

CPB Memorandum of Understanding on principles for research loans between natural history collections

Paragraph 1 PURPOSE

The signers of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have decided that a coordinated international effort is needed to raise and harmonize the community standards of collection management and curation and to aim for European natural history collections to become efficient and integrated infrastructures in order to ensure long-term preservation of cultural heritage and access to a fundamental research infrastructure. One of the essential elements involved is to improve and harmonize procedures for research loans of collection material.

Paragraph 2 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Participant: Any institution or organisation that has signed this MoU and has expressed its intention to observe the provisions herein.

Collections Policy Board: working group of heads or directors of collections of natural history institutions under CETAF.

CETAF: Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities: the international non-profit association under Belgian law (AISBL).

Paragraph 3 GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to progress toward a transnational entity by encouraging durable integration of the most important European taxonomic institutions, forming the nucleus of excellence around and from which institutions and taxonomists can integrate their activities.

Paragraph 4 AGREEMENT

Where not bound by other agreements or institutional policies, the Participants will implement and work according to the policies, principles and standards for research loans as given in the document "Principles for research loans between natural history collections".

Paragraph 5 COLLECTIONS POLICY BOARD (CPB)

The Collections Policy Board will be the forum in which all matters relating to this MoU will be discussed.

Paragraph 6 AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES

6.1 Paragraph 4 of this MoU and underlying document as stated there may be amended to support textual improvements, updating of nomenclature or any other minor change which does not alter the original intention of the paragraph. Any more substantial changes should be effected by termination of this MoU and its substitution with another.

6.2 An amendment to the text of the MoU or underlying document is proposed to the Executive Secretariat of the CPB by a Participant. The proposal is circulated among the CPB and the Participants. Taking into account comments received, the Executive Secretariat of the CPB issues a recommendation within 6 weeks of the original proposal. The amendment is coming into effect by unanimous vote of the Participants.

Paragraph 7 ASSOCIATION AND DISASSOCIATION OF PARTICIPANTS

7.1 Association of Participants

Association with this MoU is open to all CPB partners and to any other institution or organisation that may assist CPB to achieve its goals outlined in this MoU. Such association becomes effective upon signature of this MoU.

7.2 Disassociation of Participants

Any Participant may disassociate itself from this MoU by advising the Executive Secretariat of the CPB in writing of its intention to do so and of the effective date.

Paragraph 8 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This MoU adheres to the provisions with respect to Intellectual Property Rights and meets the definitions used by CETAF and as determined under relevant laws, regulations and international agreements of the Partner institutions. Additional provisions may be defined in paragraph 4 of this MoU.

Paragraph 9 DURATION

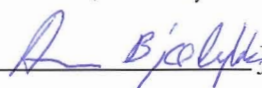
9.1. Duration

This MoU expires on August 31st, 2014, at the end of the 3 year period of CPB.

9.2. Prolongation

This MoU can be extended by mutual agreement.

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Signed  January, 23, 2012.

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