

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) Sergio Solari has prepared a short note, “The importance of type specimens in the descriptions of new species of mammals” and plans to submit it to the *Journal of Mammalogy*.
- (2) President Bob Timm has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with ICZN, thereby giving ASM support to 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 has been reviewing the nomenclature of manuscripts with new species descriptions for the Editor of the *Journal of Mammalogy* (since 15 June 2007).
- (4) The Committee along with the Nomenclature Committee of the International Federation of Mammalogists has been reviewing the nomenclature for *Mammalian Species* (10 reviewed, 2 in review).
- (5) The Committee continues to receive requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items:

- (1) To continue working with the Editor of the *Journal* and the Editor of *Mammalian Species*.
- (2) Request \$250 for renewal of support of the AAZN.

Respectfully submitted,

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