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Opuscula Philolichenum is published by the editor, now in Bronx, New York rather than Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While the place of publication has changed, the goals of the journal remain the same as does the web address (http://clade.acnatsci.org/lendemer/opus.html). The journal was created in part as a response to the issue of electronic publication. Since its inception several other lichenological journals, with comparable goals, have followed a similar path towards primarily electronic publication with no subscription cost, and with paper copies distributed to select institutions and printed only to validate new taxa. Notable among these is Australasian Lichenology. One of the obvious benefits of this type of publication is the low cost of production that allows for liberal use of illustrations (especially color) and does not impose space restrictions on others when formatting keys or citing specimens.

Other journals have continued to distribute paper copies but have also made a considerable effort to make electronic versions of the printed matter available free of charge on the internet, these include the *Bulletin of the California Lichen Society* and *Graphis Scripta*.

As has been mentioned in the introduction to previous issues of *Opuscula Philolichenum*, the contents of the journal and the website maintained by the editor have been indexed by several search engines and are frequently found by lichenologists as well as those far outside the lichenological community while searching for information online. The journal has also been indexed by Google Scholar, and links to the pdfs have been made in the online database of *Recent Lichen Literature* (RLL). Similarly, all new nomenclature proposed in this issue has been registered with Mycobank, and all nomenclatural innovations from previous issues have been retroactively registered as well. Pdf files of the protologues of new taxa have been uploaded to Mycobank as have links to the website of the journal. The content of *Opuscula Philolichenum* is widely available on the internet, and accessibility will only increase in the future.

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