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Dear Dr Jałoszyński *et al.*,

Through Dr. Jan Tol of Naturalis, I was made aware of a letter being prepared to the attention of the Board of our University, concerning the publications of our research analyst Mr (not Dr.) Makhan and discussed with the Director of the Department of Biology.

Although we were aware of Mr. Makhan's hobby, we did not know that objects were being requested 'officially' through our Institute. I was also not aware that Mr. Makhan was listed as entomologist on our website. I have asked our webmaster to correct this and this has happened yesterday.

Mr. Makhan's tasks here at Utrecht University are strictly in the realm of wood anatomy, and ,even there, not in the science of it but the technical support. In the two years I have been acting chair of Plant Systematics I have refused to put any of the publications in our official publication lists, as I feel they are not our core business and we have no control over their quality. To avoid any further confusion I have told Mr. Makhan this morning that he is no longer permitted to use the address of our Institute for loan requests nor publications, and to conduct this hobby completely from his home address. He has agreed to do this.

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