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reliability of nomenclatural works, steps might have to be taken in due time to cancel these new Rules and to replace them by better ones. Despite the fact that the previous Rules, until the 1999 *Code*, where only paper publications were nomenclaturally available, had largely stood the test of time, being only minimally technology-dependent and as such much less fragile than are potentially electronic publications, communication and archiving, it is quite unlikely that scientific publication will come back to pre-electronic times. The best course of action will then be perfecting the *Code* to adapt to the new situation and cope with its problems, some of which are likely to appear only after a certain period of practice of the new Rules.

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