

The International Association for Lichenology (IAL) Business Meeting, Asilomar, Monterey, California, 17 July 2008, passed the following resolution*:

Recognizing the need to make essential taxonomic information on newly described lichen-forming and lichenicolous fungi freely and promptly available without restriction, the IAL:

Endorses the establishment of MycoBank under the auspices of the International Mycological Association (IMA);

Encourages lichenologists to deposit information on newly recognized taxa in MycoBank; and

Urges editors of journals who have not yet done so, to consider making such deposits a condition of publication in a parallel manner to requiring sequence data to be deposited in GenBank.

* The Resolution was passed unanimously apart from a single vote against.