



A Further Example Proposed for Inclusion in Article 23

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NEWS AND NOTES

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR TROPICAL ECOLOGY

The International Society for Tropical Ecology was founded in 1960 for the promotion of the study of tropical ecology in all its aspects. The Society is managed by an Executive Committee. (President: Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta; Vice-Presidents: Dr. F. R. Fosberg & Dr. C. G. G. J. van Steenis; General Secretary: Dr. G. S. Puri; Zoology Secretary: Dr. M. P. Motwani; Honorary Treasurer: S. K. Jain and 12 members). Two symposia were organised under the auspices of the Society, one at Bombay and another at Allahabad. The Society is publishing a bulletin containing original research papers. It has about 200 members from different countries of the world. National Committees have been established already in some countries.

The Society has also published a proforma for the study of a Forest Ecosystem. This proforma, bulletins, membership forms and particulars are available from the General Secretary, I.S.T.E., 10, Chatham Lines, Allahabad.

Admission fee (Rs. 5.00; \$ 2.00; sh 15/—); Annual dues: personal membership (Rs. 15/—; \$ 5.00; £ 1/15/—) Institutions (Rs. 20/—; \$ 7.00; £ 2/10/—) Life membership (Rs. 200/—; \$ 70.00; £ 25/—).

COMMITTEE FOR SPERMATOPHYTA

The Committee for Spermatophyta decided on 24 October 1961 to co-opt as members Dr. N. HYLANDER from Uppsala, Sweden and Dr. R. C. BAKHUIZEN VAN DEN BRINK from Leiden, Netherlands.

A FURTHER EXAMPLE PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN ARTICLE 23

Article 23 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (1956) provides for the transcription of symbols forming part of certain specific epithets proposed by Linnaeus, but makes no provision for transcribing symbols in specific epithets proposed by other authors. Some might argue that all such specific epithets are not to be allowed, but in some cases at least, rejection would appear to be unnecessary when a simple transcription, analogous to those already normal practice in the case of Linnean specific epithets involving symbols, would make them acceptable.

A species of *Rubiaceae* with a name exemplifying such a post-Linnean specific epithet was published by Büttner in Verhandlungen des Botanischen Vereins der Provinz Brandenburg 31: 75 (1889) as *Leptactina Leopoldi* II [generic name *ibid.* cit. "*Lep-tactinia*"]. It is thought to be clearly the

intention of the code that the ordinal numeral portion of such a specific epithet should be transcribed into Latin, and a hyphen inserted between the two resulting words, complying with the method of treatment prescribed for specific epithets of two or more words in the same article viz. *Leptactina Leopoldi-secundi*. (It is irrelevant to the purpose of this note to comment upon the latinization of Leopold, and the originally-published form of this part of the specific epithet is followed).

It is proposed that the name of this species should be included (both in its original and transcribed forms) with the examples already given in Article 23, and that slight adjustment to the text of the article be made to permit this treatment of non-Linnean specific epithets.

I have consulted my colleagues Messrs. H. K. Airy-Shaw, J. P. M. Brenan and A. A. Bullock (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew); J. E. Dandy (British Museum); Dr. M. A. Donk (Leiden): all of whom have considered the matter, and uphold this view.

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CONCERNING A LEGAL DEMAND (Art. 32)

Dr. Heywood (1961) has just effected anew the combination *Leptogramma Pozoi*, based on *Hemionitis Pozoi* Lag. At the close of his account, he recalls that we had accomplished the same last year "but in an invalid form since he does not cite the basionym".

This statement does not seem very exact.

In accordance with our norms of conciseness, we placed (1960) at the beginning of the study alluded to: "**Leptogramma Pozoi** (Lag., *Genera et species* . . . : 33. 1816) Lainz, comb. nova". Since on that page of Lagasca there is, of course, no other *Pozoi* epithet, the basionym is "clearly indicated" (as demanded by Art. 32 of the Paris Code). And the reference is as "full and direct" as the proposals (Deighton 1958) accepted (under unpublished amendment) by the Montreal Congress demand.

If Dr. Heywood interprets the adverb "clearly" in the sense of formally (demanding the printing in full of the basionymic combination), it is evident that he is reading into the law what it does not say.

Our long series of publications (of some primary content) seems, further, fully documented and carefully written.

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BERBERIS AND MAHONIA

Botanists interested in *Berberis* and *Mahonia* will be glad to know that a new taxonomic revision of these genera has been published by The Linnean Society of London.

The author Dr. L. W. A. AHRENDT has surveyed both genera from a world wide standpoint, and his revision which runs to 410 pages is illustrated with 67 line drawings, and includes 51 maps showing the distribution of the groups, sections and subsections into which the genera are divided.

Copies available from General Secretary, Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W. 1. Price £ 4 (\$ 12.00).

TRANSFER OF LOCATION FOR TYPE SPECIMENS

Recommendation 8B under Article 8 of the Code (1956) suggests that the original material of a taxon be deposited in a permanent responsible institution. It is the conviction of the author that this institution also should be a center of botanical study where considerable botanical investigations are taking place. With this in mind, I have transferred the location of four type specimens, originally deposited in the herbarium of Southern Illinois University (SIU), to the herbarium of the Missouri Botanical Garden (MO).

Data for these specimens are:

Leguminosae

Sweetia handroi Mohl. Holotype. Collector:

O. Handro 445. Brazil: São Paulo, Moji-Guacú, Reserva Florestal (Fazenda Campinha). February 3, 1955. Isotype in SP.

Zornia echinata Mohl. Paratype. Collector:

B. Rambo 45113. Brazil: Rio Grande do Sul, Fazenda do Arroio p. Osorio. January 4, 1950.

Zornia pardina Mohl. var. *pardina*. Holotype. Collector: *B. Rambo* 56482. Brazil:

Rio Grande do Sul, Torres. January 19, 1955.