ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the last issue of *Blumea* in the traditional format. Starting with the next issue (54/1) *Blumea* will be printed on a larger page size, in line with an increasing number of journals. This allows the inclusion of larger tables or illustrations, a requirement for an increasing number of papers presenting analyses of large datasets.

Blumea will be better equipped to publish comparative and phylogenetic studies at higher taxonomical levels, and we will welcome the submission of these. However, we will also remain committed to the publication of basic taxonomical research with a strong focus on the moist tropics of America, Africa and Malesia.

To streamline our production process, we will adopt the format and layout of *Persoonia*, which uses A4-sized pages with two columns of text. We also ask all authors to adopt the style of reference used in *Persoonia* (see also the new Instructions for Authors, available on the website www.nationaalherbarium.nl/pubs/blumea):

For books, e.g.:
– Hillis WE. 1987. Heartwood and tree exudates. Springer Verlag, Berlin.

For chapters in a book, e.g.:
– Esau K. 1964. Structure and development of the bark in dicotyledons. In: Zimmermann MH (ed.), The formation of wood in forest trees: 37--50. Academic Press, New York.

For journals, e.g.:
– Bailey IW, Nast CG. 1945. Morphology and relationships of Trochodendron and Tetracentron, 1. Stem, root, and leaf. Journal of the Arnold Arboretum 26: 143--154.

This is basically the Vancouver style adopted by many biomedical journals (google "vancouver style of referencing"), except that for in-text references, including references to synonyms, we will continue to use the 'author date' style.

In addition, we expect that all references to web-based resources are supported by either a doi-specification, or a full URL accompanied by a date on which the URL was accessed.

We also adopt the rules for Appropriate Citation of Taxonomy as set out by Seifert et al. (2008). In practice, this means that we require proper citations for all of the following elements:

– All references cited in both the text and the synonymy-blocks.
– All DNA sequences, including those downloaded from GenBank. For these sequences, cite the studies for which the sequences were generated.
– All names referred to more than casually in the text or in appendices. Major taxonomic works or revisions used in establishing names for taxa mentioned in the paper should be cited. Thus, the mere use of a particular identification tool (Flora's, major

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revisions) for identifying material is to be considered sufficient reason to cite that tool.

A change in policy that has already been tacitly adopted is that we no longer publish Supplements. All accepted papers, small or large, will be included in regular issues of *Blumea*.

We trust that these changes will not have a negative impact on the number and quality of the manuscripts submitted to *Blumea*, and we invite all readers to continue to submit their manuscripts to *Blumea*.

Reference

Seifert KA, Crous PW, Frisvad JC. 2008. Correcting the impact factors of taxonomic journals by appropriate citation of taxonomy. Persoonia 20: 105.

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