

Literature on Mimosoideae

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I am seeking members feedback about the 'Literature on Mimosoideae' section of the Bulletin. Because of the sheer volume of botanical literature, it is becoming quite expensive and time-consuming to try to compile a comprehensive listing of references each year. Moreover, there are other reference sources such as The Bean Bag and Kew Record of Taxonomic Literature, as well as databases such as BIOSIS, CAB and Agricola, which provide this information in varying degrees of completeness.

How useful do you find the 'Literature on Mimosoideae'? Do you want to see it continue, perhaps in a less-ambitious scale? If you believe it should continue, I would welcome your suggestions as to the range of genera we should try to cover (currently in excess of 30) and the type of material, e.g. mainly taxonomic/biological, or should we also continue to include papers on applied aspects such as chemical studies and uses as field crops, fodder, food etc.

If the responses are favourable, we will need to look for some funding to carry on the work. In the meantime, could I also have suggestions about the appropriateness of the subject topic headings we currently use (below). Can we combine some of these, or delete some or even add some more, bearing in mind that if we try to reduce the scope of our coverage, we may need to look at a simpler set of headings.

- (a) anatomy, phytodermology
- (b) biology : pollination, parasitism, germination
- (c) chemistry
- (e) ecology, including physiological and phytogeographical aspects
- (g) genetics, cytology
- (i) interrelationships with insects and other animals, but see also (m)
- (m) morphology - special features such as galls, nectaries, nodules, seedlings
- (p) palynology, paleobotany
- (ph) physiology, biotechnology
- (s) general taxonomy - evolution
- (ap) applications

I welcome all suggestions and can be contacted at the addresses given above.