

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE FOR FUNGI

CF Letter 6—Commentary 4, Ballot 2007-1 results, Sipman resigns, MSA symposium

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Dear Fellow CF members,

Commentary 4 lists eighteen published conservation proposals and one discussion item that require our input, of which 17 were presented on our first ballot (see below). Commentary 4 contains comments from ten members and two guests.

Ballot 2007-1 results are listed below. Additional details are included in the Commentary.

1708 [13 : 1 : 1 : 1 : 0] — 81%

1709 [16 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0] — 100% **to be retired**

1719 [14 : 0 : 0 : 2 : 0] — 88% **to be retired**

1730 [14 : 1 : 0 : 1 : 0] — 88% **to be retired**

1731 [14 : 0 : 0 : 2 : 0] — 88% **to be retired**

1732 [10 : 0 : 5 : 1 : 0] — 63%

1733 [11 : 2 : 2 : 1 : 0] — 69%

1734 [11 : 2 : 2 : 1 : 0] — 69%

1735 [10 : 2 : 3 : 1 : 0] — 63%

1738 [14 : 0 : 1 : 1 : 0] — 88%

1739 [15 : 0 : 1 : 0 : 0] — 94%

1740 [16 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0] — 100% **to be retired**

1741 [15 : 0 : 1 : 0 : 0] — 94% **to be retired** (*with note to correct orthography*)

1742 [11 : 1 : 4 : 0 : 1] — 69%

1743 [14 : 1 : 1 : 0 : 0] — 88%

1744 [14 : 1 : 0 : 1 : 0] — 88% **to be retired**

Ascomycota Cavalier-Smith: 11 feel the description is valid & no further discussion needed; 3 want additional discussion; 5 (some voting for additional discussion) abstained.

The General Committee will be informed that Proposals 1709, 1719, 1731, 1740, 1741, and 1744 have been accepted by the Committee. All other proposals are temporarily retained for further discussion. If no discussion of substance is submitted by July 28 on any remaining proposal, it will be retired based on Ballot 2007-1, as I would prefer a clean slate before the nomenclatural discussions to be held at the early August Mycological Society of America meeting.

Unless there is controversy regarding this plan of action received by June 15, I plan to draft our report for publication in *TAXON* that will note our decisions regarding both the above proposals and Props. 1078 & 1488, where our recommendations to reject remain unpublished. You will all have an opportunity to screen our report before I submit it formally to the General Committee, of course.

Our next ballot will be sent out in October, with a provisional due date for late December. Remember that comments on nomenclatural issues may be sent at any time. There will also be updated Commentary in the interim.

Harrie Sipman resigns: I regret to report that Harrie, who has served the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi well since 1993, resigned effective with his ballot return. This brings our membership to 15, the same number sitting before the Vienna Congress. Given that ours is still one of the larger nomenclatural committees (if not the largest), we do not plan to replace Harrie at this time. We wish Harrie a well-earned nomenclatural rest!

Members remaining are Lee Crane, Vincent Demoulin, Walter Gams, David Hawksworth, Teresa Iturriaga, Paul Kirk, Pei-gui Liu, Tom May, Jacques Melot, Lorelei Norvell, Shaun Pennycook, Christian Printzen, Scott Redhead, Svengunnar Ryman, and Dagmar Triebel. An updated membership is attached. Please notify me immediately to correct any mistakes.

CF now to be updated on CBS website: Thanks to Walter Gams for providing the name of the individual responsible for posting our discussions on the CBS website. I regret that email communication problems prevented our posting updated Commentaries for online view since 2005.

MSA symposium on fungal nomenclature: David Hawksworth will host a symposium entitled “Getting fungal nomenclature into top gear” on August 9, 2007, at the annual Mycological Society of America meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (USA). Tentative presentations include fungi under the ICBN, the feasibility of a strictly mycological code, MycoBank, Index Fungorum-> Species Fungorum, and (of course) Article 59. Tentative presenters are David and other CF members (Paul, Lorelei, and Scott), Pedro Crous (CBS), Vincent Robert (MycoBank), Amy Rossman (BPI, Beltsville, MD), and Keith Seifert (Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada).

Article 59 discussion on-going: Those interested in the current discussions regarding dual nomenclature of pleomorphic fungi should contact Scott Redhead (Secretary of the Special Committee) or connect to the CBS website to view on-going discussions.

Warm regards,

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Secretary, Nomenclature Committee for Fungi
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