

Nomenclature Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

Information Items:

(1) Continuing the discussion on the importance of type specimens in describing new species of mammals, the Nomenclature Committee recommends that authors who propose a new species-level name in manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Mammalogy* present that evidence to their peers based on a type specimen. We strongly recommend that the Journal Editor and the Associate Editors adhere to this proposal for the sake of good science in our journal and in our Society. Sergio Solari is preparing a short note expressing the point of view of the Committee in this regard, which we plan to submit to the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

(2) The Committee received a letter from the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) asking the ASM to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation, thereby supporting the overall aim of the Commission, that of promoting “Standards, Sense and Stability for animal names in science”. The ICZN is trying to build up a critical mass of support from users of ICZN products and services.

(3) The Committee continues to receive requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items:

(1) To discuss the concept of the type specimen with the Journal Editor and Associate Editors, the Nomenclature Committee is requesting adherence to the practice of having type specimens in species descriptions published in the Journal.

(2) The Committee recommends that the ASM President, as the representative of the Society, signs the ICZN Affiliates Memorandum of Cooperation.

(3) Request \$250.00 in support of the AAZN.

Respectfully submitted,

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