

PRINCIPLES OF PRIORITY

Priority: Dealt in Art no. 11-12 & along with the limitations of the principle of priority dealt in Art. No. 13, 14 & 15.

Limitations:

- Starts from 1 May, 1753
- Pre-linnaean name rejected (excepting the names used by Linnaeus)
- Major Works of Taxonomic group by an author.

Priority means whenever a taxon is provided with different names, given by different authors at different times, according to the date of publication, the earliest published name is considered as correct name. So, priority is provided to the earliest published names on the other hand the later published name do not get priority for different taxonomic ranks from genus, species, infra-specific ranks etc. For the families the later published names are known as *nomina alterna* or Alternate names. For the rank above family no principles of priority will be applied.

This is considered based on the Principle IV of the CODE as followed as “*Each family with a particular circumscription, position and rank can bear only one correct name, the earliest except specified cases.*” Special exception is made for 9 families and 1 sub-families, for which alternate names has been provided.

However, the use of separated name, for the use of form-taxa of fungi & Morphotaxa of fossil plants will allow.

Thus the rules of priority is always considered based on the dates of publication for the consideration of correct names.

Limitations of Principal of Priority:

Dealt in Art. No. 13-15;

It is considered that valid publication of names for plants of different taxonomic group is treated as beginning at the following dates from which the date the names of the taxa will be considered as the starting point of nomenclature of the taxa-

The starting points of the names of the taxa of different taxonomic group based on the major work(s) published by the author(s) for that date of taxonomic group.

CODE has provided two distinct group- A. Non Fossils Plants and B. Fossils Plants, to provide the date from which the nomenclature will be accepted.

A. NON FOSSILS

Taxonomic group	Dates of Limitation	Major Works Published	Authors
a) Spermatophyta	1 st May, 1953	Species Plantarum, Edn.1	Carl Linnaeus
b) Musci (except Sphagnaceae)	1 st Jan, 1801		
c) Spagnaceae & Hepaticae	1 st May, 1753	Species Plantarum (Edn.1)	Carl Linnaeus
d) Desmidiaceae (<i>Sensu lato</i>)	1 st Jan, 1848	Brittish Desmidieae	Ralfs

B. FOSSILS PLANTS

a) All groups	31 st Dec, 1820	Flora der Vorwelt Versuch vol 1: 1-24; t- 1-13	Sternberg
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