

## NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE FOR FUNGI

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Dear Fellow CF members,

This email constitutes my first mailing to you as your new Secretary. It is a privilege to have been appointed by Chair Vincent Demoulin and approved by the General Committee to serve as Secretary of the Permanent Nomenclature Committee for Fungi. It is also an honor to join the ranks of such outstanding predecessors as Donald Rogers, M. A. Donk, Ronald H. Petersen, Richard P. Korf, and Walter Gams. I promise to do my best to merit the confidence placed in me and hope that Walter, who has retired as Secretary but not from the Committee, will provide helpful advice when needed.

This will be the last mailing for long-time members **Pers Magnus Jørgensen** and **Erast Parmasto**, whose resignations became effective with the close of the July Vienna Congress. We thank them for their long and devoted service to the Committee. Their nomenclatural insights definitely will be missed.

We also welcome the two members nominated and accepted by the Nomenclature Section on July 16:

Prof. **David L. Hawksworth**, Secretary of the ICBN Editorial Committee for the *Saint Louis Code* and member of the Editorial and General Committees since 1987, returns to the Committee for Fungi after a 12-year hiatus. A mycologist who focuses on ascomycetes (including lichens) and their anamorphs, Dr. Hawksworth now works from Spain as Editor-in-Chief of *Mycological Research*.

Prof. **Pei-Gui Liu**, whose specialty is the taxonomy of macrofungi, is new to the Committee. Prof. Liu is Deputy Director of the Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, in Kunming, Yunnan Province in the People's Republic of China. The attached résumé provides his brief academic background.

During Walter's 14-year tenure, the Committee has become quite proficient in deliberating by Email. I shall continue to rely on Email (or fax, when necessary) but will send materials by post when requested to do so. Letters, commentaries, reports, and references will be sent as PDF attachments. Ballots and rosters will be formatted in MS Word. Ballots may be returned by Email or Fax at your preference. Please notify me if you have problems opening PDFs or if you wish to receive copy in MSWord or Rich Text Format.

All Committee mailings will be numbered, which will help track missing or unanswered Emails. **CF Secretary Mail 1** contains the following attachments:

- (i) A copy of this *cover letter* [Letter 1\_50904.pdf],
- (ii) Our most recent *address roster* [CFadds50904.doc],
- (iii) *Member information* [CFmems50904.pdf],
- (iv) Prof. Liu's *résumé* [Liu50716.pdf],
- (v) My summary report on *Nomenclature Section actions* in Vienna [ICBNrep-norv50904.pdf], and
- (vi) Changes to the *St. Louis Code* to be included or edited by the Editorial Committee for the new *Vienna Code* [CodeRev\_norv50904.pdf].

[NOTE: For file names, I use date-based numerical prefixes or suffixes that follow the YMMDD format. This permits easy chronological sorts within file folders and quickly

identifies which unnumbered documents and files have been revised or replaced by later mailings.]

To reduce confusion, I will refer to the CF nomenclature discussions and proposal comments as ‘commentaries’. Commentary 1 will be sent for your input sometime in October. You are welcome to send comments regarding specific proposals or issues to me for inclusion in Commentary 1 before then, if you wish.

The Rapporteur-général John McNeill requests that we continue numbering our formal post-ballot formal reports with #14. Report 14 will summarize CF votes on the first post Congress ballot and be sent by the CF Secretary to the General Committee, probably sometime in early 2006.

Please update your address books using the newly revised roster (red = new/corrected data). Please check that your own information is correct. If necessary, I will send a corrected roster with Commentary 1.

Also, check your information on the ‘members’ file, including the date (or year) you were appointed to the CF and your mycological specialty. I will update or remove your web URL (which I found via Google) as you wish.

Please file all attachments for future reference. At this time, the only actions requested are to send me corrections of your personal information and send Walter your vote on *Laurera* (if you have not already done so). Thus far, Walter has received 11 responses regarding Prop. 1078, all confirming that conservation of the name *Laurera* with a conserved type is unnecessary. The Committee for Spermatophyta will be informed of our decision, but it is important for the six outstanding members who have not yet sent in their votes to do so immediately. The Committee’s final recommendation will be covered in my first formal report to the General Committee.

I would like also to take this opportunity to forward the sad news of the passing of two mycologists in August: Dr. John Krug of Canada and Prof. Keisuke Tubaki of Japan.

Warm regards,

Lorelei Norvell

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