

Miscellanea

Committee of Taxonomy and Nomenclature

During the inaugural meeting of SEL in Bonn it was decided that a Committee on Taxonomy and Nomenclature should be formed to give advice and information to SEL members. The tasks of this committee have been the subject of much debate. Now there is general agreement on the following tasks:

(1) to answer questions and render assistance in finding solutions to difficult problems in the field of taxonomy (e. g., problems of "modern" taxonomic categories, superspecies, etc.) and nomenclature put forward by SEL members. Identifications, however, cannot be undertaken; the SEL members are referred to the membership list where the specialty of each SEL member is indicated. If the members of the committee are unable to deal adequately with the problems propounded, they will contact other specialists who are more competent with regard to the relevant problem.

(2) to submit to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) the opinion of the Committee on nomenclatural problems, and to assist SEL members in the preparation of applications they wish to present to ICZN.

(3) to inform SEL members of opinions, decisions and publications by ICZN. As the publications of ICZN are not easily available to many SEL members, information on opinions and decisions concerning Lepidoptera will from time to time be listed in *Nota lepidopterologica*.

Although not pertinent to its tasks the committee will also encourage the development of unified systems for labels and for abbreviations of European museums used in publications.

Questions can be posed directly to one of the members of the committee or to the chairman of the committee, who will take care of forwarding. If the committee considers a question to be of general interest, it will be noted in *Nota lepidopterologica*.

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