

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

Minutes of general meeting at the XIX General
Assembly of IUBS, Bangalore, India, from
27th September - 2nd October 1976.

The Commission met first on 27th September and daily thereafter. The following were present at all or some of the sessions: Dr. W.D.L. Ride (President) in the Chair, Dr. Bayer, Dr. Bernardi, Dr. Corliss, Dr. Dupuis, Dr. Holthuis, Dr. Nye, Dr. Sabrosky, Dr. Welch, and the Secretary. Apologies were received from Dr. Binder, Dr. Brinck, Dr. Habe, Dr. Heppell, Dr. Kraus, Dr. Lemche, Dr. Mayr, Dr. Mroczkowski and Dr. Tortonese.

1. The following agenda was adopted:

- (1) Nomination of candidates for election to the Commission by the Section on Nomenclature.
- (2) Review of the By-Laws of the Commission.
- (3) The status of microform as publication.
- (4) Any other business.
 - (a) Financial support for the work of the Commission.
 - (b) Questions of policy concerning the 3rd edition of the Code.
 - (c) Format of the *Bulletin*.
 - (d) Functions and role of members of the Commission.

2. The President reminded the meeting that it was in his power to make procedural rulings, subject to challenge. Any such challenge, if seconded, would be discussed and voted on. He added that as no proposals for the amendment of the Code or the Constitution had been submitted to the Commission in time for presentation to the meeting, no motions of either kind could be received. Since the meeting was a general meeting under Article 11a of the Constitution, any other business could be considered.

3. *Nominations.*

The President said that the Commission had already agreed that the number of places to be filled should be the same as the number of retiring members, namely five, and stated that it would be well to send two nominations for each place to the Section on Nomenclature. The Council had already decided under Article 3b of the Constitution that the retiring members of the Commission (Kraus, Mayr, Ride, Sabrosky, Simpson) should be considered eligible for re-election. The following additional nominations had been received:

Dr. Karl Koopman (U.S.A. - Mammals)	}	(under Article 4c of the Constitution)
Dr. Boris Peshev (Bulgaria - Mammals)		
Dr. Walter Bock (U.S.A. - Birds)	(presented by Dr. Corliss)	
Dr. H.G. Cogger (Australia - Reptiles)	(presented by the President)	

Dr. V.A. Trjapitzin (U.S.S.R. - Hymenoptera)	}	presented by the Secretary
Dr. O.A. Scarlato (U.S.S.R. - Mollusca)		
Dr. J.H.O. Day (S. Africa - Polychaetes)		
Dr. J.A.J. Meester (S. Africa - Mammals)		
Dr. H.E.P. Paterson (S. Africa - population genetics)		
Dr. B.R. Stuckenberg (S. Africa - Diptera)		

As the President had been nominated for re-election, it was agreed that the preparation of the slate of 10 nominees should be conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Holthuis, Vice-President of the Commission.

4. Discussion of the nominations then began. It was agreed that five pairs of names should be presented, from each of which the Section on Nomenclature could elect one. It was further agreed that each pair should bring together, as far as practicable, candidates of similar specialities, so as to preserve the disciplinary balance of the Commission, and that the Commission should indicate its preference for one member of each pair (though this preference would in no way limit the freedom of choice of the Section on Nomenclature). The names of candidates who were already members of the Commission would be indicated by an asterisk. On a motion by Dr. Sabrosky, seconded by the Secretary, it was agreed as a matter of policy not to nominate candidates aged over 60 for election as new members of the Commission.

5. Dr. Ride and Dr. Sabrosky then withdrew while their cases were considered and Dr. Holthuis took the chair. It was decided that the first two pairs of nominees should be:

- (1) Sabrosky : Stuckenberg
- (2) Ride : Meester

6. The President then resumed the Chair. He informed the Commission of correspondence between himself and Professors Simpson and Mayr which he had initiated in view of the fact that neither, if elected, would be able to serve a full term. Noting this, and in view of the fact that Professor Simpson would reach the age of retirement in only one year, the Commission decided to nominate only Kraus and Mayr of the other retiring members. The meeting then proceeded to prepare the remaining three pairs of names by elimination, with the following result:

- (3) Kraus : Trjapitzin
- (4) Mayr : Bock
- (5) Cogger : Koopman

These decisions were re-examined and ratified at a later meeting and were forwarded to the Section on Nomenclature.

7. *Review of By-Laws.*

The President read out the definition of the By-Laws in Article 17 of the Constitution and explained that votes on matters connected with them would not be votes on matters of zoological nomenclature under Article 12 of the Constitution. In consequence, amendments to the By-Laws could be adopted and put into operation during the present meeting. Dr. Sabrosky was asked to choose the members of a small working party to examine the existing By-Laws and a draft revision prepared by the Secretary, and to produce a new draft.

8. The meeting then began a consideration of the By-Laws in order to identify the problems to which Dr. Sabrosky's working party would need to give

particular attention. These were listed as:-

I. *Commissioners : Nominations and Elections*

1. Possible different treatment for early interim and late interim vacancies.
2. Clarification of nomination by individuals (now implied) as well as by institutions and organisations (now provided for).
3. Provision in duties of Secretary for verification of essential data submitted for nominees, before submission to Commission.
4. Critical review of questions of national representation [cf. I.A. (b) and (d)]

II. *Officers and Council*

1. Review of method of election of officers (President and Vice-President), presently unwieldy.
 - a) Use of experience of the retiring members of Council?
 - b) Permissible re-election of President?
 - c) Discontinuance of automatic re-election of past-President and substitution of some other system for continuity?
 - d) Clarification of succession of V.P. to Presidency.
 - e) See III(2) below.
2. Voting by Councillors.
3. See III(4) below.

III. *Secretariat*

1. Retention of possibility that Secretary might not be a Commissioner.
 2. Should the Secretary, if a Commissioner, also be a Councillor?
 3. Should the Secretary also be Secretary of the Council?
 4. Should the President keep the Secretary informed of Council business? (Possibly solved by answer to No. 2 or No. 3).
 5. Evaluate III.B.4 of By-Laws and re-draft to make it more meaningful. (3 possible reports: to Council, IUBS and Commission).
9. At a later session, the Commission considered and, on a motion by Dr. Bayer, seconded by Dr. Sabrosky, unanimously adopted the revised By-Laws. The Secretary was instructed to circulate the new By-Laws, so adopted, to all members of the Commission, drawing attention to the right of any member to propose amendments to be voted upon by the Commission in a postal ballot. Any amendment, so proposed, seconded, and carried by a simple majority, would replace the existing provision - otherwise the By-Law adopted at Bangalore would stand. Drs. Bernardi and Forest would prepare a French text of the revised By-Laws.
10. Under the new By-Law IIB the Commission resolved, on a motion by Dr. Holthuis, seconded by Dr. Bayer, that the date of election of the next President, Vice President and two new members of Council should be 3 October 1977, so that the Secretary should seek nominations on 3 July 1977. Either, or both, of these dates could be varied by the Council at the request of the Secretary if proposals to amend the By-Laws were not fully resolved by that time.
11. The Commission noted that the electoral provisions for the President, Vice President and Council in the new By-Laws were adopted to provide for continuity in the work of the Council. The Secretary was instructed to prepare

consequential amendments to the Constitution to the extent necessary to achieve this object and to present them to the Council. These would be dealt with by the Commission for presentation to the Section on Nomenclature at the next General Assembly.

12. *Financial support for the work of the Commission.*

The Commission noted with pleasure the successful completion of the negotiations between the Secretary and IUBS on finding new sources of financial support for the work of the Commission. It recorded its special gratitude to the United States delegation for having proposed a motion, eventually adopted as a Resolution by the General Assembly of IUBS, whereby all member countries of IUBS were urged to subscribe annually to the Commission, on a voluntary basis, sums calculated on the same formula as that used for IUBS dues, but based on a unit figure of \$16.00.

13. *Format of the Bulletin; role of members of the Commission.*

These subjects, which had been placed on the agenda at the request of M. Dupuis, were not discussed, since he was unable to be present to introduce them. The President formally adjourned the meeting on Saturday 2 October at 10.30 a.m.

The Editorial Committee on the 3rd edition of the Code and its Glossary Working Party met under the chairmanship of the President on 2, 3, 4 and 5 October, with valuable assistance from those members of the Commission who remained in Bangalore. Complete drafts of the Code and the Glossary were available for study and much useful new work was done on them. The results, insofar as they entail alterations to the Code and Glossary, will be submitted to the Commission in due course.

R.V. MELVILLE
Secretary

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature,
London, 7 October 1976.*

*Minutes of the Section on Nomenclature of the Division
of Zoology of IUBS, Bangalore, India, 29 September 1976*

The Section met at 14.00 hrs. Dr. J.O. Corliss was voted into the Chair.

1. The Chairman said that the only business before the Section was the election of members of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. The slate of nominees presented by the Commission was as follows:-

1.	*Sabrosky	:	Stuckenberg
2.	*Ride	:	Meester
3.	*Kraus	:	Trjapitzin
4.	*Mayr	:	Bock
5.	Cogger	:	Koopman



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