

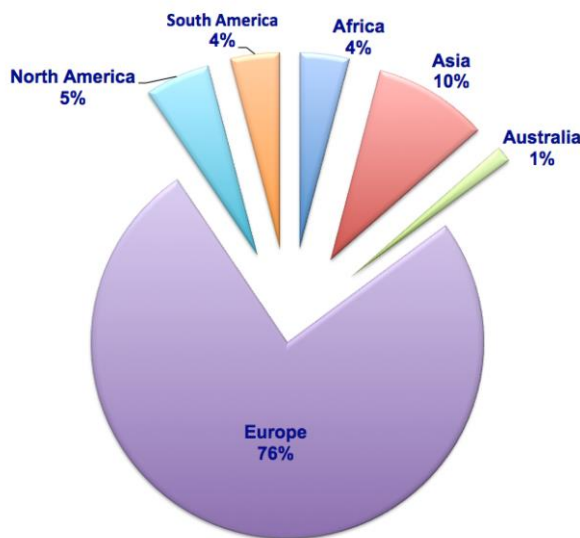
**IAVS Working Group for Phytosociological Nomenclature (GPN)
Report 2017**

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State of the art

- Presently (as of 20.06.2017) the GPN counts 74 members, most of which come from Europe (76%) although several other countries of the world are represented (Figure 1).
- Steering Committee: Jean-Paul Theurillat (chair), Daniela Gigante (secretary), Andraz Čarni, Federico Fernández-González, Helga Bültmann, Laco Mucina, Wolfgang Willner
- Three Topic Committees are active:
 - ✓ Committee for the Changes and the Conservation of Names (CCCN)
 - ✓ Committee for the Registration and the Typification of Names (CRTN)
 - ✓ Committee for the Website and the Online Database (CWDB)
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Figure 1. The GPN composition, as of 20.06.2017.



Activities since the Business Meeting in Rome (7.4.2016)

The last activities of the Steering Committee of the GPN, after the Business meeting organized in Rome during the EVS Workshop (6/9.04.2016), have been mostly concentrated on the completion of the draft of 4th edition of the International Code of Nomenclature (ICPN), in order to present it to the Assembly as soon as possible. However, other tasks have also been performed. A short summary of the activities is reported hereafter.

Steering Committee

- The SC was mainly occupied in the preparation of a draft of the 4th edition of ICPN, in collaboration with Prof. Heinrich Weber (the lead author of the 3rd edition). An important work has been done in order to produce a new, more user-friendly version that meets the needs of phytosociologists. The work went on during the whole period 2014-2017, by way of a number of meetings in Rome (18/20.06.2015, 4/6.11.2015, 8/10.04.2016) and Wien (28/31.10/2016),

and by several email exchanges. The meetings were supported financially by IAVS. At present, all the Articles have been reviewed.

- A consolidated version is in preparation for the end of the year and will be distributed to the GPN for comments.

Committee for Change and Conservation of Names (CCCN)

- The nomenclature section in *Phytocoenologia* is fully operational. People are invited to submit their proposals following the guidelines:
 - Willner W. et al. 2015. Guidelines for proposals to conserve or reject names of syntaxa. *Phytocoenologia* 45: 183-184.
- Two new proposals have been submitted for publication.

Registration of Names

- The online database *PhytoS*, developed for the registration of names and types of plant communities, is now undergoing a phase of test to verify and improve its functions.. Andreas Gattringer (computer programmer at the University of Vienna), Wolfgang Willner and Jean-Paul Theurillat met in October 2016 in Vienna for planning further developments. The SC is warmly inviting volunteers to test the process of data upload and to give their feedbacks. The Nomenclatural DB *PhytoS* can be accessed at <https://phytos.vinca.at>. For support, please contact Wolfgang Willner (wolfgang.willner@univie.ac.at).

Website

- The GPN website, currently under development, is now hosted on the new IAVS server at <http://iavs.org/Working-Groups/Group-for-Phytosociological-Nomenclature.aspx>

Renewal of the Steering Committee

- According to the Art. 6 of the GPN Bylaws, the Steering Committee is composed of 7 members elected for 4-year renewable terms. The current SC was elected in December 2013 and its term is going to finish at the end of this year. New elections will be announced soon by the Chair of the GPN. More details will be given in Palermo at the Business Meeting.