

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES No. 1

of the meeting of the Department of Systematics and Floristics of Vascular Plants, M.G. Kholodny Institute of Botany, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

13 January 2026

Agenda:

On the publication “Conspectus Flora of Eastern Europe. Vol. 2, Part 1. Ed. D.G. Melnikov. St. Petersburg; Moscow: KMK Scientific Press Ltd., 2025. 598 pp.”

RESOLVED: The staff members of the Department of Systematics and Floristics of Vascular Plants reviewed and took note of the publication of “Conspectus Flora of Eastern Europe. Vol. 2, Part 1. Ed. D.G. Melnikov. St. Petersburg & Moscow: KMK Scientific Press Ltd., 2025. 598 pp.”, as well as the explanations provided by M.M. Fedoronchuk.

Following a detailed discussion, it was established that the materials used in this publication and associated with the name of Doctor of Biological Sciences, Professor M.M. Fedoronchuk, a staff member of the M.G. Kholodny Institute of Botany, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (treatment of the family Apiaceae on pages 110–166, with the authors listed as “M.G. Pimenov, N.M. Fedoronchuk, T.A. Ostroumova”), had been submitted by him to the first co-author (M. Pimenov) already in 2019, i.e., well before the start of the full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

Since that time, the staff member has not participated in the preparation, editing, or approval of the publication, was not informed of its expected release, did not receive any manuscripts or page proofs for review, and did not give his consent to the use of his name as a co-author.

The staff of the Department acknowledge that the inclusion of the name of a Ukrainian scientist as a co-author of this Russian publication without his knowledge or consent constitutes a serious violation of academic and publication ethics on the part of the editorial board and the publisher and, under certain circumstances, may be considered a manipulative practice intended to legitimize the activities of Russian scientific institutions in the context of the ongoing armed aggression against Ukraine.

The staff of the Department consider it necessary to place this information on record in the official materials of the Institute in order to protect the professional reputation of the staff member concerned.

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