

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CODE

Edited by John McNeill & Nicholas J. Turland

(001) Proposal to require prior deposition of typesRoy Mottram¹ & Root Gorelick²

¹ *Whitestone Gardens, Sutton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 2PZ, England, U.K. roy@whitestn.demon.co.uk (author for correspondence)*

² *Department of Biology, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6, Canada*

(001) Add the following sentence to Art. 37.7:

“On or after 1 Jan 2012, such a type must be lodged as specified no later than the effective publication date of the new taxon.”

A number of cases have come to light where holotype specimens have not been deposited until after publication, occasionally well after, and sometimes accompanied by a reprint of the actual published paper. Clearly in such cases,

there is an interval of time during which a new taxon description has been published but no type specimen is extant, and the taxon is therefore technically not validly published until deposition has been achieved (Art. 45.1).

This proposal allows such examples to be recognised as validly published before 2012, but not so after that date unless deposition has taken place before or at the date of publication of the new taxon, thereby completing all the conditions of valid publication simultaneously.