

BOTANICAL LATIN WORKSHOP

PROPOSED TO BE ORGANISED BY BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN JANUARY 2011

Postgraduate students and researchers in Plant Systematics, Plant Taxonomy and allied fields are often faced with the problem of understanding original Latin diagnoses and descriptions published during 17th and 18th centuries. Researchers who discover new species of plants need to publish Latin diagnoses. The purpose of the Botanical Latin Workshop is to enable students, academics and researchers in Botany to read botanical Latin literature and write botanical diagnoses. **Professor Thomas V Jacobs** has been a Full Professor of Botany, Chairman of Department, Director of School and Dean of the Faculty of Science. Apart from his qualifications in Science (BSc, MSc, PhD), Professor Jacobs has a Masters degree in Philosophy and Classics. After having retired from UNISA, he currently lectures in Philosophy, Biblical Greek and Biblical Latin at St John Vianney Theological Institute, Pretoria. He has presented Botanical Latin Workshop four times, in different parts of the world, viz. Vienna, Bangalore, Pretoria and Cape Town, to the satisfaction of postgraduates and researchers in Botany.

The Botanical Latin Workshop will cover topics such as the relevance of botanical Latin, Latin nouns and declensions, adjectives and participles, adverbs, numerals, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, parts of verbs used in botanical Latin; botanical Latin vocabulary, Greek alphabet, Greek vocabulary, standard abbreviations, examples of some Latin descriptions and diagnoses, and how to write a Latin diagnosis.

Therefore, the Botanical Survey of India proposes to conduct one week long intensive course on Botanical Latin at Botanical Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, TNAU Campus, Lawley Road Post, Coimbatore 641 003 **starting from 12th January, 2011 tentatively**. Course fee will be Rs. 1000/- (rupees one thousand only) per head to meet the expenditure of the teacher, tea and working lunch. The course fee can be paid at a later date. **Interested taxonomists** may please send their brief Curriculum Vitae, contact details etc. and **register names with Dr. P. Lakshminarasimhan**, Scientist D, Central National Herbarium, Botanical Survey of India, P.O. Botanic Garden, Howrah 711 103 [Email id: lakshminarasimhanp@yahoo.co.in] on or before 15th July, 2010 for further processing.

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