

(221–222) Two proposals on Recommendation 31B

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Bhattacharjee & al. (Prop. 014 in Taxon 63: 207. 2014) pointed out that authors generally do not have control over how dates of publication are indicated in periodicals and they proposed to insert the words “or editors” after the word “Authors” in Rec. 31B.1. However, in most cases, the date of publication is controlled by the publisher. On the other hand, the editors or the authors may at the same time be the publishers. Hence, I propose a small further amendment to extend this Recommendation to apply also to publishers.

(221) Amend Rec. 31B.1 as follows (new text in bold):

“*31B.1. Publishers or editors or* authors should indicate precisely the dates of publication of their works. In a work appearing in parts the last-published sheet of the volume should indicate the precise dates on which the different fascicles or parts of the volume were published as well as the number of pages and plates in each.”

At the XVIII International Botanical Congress in Melbourne in 2011, effective electronic publication of all nomenclatural acts was permitted on or after 1 January 2012. It is possible to indicate the precise date of effective publication for an electronic publication. I therefore propose to add a new paragraph after Rec. 31B.1.

(222) Add a new paragraph after Rec. 31B.1:

“*31B.2.* In electronic material, the precise dates (year, month, and day) of effective publication should be included.”

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