

Topic: Binomial System of Nomenclature

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The present code and its main points

The present code is divided into three parts-

- i. Principles
- ii. Rules and Recommendations, and
- iii. Provision for the modification of the code.

In addition there are a few interesting appendices e.g. Names of hybrids and some special categories, nomina Familiarum Conservanda and Nomina Generica Conservanda ed Rejicienda.

Principles of International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, (ICBN)

I. Botanical nomenclature is independent of zoological nomenclature. The code applies equally to names of taxonomic groups treated as plants whether or not these groups were originally so treated (Plants do not include Bacteria).

II. Application of names of taxonomic groups is determined by means of nomenclature types.

III. The nomenclature of a taxonomic group is based upon priority of publication.

IV. Each taxonomic group with a particular circumscription, position, and route can bear only one correct name, the earliest that is in accordance with the rules, except in specific cases.

V. Scientific names of taxonomic groups are treated as Latin regardless of their derivation.

VI. The rules of nomenclature are retroactive unless expressly limited.

The Principles were laid down in 1983.