Editorial

Systema Dipterorum, the database that maintains the names of all Diptera worldwide (Evenhuis & Pape 2021), enters only published information into its records. However, there are many instances when a novel nomenclatural act is need for proper treatment of names (e.g., multiple original spellings requiring First Reviser action, preoccupied names, genus-group names lacking a type species designation, genus-group names lacking included species, etc.).

Often, this is taken care of in subsequent articles, revisionary studies, etc. This makes sense for nomenclatural acts that are taxonomically significant and may require study of a number of taxa involved before an act can be proposed. However, other nomenclatural actions we feel can be proposed outside of the taxonomic realm and proposed separately or with very succinct justification*.

As such, we offer here a new series, Systema Dipterorum Nomenclatural Notes, as a medium for specialists to publish short notes that help fix names and nominal taxa by First Reviser actions, new replacement names, designating types, proposing new junior synonyms, etc. Any worker wishing to submit articles should contact the editors for further information. All submitted manuscripts undergo peer-review. All nomenclatural acts made in this series are registered with ZooBank.

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*We understand that this has been done by some non-specialists in the case of new replacement names for homonymous genus-group names and, although such action is not disallowed by the ICZN Code (1999), we do not condone this and prefer that these actions be done by qualified workers who understand the taxonomy and/or nomenclature of the group in question.