

## Proposed Modifications of Articles Concerning the Publication of Proposals to the Committee on Phylogenetic Nomenclature and Its Decisions on those Proposals

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When the *International Code of Phylogenetic Nomenclature (ICPN or PhyloCode)* (Cantino and de Queiroz 2020) was originally published in 2020, the International Society for Phylogenetic Nomenclature (ISPN) had not yet launched its journal, the *Bulletin of Phylogenetic Nomenclature (BPN)*. Consequently, the rules concerning the publication of both proposals to the Committee on Phylogenetic Nomenclature (CPN) and decisions by the CPN regarding such proposals were vague as to the publication outlet. They stated only that the proposals “will be published (Art. 4) and made available on a website administered by the ISPN” (Arts. 22.6, 22.9; p. 108) and that the decisions “will be published and announced on a website administered by the ISPN” (Arts. 22.7, 22.8, 22.11; pp. 108, 109). The *BPN* was launched in 2022. One of its main purposes is to publish both proposals to the CPN and decisions by the CPN regarding such proposals (see “Aim and Scope” on the journal’s website: <https://mapress.com/bpn/about/submissions>). Consequently, the wording of several parts of Article 22 need to be modified to indicate that the *BPN* is now the official outlet for the publications in question. I therefore propose the following modifications to the current wordings of Articles 22.6–22.11 (proposed deletions in ~~strikethrough~~; proposed additions in **bold**):

22.6. Applications for suppression or conservation of names, restricted emendations of definitions, and rulings on whether a proposed emendation is restricted or unrestricted must be submitted to the ~~CPN~~**Bulletin of Phylogenetic Nomenclature (BPN)**. Once ~~received~~**published in the BPN**, they will be ~~published (Art. 4) and made available on a website administered by the ISPN~~**considered submitted to the CPN**.

22.7. Decisions by the CPN to suppress or conserve names or to emend definitions must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the CPN. Decisions will be published ~~and announced on a website administered by the ISPN~~**in the BPN**, and the affected names will be annotated in the registration database.

22.8. Decisions by the CPN regarding interpretation of rules (in case of ambiguity) and the status of proposed emendations as restricted or unrestricted require approval by a simple majority of the CPN. Decisions will be published ~~and announced on a website administered by the ISPN~~**in the BPN**.

22.9. Proposed modifications of this code after its ratification and implementation must be submitted to the ~~CPN~~**BPN**. Once ~~received~~**published in the BPN**, they will be ~~published (Art. 4) and made available on a website administered by the ISPN~~**considered submitted to the CPN**.

22.10. Proposed modifications of this code after its ratification and implementation may not be voted upon until at least three months have elapsed from the date of their publication **in the BPN**, to allow for discussion by the systematics community and communication of opinions to the members of the CPN.

22.11. Decisions to modify the code after its ratification and implementation must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the CPN. Any decision adopted by the CPN will be published ~~and announced on a website administered by the ISPN~~**in the BPN**. Decisions take effect immediately upon publication.

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## Literature Cited

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