

(290–295) Proposals to amend Division III to create an “Editorial Committee for Fungi” and to shift the timing of appointment of the Deputy Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau

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After the Nomenclature Section of each International Botanical Congress (IBC) the Editorial Committee (elected at that Congress) is empowered to write the new version of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* arising from that Congress. The *Shenzhen Code* (Turland & al. in Regnum Veg. 159. 2018) introduced Div. III Prov. 8 that mandates the Fungal Nomenclature Session (FNS) of an International Mycological Congress (IMC) to approve alterations to Chapter F of the *Code*, the section that contains material solely related to names of organisms treated as fungi. An oversight in the new provision was a mechanism to formally establish the equivalent of the Editorial Committee, as far as having a committee to prepare the revised Chapter F after each IMC.

An attempt to rectify this omission, by making specific reference to an “Editorial Committee for Fungi”, was made via a proposal from the floor at the FNS of the San Juan IMC (Prop. F-010). However, at the FNS this proposal was withdrawn (May & al. in IMA Fungus 9(2): xxii–xxvii. 2018) after discussions made it clear that the proposal was most likely outside the mandate of the FNS – because the governance provisions in Div. III state that the FNS deals with “proposals relating to the content of Chapter F” but “excluding any other content”.

In order to proceed with production of the San Juan Chapter F, an ad hoc “Editorial Committee for Fungi”, as allowed under Div. III Prov. 5.2(e) and 8.1, was approved by the FNS of the San Juan IMC at the beginning of the FNS, prior to voting on individual proposals (May & al. in IMA Fungus 10(21). 2019). This “Editorial Committee for Fungi” produced the San Juan Chapter F (May & al., l.c. 2019).

The proposed changes enable formal approval of the “Editorial Committee for Fungi” as one of the suite of Permanent Nomenclature Committees under Div. III Prov. 7. The Editorial Committee for Fungi will make any necessary changes to the Chapter F arising from the FNS of an IMC. Proposed wording is based on existing provisions of Div. III, dealing with governance, following the principle adhered to in the original changes to Div. III in relation to governance of names of fungi (May in Taxon 65: 921–925. 2016) – which was to mirror existing procedures as closely as possible.

IBCs are normally held every six years while IMCs are normally held every four years. To reflect these different cycles, we also propose to alter the timing of appointment of the Deputy Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau from the current “no later than three years prior” to the IMC to two years prior, i.e. halfway through the time between IMCs. This change does not preclude the appointment being made earlier.

(290) Amend Div. III Prov. 4.12 and 4.13 as follows (new text in bold):

“4.12. The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing lists of candidates to serve on the Permanent Nomenclature Committees (with the exception of the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi **and the Editorial Committee for Fungi**; see Prov. 4.13), in consultation with the current secretaries of those committees, and to propose the Rapporteur-général for the next International Botanical Congress. The nominations of the Nominating Committee are subject to approval by the Nomenclature Section.”

“4.13. The Nominating Committee of the Fungal Nomenclature Session (Prov. 8.1) is charged with preparing lists of candidates **(a)** to serve on the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi, in consultation with the current Secretary of that Committee, **and (b) to serve on the Editorial Committee for Fungi**; and to propose the Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau for the next International Mycological Congress. The nominations of the Nominating Committee of the Fungal Nomenclature Session are subject to approval by the Fungal Nomenclature Session.”

(291) Amend Div. III Prov. 7.1 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text in strikethrough) and add two new provisions:

“7.1. There are ~~nine~~ **ten** Permanent Nomenclature Committees, including five specialist committees (clauses (ef)–(ij)):

(a) General Committee;

(b) Editorial Committee;

(c) Editorial Committee for Fungi;

(ed) Committee on Institutional Votes;

- (~~de~~) Registration Committee;
- (~~ef~~) Nomenclature Committee for Vascular Plants;
- (~~fg~~) Nomenclature Committee for Bryophytes;
- (~~gh~~) Nomenclature Committee for Fungi;
- (~~hi~~) Nomenclature Committee for Algae;
- (~~ij~~) Nomenclature Committee for Fossils.”

“7.4*bis*. The Editorial Committee for Fungi is elected by an International Mycological Congress and comprises individuals who should preferably have been present at the Fungal Nomenclature Session of the relevant International Mycological Congress and includes the Secretary of the Editorial Committee for this *Code*. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Session of the relevant International Mycological Congress serve as Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Editorial Committee for Fungi.” [Based on existing Prov. 7.4]

Renumber existing Prov. 7.5–7.11 accordingly.

“7.11*bis*. The Editorial Committee for Fungi is charged with the preparation and publication of Chapter F in conformity with the decisions approved by the relevant International Mycological Congress. It is empowered to make the editorial modifications specified in Prov. 7.11.” [Based on existing Prov. 7.11]

Renumber existing Prov. 7.12–7.15 accordingly.

(292) Amend Div. III Prov. 8.1 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text in strikethrough):

“8.1. For proposals relating to the content of Chapter F, which brings together the provisions of this *Code* that deal solely with names of organisms treated as fungi (but excluding any other content), exactly the same procedures outlined in Prov. 1–7 are to be followed except that in Prov. 1, 2, 4, and 5 mentions of International Botanical Congress, Nomenclature Section [of that Congress], Bureau of Nomenclature, ~~and~~ Nominating Committee, **and Editorial Committee** are to be replaced by International Mycological Congress, Fungal Nomenclature Session [of that Congress], Fungal Nomenclature Bureau, ~~and~~ Nominating Committee of the Fungal Nomenclature Session, **and Editorial Committee for Fungi**, respectively; and officers such as President, Rapporteur-général, and Vice-rapporteur (these specifically renamed Chair, Secretary, and Deputy Secretary, respectively) are to be understood as members of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau rather than the Bureau of Nomenclature (specifically in Prov. 1.1, 1.2, 1.4 footnote, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10, 4.11, **5.1**, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8; but not in Prov. 5.3 and 5.4; and the following clauses do not apply: Prov. 5.1(e) and (f) and Prov. 5.2(g)). **See also Prov. 4.12, 4.13, 7.1, 7.4*bis*, and 7.11*bis*.**”

(293) Amend Div. III Prov. 8.5 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text in strikethrough):

“8.5. The Fungal Nomenclature Session has the following functions:

[...]

(e) elects the ordinary members of the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi;

(f) elects the ordinary members of the Editorial Committee for Fungi;

(~~fg~~) elects the Secretary of the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau for the next International Mycological Congress;

(~~gh~~) receives reports of Special-purpose Committees dealing with matters relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi.”

(294) Amend Div. III Prov. 8.10 and 8.11 as follows (new text in bold):

“8.10. The decisions taken at the Fungal Nomenclature Session of an International Mycological Congress relating solely to names of organisms treated as fungi, once accepted by a subsequent plenary session of the same Congress, are binding on the Nomenclature Section convened at the subsequent International Botanical Congress. Such decisions will, however, be open for any editorial adjustments deemed necessary by **the Editorial Committee for Fungi after consultation with the Editorial Committee for this *Code*.**”

“8.11. Certain publications, which may be electronic or printed or both, appear as soon as feasible after an International Mycological Congress, not necessarily in this sequence:

(a) the Congress-approved decisions and elections of the Fungal Nomenclature Session including the results of the preliminary guiding vote;

(b) the announcement of Special-purpose Committees and their membership;

(c) **the new edition of Chapter F of this *Code*;**

(d) a transcript of the Fungal Nomenclature Session.”

(295) Amend Div. III Prov. 8.7 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text in strikethrough):

“8.7. In the Fungal Nomenclature Bureau, the Deputy Secretary is appointed by the Secretary and approved by the Nomenclature Committee for Fungi in consultation with the General Committee no later than ~~three~~ **two** years prior to the International Mycological Congress. The Deputy Secretary assists and, if necessary, serves in place of the Secretary.”