David Ride’s contributions to zoological nomenclature were monumental and live on in the legacy of the Code. The Commissioners and Members of the Trust extend sincere condolences to his family and friends.


Professor Frank A. Bisby (1945–2011), Director Catalogue of Life and Species 2000
Frank A. Bisby was the initiator and director of the Catalogue of Life and Species 2000, and several other major biodiversity informatics projects that were closely linked with the work of the ICZN. He died unexpectedly on 25 October, the day after the announcement of the release of the 2011 edition of the Catalogue of Life (CoL). This dynamic database lists 1,370,276 species (with ‘accepted names’ and limited synonymies) sourced from 101 databases that are validated by taxonomic specialists. It is widely seen as the most complete taxonomic e-infrastructure project for living organisms today. Frank was keen on collaboration with the ICZN and worked to ensure that the nomenclatural authority that will be available through ZooBank is linked with the taxon concepts presented in CoL.

Frank Bisby was also Professor of Botany at Reading University, U.K. with a speciality in legumes. He was an inspirational teacher, who was particularly popular for his field courses. He had moved to Reading from a faculty position at Southampton University after finishing his PhD at Oxford.

Frank Bisby was a leader with vision, bringing together teams of people to contribute skills in a global endeavour of cataloguing the world’s species. His contributions were enormous and he will be missed.

Anchoring Biodiversity Information: From Sherborn to the 21st century and beyond
Charles Davies Sherborn provided the bibliographic foundation for current zoological nomenclature with his magnum opus Index Animalium. In the 43 years he spent working on this extraordinary resource, he anchored our understanding of animal diversity through the published scientific record. No work has equalled it since and it is still in current, and critical, use.

Until now, Sherborn’s contribution has been recognised and relied upon by professional taxonomists worldwide but he has escaped the celebration of his accomplishment that is his due. This changed on Friday, 28 October 2011, with a symposium in his honour in the 150th year of his birth organised by the