

Resolution voted on by the Symposium on “Modernising the nomenclatural codes to meet future needs of scientific communities (BioCode)” (majority vote – no votes against, no abstentions)

Recognising that the understanding and conservation of Life on Earth is impossible without precise and widespread communication about all kinds of organisms, and that such communication requires a universally accepted mechanism of scientific naming of these organisms;

Considering the mandate conferred by the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) to the International Committee on Bionomenclature (ICB), to find ways and means to coordinate the differing mechanisms of the naming of organisms;

Recognising that the draft of a new *BioCode* (*BioCode 2011*) produced by the ICB is a welcome and useful framework to further the understanding and coordination of these mechanisms;

Noting that a *BioCode* as proposed does not engender conflict with, but complements the existing mechanisms for the naming of organisms (the special *Codes*);

The members of the International Organisation for Systematic and Evolutionary Biology (IOSEB), at the plenary meeting of the VII International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology (ICSEB VII) in Berlin, 26 February 2011, following the majority vote of the Symposium on “Modernising the nomenclatural codes to meet future needs of scientific communities (BioCode)”;

- Appreciate and commend the efforts of ICB in drafting the document *BioCode 2011*;
- Empower the ICB to produce a revised version of this document after consultation with the community and others via publicly and widely available means;
- Instruct the ICB submit the revised document to the IOSEB Council in early 2012 for approval and further dissemination;
- Request the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) to endorse these actions;
- Encourage all interested parties, institutions and societies to co-operate in promoting the implementation of a coordinated and simplified biological nomenclature for the future.