Nomenclature Committees for Fungi**;
- (6) elects the **Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau Rapporteur-général** for the next **International Mycological Congress**;
- (7) receives the reports of the **Permanent Nomenclature Committees and Special-purpose Committees dealing with matters relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi**;
- ~~(8) decides on the recommendations of the General Committee.”~~

Election and role of Chair of the Fungal Nomenclature Session

Replicate subsection 4.6 in section 8 with the following edits:

“8.6. The **Chair President** of the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** is elected by the **Nomenclature Committee for Fungi** in

consultation with the General Committee prior to the **International Mycological Congress**. The **Chair President** chairs the debates and is responsible for their harmony and timely conclusion; recognizes and silences speakers; may end a debate; decides on procedural matters not covered in Div. III; and is authorized to move a resolution on behalf of the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** at a plenary session of the same **International Mycological Botanical Congress** that the decisions and appointments of the **Fungal Nomenclature Session in relation to matters solely related to names of organisms treated as fungi** be approved.”

Election and role of Deputy Secretary

Replicate subsection 4.9 in section 8 with the following edits:

“8.7. **In the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau, the Deputy Secretary** ~~The Vice-rapporteur~~ is appointed by the **Secretary Rapporteur-général** and approved by the **Nomenclature Committee for Fungi in consultation with the General Committee** no later than three years prior to the **International Mycological Congress**. The **Deputy Secretary** ~~Vice-rapporteur~~ assists and, if necessary, serves in place of the **Secretary Rapporteur-général**.”

Rapporteur-général invited to attend Fungal Nomenclature Session

8.8. The **Rapporteur-général** appointed for the **International Botanical Congress** that follows the **International Mycological Congress**, or an alternate appointed by that **Rapporteur-général**, is invited to attend the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** as a non-voting Advisor to the **Session**.

No institutional votes

8.9. When proposals relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi are dealt with in a **Fungal Nomenclature Session**, there are no institutional votes, and therefore sections 3, 7.5, and 7.10 do not apply. Each member of the **Session** has one personal vote. No accumulation or transfer of personal votes is permissible.

Decisions of the Fungal Nomenclature Session are binding

8.10. The decisions taken at the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** of an **International Mycological Congress** relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi, once accepted by a subsequent plenary session of the same Congress, are binding on the **Nomenclature Section** convened at the subsequent **International Botanical Congress**. Such decisions will, however, be open for any editorial adjustments deemed necessary by the **Editorial Committee**.

Communicating changes to the Code after an International Mycological Congress

Replicate subsection 6.1 with following edits:

“8.11. Certain publications, which may be electronic or printed or both, appear as soon as feasible after an **International Mycological Botanical Congress**, not necessarily in this sequence:

- (1) The Congress-approved decisions and elections of the **Fungal Nomenclature Session** including the results of the preliminary guiding vote;
- (2) The announcement of Special-purpose Committees and their membership;
- ~~(3) The new edition of the Code, including Appendix I and the Glossary;~~
- ~~(4) The remaining Appendices of the Code (App. II–VIII);~~
- ~~(5) A transcript of the Fungal Nomenclature Session.”~~

8.12. Where modifications to the *Code* have been authorized by a plenary session of an International Mycological Congress on a resolution moved by the Fungal Nomenclature Session of that Congress, such modifications should be inserted into any online version of the *Code* in such a manner that it is clear that the modifications originated from that International Mycological Congress.

[Note to Editorial Committee: should these changes be approved, the printed version of the *Code* should carry a note to mycologists to check the online version of the *Code* for any subsequent changes resulting from the Fungal Nomenclature Session of an International Mycological Congress.]

Changes to other subsections of Div. III

Addition of *IMA Fungus* as place to publish proposals to amend the *Code* solely relating to fungi

“1.4. The *Code* is provided with logistical and financial support by the International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT), which liaises with the Permanent Nomenclature Committees and the Bureaux of Nomenclature. The nomenclatural publications¹ required by Div. III are published as specified by the General Committee (currently in the journal *Taxon* **and for proposals to amend the *Code* relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi, the journal *IMA Fungus***).

¹ [footnote to 1.4] The nomenclatural publications required by Div. III include proposals to conserve and reject names or suppress works, requests for binding decisions, reports of Permanent Nomenclature Committees and Special-purpose Committees, proposals to amend the *Code* and a synopsis of these proposals, notices of institutional votes, and the results of the preliminary guiding vote and Congress-approved decisions and elections of the Nomenclature Section **or Fungal Nomenclature Session.**”

Editorial Committee to include a nominee of the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi

“7.4. The Editorial Committee comprises individuals who were present at the Nomenclature Section of the previous International Botanical Congress and includes at least one specialist in each of

vascular plants, bryophytes, fungi, algae, and fossils **and at least one individual nominated by the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi who attended the Fungal Nomenclature Session of the previous International Mycological Congress**; the Rapporteur-général and Vice-rapporteur of ~~that~~ **the previous International Botanical Congress** serve as Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Editorial Committee.”

One other minor change

In 7.8 change “Bureau” to “Bureaux”.

(363) Amend Division III of the *Code* so that the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi is elected by an International Mycological Congress.

In the proposed new Division III (Prop. 286) amend subsection 4.12 as follows:

“4.12. The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing lists of candidates to serve on the Permanent Nomenclature Committees **(with the exception of the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi)**, in consultation with the current secretaries of those committees, and to propose the Rapporteur-général for the next International Botanical Congress. The nominations of the Nominating Committee are subject to approval by the Nomenclature Section.”

Insert a new paragraph in section 4:

“4.new. The Nominating Committee of the Fungal Nomenclature Session is charged with preparing lists of candidates to serve on the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi, in consultation with the current secretary of that committee, and to propose the Secretary for the next International Mycological Congress. The nominations of the Nominating Committee are subject to approval by the Fungal Nomenclature Session.”

Insert a new paragraph in section 7, under Membership:

“7.new. The Nomenclature Committee for Fungi is elected by an International Mycological Congress and includes the **Secretary Rapporteur-général** and the **Deputy Secretary Vice-rapporteur** of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau as non-voting ex-officio members.”