



ICTV Newsletter #3 2005

Welcome to the third ICTV Newsletter. This Newsletter is designed to provide useful information to all those involved in the work of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses. In particular, the ICTV Executive Committee (EC) seeks to inform the members of the numerous Study Groups that oversee the individual viral taxa, and to involve them more directly in taxonomic deliberations. It is hoped that the Newsletter will provide an effective way to disseminate important information and thereby facilitate collective efforts such as the 8th Taxonomic Report and the ICTVdatabase.

Readers should be aware that they are responsible for keeping their own personal information, including new email addresses, up to date on the ICTVnet website. You can view your current information on the "UPDATE INFO" link on the ICTVnet web page. There are also several different pages where you can check the address of other contributors or members of ICTV. Check it out at: <http://www.danforthcenter.org/iltab/ICTVnet>.

Meeting dates:

ICTV EC meeting: July 21 to 22, 2005.

The next meeting will be held just prior to the ICV meeting in San Francisco. The ICTV Plenary Session of the complete membership of the ICTV during the ICV meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 1245 to 1415 hr. the location will be announced at the ICV Congress.

International Congress of Virology

2005 San Francisco, CA July 23 – 28

A joint meeting of the three divisions of IUMS under the title **Microbes in a Changing World** will be held in San Francisco, USA. Check out their web site for further details ([ICV](http://www.icv2005.org)). ICTV will organize, like at each Congress of Virology of Virus, a taxonomy poster session. The posters will be on display during the entire Congress. It is a good opportunity to present recently accepted taxonomic proposals like the creation of a new taxa or the reorganization of a family. It is also an opportunity to come up with new proposals, or new ideas. This could constitute the topic of taxonomic debates. If you are interested in contributing a poster, please contact Claude Fauquet (cmf@danforthcenter.org)

American Society for Virology (ASV) annual meeting dates:

2005 Penn State University, University Park PA, USA June 18 to 22.

<http://www.outreach.psu.edu/programs/virology/>

2006 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin July 15-19

2007 Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon July 14-18

Executive committee activities:

Fast track procedure for non-contentious taxonomic proposals

The procedure for reviewing taxonomic proposals using an on-line submission and review process was tested and discussed at the EC meeting held in Kingston, Canada in July 2004. All of the material is available on the ICTVNet website for viewing. The Executive Committee would appreciate receiving your comments on this process. You can add comments to the Message Board.

Eighth report

The ICTV 8th report on virus taxonomy has now been published. Check it out: [Virus Taxonomy: VIIIth Report of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses](#)

Study Group Chairs

As the next ICV meeting approaches, it is time to make taxonomic proposals. Looking at the 3000 virus names in NCBI that are not at all recorded at ICTV, there are many new virus species to be considered and proposed to be voted on by ICTV.

Look into the taxonomy database of NCBI for your preferred family/genus and check the list of names and the corresponding sequences. If you want to pull out the names that are not in ICTV, choose the "Taxonomy" database and use the following query replacing geminiviridae by your preferred family name: <geminiviridae[subtree] AND species[rank] NOT loprovictvlist[filter]>. You will see a list of names; click on any of those and go to nucleotide database (right box) to get the details.

For any TaxoProp you want to make please use one of the TaxoProp forms available on the ICTVnet. (<www.danforthcenter.org/iltab/ictvnet>). Fill the form, attach appendices or pdf you want and forward it to Claude Fauquet: cmf@danforthcenter.org

Elections will be held in conjunction with the ICTV Plenary meeting. Please survey your Study Group members to see whether they will continue and make suggestions for new members. If your term is up as Study Group Chair, please be sure to contact your Subcommittee Chair and make suggestions for your replacement.

Important links:

Main Web site for ICTVnet

<http://www.danforthcenter.org/iltab/ICTVnet/asp/MainPage.asp>

Templates for taxonomic proposals

http://www.danforthcenter.org/iltab/ICTVnet/Taxoprop_templates.htm

Taxonomic proposals on the web:

<http://www.danforthcenter.org/iltab/ICTVnet/asp/iMessageBoards.asp?mode=2>

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Please distribute the Newsletter freely on to anyone who may be interested in increasing the awareness of virus taxonomy and nomenclature.

Problems, comments and questions:

As always, we welcome comments and suggestions. The last emailing resulted in 54 individual and many more group distribution errors, unrecognized or in active email addresses. How can we reach these people and make sure that the email addresses are correct in our database? One way is for YOU to check you personal information to ensure that it is correct, and update it on-line if it is not. If you are a National Representative, make sure all the appropriate information is included on web site.

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