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## (127–135) Proposals to add new Provisions and Recommendations to Division III of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* related to virtual participation in the Nomenclature Section

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A Special-purpose Committee on Virtual Participation in the Nomenclature Section (NS) was established at the XIX International Botanical Congress in Shenzhen, China in 2017 (Wilson in *Taxon* 68: 160–162. 2019). The mandate of this Special-purpose Committee is “to investigate the possibility of and mechanisms for virtual participation and voting in the Nomenclature Section of an International Botanical Congress via the internet”. After discussing the concepts of virtual participation and voting, we have arrived at various suggestions, which are discussed in the accompanying report of the Committee (Landrum & al. in *Taxon* 70: 1399–1401. 2021).

We realize that virtual or online participation in the NS would be a significant change to the *International Code of nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* (Code, Turland & al. in *Regnum Veg.* 159. 2018) and can only be accepted as a change after its feasibility has been proven. Therefore, we are proposing that a trial be

conducted at the NS of the next International Botanical Congress. Nevertheless, we are formally proposing additions to Div. III of the Code that can be considered near the end of the NS if the trial proves successful.

#### (127) Add a new Provision to Div. III Prov. 4:

“4.new1. Interested individuals or groups are to be able to observe the Nomenclature Section of an International Botanical Congress online on the World Wide Web. The Organizing Committee of the International Botanical Congress in consultation with the Bureau of Nomenclature are together responsible for ensuring that this is implemented.”

#### (128) Add a new Provision to Div. III Prov. 4:

“4.new2. Individuals or groups without voting rights observing the Nomenclature Section online on the World Wide Web will not be charged for this service, or a small fee will be set at the discretion of

the Organizing Committee of the International Botanical Congress in consultation with the Bureau of Nomenclature.”

**(129) Add a new Provision to Div. III Prov. 4:**

“4.new3. Registered members of the Nomenclature Section (with voting rights) attending online on the World Wide Web (online members) will pay fees similar to those that they would pay if they attended in person.”

**(130) Add a new Provision to Div. III Prov. 4:**

“4.new4. Individuals desiring to be online members of the Nomenclature Section will register their intention to participate in advance of the Nomenclature Section, by a date to be determined by the Organizing Committee of the International Botanical Congress in consultation with the Bureau of Nomenclature.”

**(131) Add a new Provision to Div. III Prov. 5:**

“5.new1. Online members of the Nomenclature Section may accumulate and cast institutional votes just as in-person members (see Prov. 5.9(b)).”

**(132) Add a new Recommendation to Div. III Prov. 5:**

“*Recommendation 1.* The Nomenclature Section should take place in a country and place where broadcasting the Nomenclature Section on the web is possible and allowed.”

**(133) Add a new Recommendation to Div. III Prov. 5:**

“*Recommendation 2.* Local groups of non-voting observers, and members (online and in-person), of the Nomenclature Section are encouraged to meet together before and during the Section to facilitate discussion of proposals, including the results of the preliminary guiding vote (see Prov. 2.5).”

**(134) Add a new Recommendation to Div. III Prov. 5:**

“*Recommendation 3.* When proposals or amendments to proposals are introduced during the Nomenclature Section without having been published beforehand, voting on them should be delayed, to alert members (online and in-person) who may not be present for the whole Section.”

**(135) Add a new Recommendation to Div. III Prov. 5:**

“*Recommendation 4.* Written recognition for participation in the Nomenclature Section should be provided to members (online and in-person) by the Organizing Committee of the International Botanical Congress.”

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