

Attendees: Catherine Reeb (CR), Matt von Konrat (MvK), Juan Carlos Villarreal (JCV) & Chris Cargill (DCC)(minutes); Jessica Budke; Boon Chuan; John Brinda (guest); Mereia Tabua; Masaki Shimamura; Juan Larraín

Agenda

CR: Introduced the meeting by saying that the executive decided to have regular meetings with the IAB council to involve the members and the energise the group. These meetings will try to be regular and there hopefully will be one before the IBC in Madrid

1. How the IAB community can help in the development of geographical lists of taxa around the project developed by John Brinda 'the bryophyte nomenclator' or 'bryonames' (<https://www.bryonames.org/>). (John Brinda)

John gave an overview of bryonames and what he is hoping to achieve with involvement from the IAB community. What he is wanting is IAB to help to co-ordinate and facilitate lists from countries or regions to add to the bryonames world list.

JCV suggested a template to be sent around to potential participants to give them an idea of how to contribute their data.

CR: Will take this request to council to vote on and if positively received, John suggested a sub-committee formed to co-ordinate people in countries to contribute data.

2. The development of Bryological Times; Mereia has enthusiastically taken over the editing of our newsletter. The new guidelines for authors can be found at <https://bryology.org/publications/bryological-times/>. (Mereia Tabua)

Mereia summarised that there are 2 deadlines for issues of BT. For the 1st edition the deadline for submissions is the 31st March for a 20th June publication of BT

2nd deadline is the 30th Sept for all submissions for a 20th December publication of BT.

If submissions are slow, a request for articles will be sent out via Bryonet.

Guidelines for articles, photos etc has been put up on the IAB website by MT, who has tried to be flexible with the format to be followed. It has also been suggested that contributors be able to submit in their native language and then also have it translated into English.

3. CR noted that we have a new webmaster who started a few weeks ago – Fia Bengtsson from Norway to replace Rafael Medina who was unable to continue due to other pressing commitments. Rafa has done a great job for IAB over the past few years.

4. Update about the edition of Bryophyte Diversity and Evolution (Catherine Reeb)

The exec had been looking for a new editor-in-chief to replace Michael Stech who was wanting to step down but had been unsuccessful. However, Michael proposed to stay on until the end of 2025, which was great news.

The Exec had come up with several options with regards to the future of the journal.

We will still need to revisit the future of the journal in a years' time and discuss with Magnolia Press about the possibility of ceasing the journal altogether.

MvK asked if we wanted to have another special issue this year and if so, we need to put it out there around now as it will take the remainder of this year to prepare and publish another special issue. Matt had suggested building on the momentum of the success of the Women in Bryology project and have a special issue devoted to Women in Bryology. CR suggested a special issue devoted to Bryology in Developing Countries supported by JCV. These need to be decided upon now.

5. Questions or proposals from Council members. CR opened the forum up to the council members. Are they wanting regular meetings, should we have another meeting before the next meeting at the IBC in Madrid?

It was agreed that we should have another meeting in June.

6. CR suggested a discussion after the IBC on having bryological discussions along the Canadian model sometime in the future.

Meeting closed at 9.10AM (AEST)