

Contributions to the Discussion on Electronic Publication VI

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As co-editors of *Journal of Natural History*, one of the leading publishers of taxonomy and nomenclatural acts in zoology, we would like to make a comment and recommendation regarding the acceptance of electronic-only publication of such acts. We fully support the Commission's pioneering work in proposing an amendment to the Code, as published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, *Zootaxa* and several other journals in October 2008. We are in full agreement that electronic-only publication of such acts must be allowed following the adoption of this amendment. There is no question that in just a few years hard copy publication of *Journal of Natural History* will cease altogether, as is the case with several existing journals. We also agree that mandatory registration of all electronic-only published acts in the ZooBank register should be required before any such acts can be considered valid. As co-editors, we are more than willing to implement mandatory registration on all acts published in this journal. We would hope that retrospective registration of all previous acts back to 1758 will follow shortly. We strongly support the adoption of this amendment and encourage rapid action to implement the amendment into the current Code.