



## Zoological vs. botanical nomenclature: a forgotten ‘BioCode’ experiment from the times of the Strickland Code\*

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### Abstract

A code intended to apply to both zoological and botanical nomenclature was drafted in 1842–43 by a commission appointed by the fourth Congress of Italian Scientists on request of the zoologist Carlo Luciano Bonaparte, as a reaction to the recently published Strickland Code (1842). Large excerpts from the latter document and an English translation of documents related to the Italian initiative are presented in appendices.

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### The Strickland Code

Next to Linnaeus’ own principia enumerated in his *Philosophia Botanica* (Linnaeus 1751), and more rightly than that work, the earliest document having the nature of a code ruling the scientific nomenclature for living organisms is the so-called Strickland Code (Strickland *et al.* 1842). Some acquaintance with this document is required to get an adequate historical setting for the little known episode in the history of biological nomenclature I present in this article. As Strickland *et al.*’s document is very frequently cited but, arguably, very seldom read, I present ample excerpts from this publication as Appendix 1 below.