The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) proposes to conduct a five-day course on Botanical Nomenclature, for the benefit of Scientists, Teachers, Research Fellows, and Researchers in India at Shillong from 27 to 31 January 2020. Dr. Kanchi N. Gandhi, the Senior Nomenclatural Registrar at the Harvard University Herbaria, U.S.A., will be the Course Director. Dr. Gandhi has rich experience in teaching, curation of vascular plant specimens and field study in tropical, subtropical, and temperate regions. He has substantial knowledge on the floras of southern India and southern United States. Since 2000, Dr. Gandhi serves on the Board of Directors of the Flora of North America (FNA) Association and as the Nomenclature Editor and Etymology Editor for the FNA vascular plant families; he also serves on the editorial board of a few journals such as Taxon, Rhodora, and Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, as a Collaborator for the Index Nominum Genericorum-Plantarum, and as the Manager of the International Plant Names Index-Harvard. He is one of the three recipients of the “Distinguished Service Award” given during 2009—present by the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. Dr. Gandhi has served as the Director of four Nomenclature Workshops organized by the BSI at Kolkata (2013), Pune (2017), and Coimbatore (2019), and by the University of Campinas, Brazil (2018). Furthermore, Dr. Gandhi also taught a 3-day course at Calcutta University (2017) and a 1-day course at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University (2017), at Baroda University (2019), and at St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai (2019). This Botanical Nomenclature Course aims to understand/learn the basics in plant nomenclature and also to clarify nomenclatural doubts and queries.

This Botanical Nomenclature Course will cover the subject items, viz. An historical overview of botanical nomenclature from pre-Linnaeus to the Shenzhen Code of Botanical Nomenclature, Discussion of the entire Code - Article by Article, Emphasis on validity of publication and Problem-solving individually and in groups.

The course fee will be Rs. 3500/- (Rupees Three Thousand five hundred only) per person to meet the expenditure of the teacher, tea and working lunch. BSI will try to be helpful in finding accommodation but payment has to be done by the candidates. Interested candidates should send their brief Curriculum Vitae with contact details to Dr. Nripemo Odyuo, Scientist ‘D’ & Head of Office, Botanical Survey of India, Eastern Regional Centre, “Woodlands” Laithumkrah, East Khasi Hill District, Shillong – 793 003, Meghalaya [Mobile No.: 7005083467; E-mail: nripemo@gmail.com] with a copy marked to Dr. P. Lakshminarasimhan, Retd. Scientist ‘E’, Western Regional Centre, Botanical Survey of India, 7-Koregaon Road, Pune – 411001, Maharashtra & Coordinator [Mobile No.: 9831460342; E-mail: lakshminarasimhanp@yahoo.co.in] on or before 15th November, 2019 for registering their names. Participants are encouraged to bring nomenclatural problems that they have encountered for review and evaluation by the group during the course.

Note: The course is open to a limited number of participants and will be filled on a First-come, First-served basis. Priority will be given to candidates who are actively engaged in Plant Taxonomic Research.

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His lectures will cover historical overview of botanical nomenclature from pre-Linnaeus to the Shenzhen Code, review of the physical structure of the Shenzhen Code, and discussion on the entire Code article by article, with special emphasis on validity of publication and solving nomenclatural problems of the participants.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

27-1-2020
1st lecture: An overview of nomenclature from pre-Linnaeus to the Shenzhen Code

2nd lecture: Review of the physical structure of the Shenzhen Code

3rd lecture [Preamble, Ranks and Names of Taxa (appropriate Articles 1 – 5 and 16 – 28 of the Shenzhen Code)]

Problems: Discussion

28-1-2020
4th lecture [Status, Typification, Starting Points, Conservation, Sanctioning (Articles 6 – 15 of the Shenzhen Code)]

5th lecture [Effective Publication; Validity of Names Part I (Articles 29 – 39 of the Shenzhen Code)]

Problems: Discussion

29-1-2020
6th lecture [Validity of Names Part II] (Articles 40 – 45 of the Shenzhen Code)]

7th lecture [Authorship Citation (Articles 46 – 50 of the Shenzhen Code)]
Problems: Discussion

30-1-2020

8th lecture [Rejection of Names-I (Articles 51 – 53 of the Shenzhen Code)]

9th lecture [Rejection of Names-II (Articles 54 – 59 of the Shenzhen Code)]

Problems: Discussion

31-1-2020

10th lecture [Orthography (Articles 60 – 62 of the Shenzhen Code)]

11th lecture [hybrid names]

12th lecture [Fungal Code]

Bibliography
