

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE FOR FUNGI

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Dear Fellow CF members,

Walter Gams resigns: Walter, who served the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi so well since 1984 and served as its Secretary for twelve LONG years, resigned in August. We wish Walter an active and enjoyable retirement! His new address is Molenweg 15, 3743 CK Baarn, Netherlands, and his new Email address is <walter.gams@orange.nl>.

This brings our membership to 14, one below the number sitting before the Vienna Congress. Although we do not plan to replace Walter at this time, we will entertain names for replacements to forward to the General Committee for their consideration.

Remaining members are Lee Crane, Vincent Demoulin, 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.

Nomenclature Committee for Fungi Report: 14: Earlier this week, (January 29), all members who had voted on at least one of the ballots were sent the CF report draft to be sent to Taxon on February 6. As of this writing (February 2), I have received acknowledgments and corrections from ten members but have yet to hear from David, Harrie, Jacques, Teresa, and Vincent. This is a reminder that you should reply to me as soon as possible. (I apologize for moving Pei-Gui to Beijing in the first draft; his location has not changed and remains Kunming!)

Regarding the reported ballot results: As noted in Letter 6, Props. 1709, 1719, 1730, 1731, 1740, 1741, 1743 and 1744 were to be recommended as passed without controversy, while Props. 1708, 1733–1735, 1738, 1739 and 1742 were temporarily retained for further discussion until July 28. Only one or two comments were received before deadline and so an unofficial grace period was granted Vincent so that he would have time to comment. Props. 1708, 1733–1735 and 1738 are now listed as recommended. Props. 1732, 1739, and 1742, which have been retained for additional comment, do not appear in the report, although they all received over 60% majority to recommend on our 2007 May 1 ballot.

Commentary 5 lists seven published conservation proposals and three discussion items (*Ascomycota*, *Blastocladiomycota*, orthographical perplexities surrounding ‘rhiz’) that require our input. Props. 1769 (*Cortinarius speciosissimus*), 1770 (*Calvatia*), and 1792 (*Phaeographis*) are new to the Commentary. To share the all comments received after our last Commentary, I have included the full discussions on Props. 1708, 1719, 1733–1735, 1738, and 1741); these will disappear from Commentary 6. Commentary 5 contains new comments from six members and two invited guests (see below). In what has become a perennial secretarial whine, I note that current membership comprises 14 members, not 6

Placement and treatment of ‘guest’ and background information: Invited comments by non-members on proposals in need of unpublished data or additional background (such as those by Joe Ammirati and Ursula Peintner on Prop. 1769) now appear in a separate section preceding member comments.

Summaries: While preparing CF Report 14 this past week, I realized that short proposal outlines are a boon to secretaries in need of succinct summaries at report time. Therefore, I will briefly summarize all proposals in my comments, knowing full well I will be immediately corrected when I misread a situation. I hope this will also help direct our comments to a speedy conclusion with a minimum of controversy.

Ballot 2 will be sent out around **APRIL 1** accompanied by **Commentary 6**, with a provisional due date for May 1. Reminder: comments may be sent at any time.

Proposal PDFs now available for free download from Taxon: Download free PDFs of all nomenclatural conservation proposals from <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iapt/tax>

CF website: Our information on the CBS website <<http://www.cbs.knaw.nl/nomenclature/index.htm>> was last updated in April; Commentary 5, Report 14, and updated membership information should be uploaded sometime within the next two weeks. As we no longer have a CBS-affiliated member, we may need to explore an alternative website for our files. The only html coding needed is for the web page itself, as all our commentaries and other materials are now posted as PDF files. Please forward any suggestions for an alternative site (including the Email address of a willing webmaster) to me.

MSA symposium on fungal nomenclature: David Hawksworth, who hosted a series of nomenclatural symposia during 2007 in the US, Russia, Spain, and Brazil, reports on his findings in *Mycological Research* [111: 1363-1364]. Proceedings of the Mycological Society of America August 9 2007 symposium in Baton Rouge are tentatively scheduled for publication in *Mycotaxon* later in 2008.

Supporting documents: You all should have already received the draft of CF Report 14. With this mailing come the following files:

This file (Letter7_80202.pdf)

Commentary 5 (CF80202comm5.pdf)

Prop. 1769 background — phylotree (peintner80201orellani.pdf)

Blastocladiomycota background (Doweld2001excerpts.pdf)

2008 Membership roster (CFmember80202.pdf) [Changed information highlighted in yellow]

Warm regards,

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