Editorial

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity and to reflect this the cover design for Volume 65 highlights the vast wealth of plant and fungal diversity found in the tropics. Kew has a major focus on the tropics and Kew Bulletin particularly welcomes papers dealing with tropical plant diversity.

Kew Bulletin continues to 'evolve' and we are introducing further enhancements to the journal this year. We have widened the scope of the journal to include papers on conservation, where relevant to plant and fungal taxonomy and systematics. Conservation status is already included in taxon accounts and it is felt that a broader conservation remit will enhance the journal's attractiveness to both reader and author alike.

We have also been considering the need for rapid publication of papers and, at the same time, it is appreciated that many authors would like their paper to be available online prior to it appearing in print. To enable this we are now processing manuscripts for online publication as soon as the final proof has been approved. There will be a continuous flow of papers

through online publication, while the print issues will continue to be published four times a year. It will be assumed that a paper will appear online first, unless an author indicates otherwise during the manuscript review process.

A further enhancement is the introduction 'IPNI Identifiers' into papers. These will provide an internet link to an entry in the International Plant Names Index (IPNI) and will enhance the speed of publication of new names and combinations in IPNI. Authors will see the IPNI Identifier in the final proof in the form '<http://www.urn.lsid:ipni.org:names:nnnnnnn-n>' placed just below the protologue.

Finally, in response to the many requests we have received, authors are now offered a choice of a free pdf or reprints.

Thank you for your continued support of Kew Bulletin.

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