Triplicate publication in Berberidaceae

Due to some unfortunate failures in communication, a paper bearing my name was inadvertently published in three different journals (Laferrière 1997a, 1997b, 1998). The article contains 73 new names, all transfers of taxa from *Mahonia* to *Berberis*. Of these, 72 are identical in all three publications, but one of the *nomina nova* is different in one of them. Only Old World taxa are affected; a similar paper dealing with New World taxa was published by Marroquin & Laferrière (1997).

According to Katherine Challis at K, Laferrière (1997a) was published on 19 November 1997, Laferrière (1997b) on 16 December 1997. Laferrière (1998) also bears the date December 1997, but available evidence indicates that this journal is significantly behind schedule. I am reasonably certain that, under the criteria specified in the ICBN, it did not appear in print until late 1998 (the copy in the library in E is stamped 11 January 1999).

Six *nomina nova* were created in the article to avoid creation of illegitimate homonyms. Synonymy is given below for the one name differing in the two 1997 publications. The orthography of one of the others is hereby corrected under the terms of the ICBN.

Berberis gautamae Laferr. (pro *gautamai*), Bot. Zhurn. 82(9): 97 (Nov. 1997). = *Mahonia sikkimensis* Takeda, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinb. 6: 220 (1917).

Berberis tsailunii Laferr., Bot. Zhurn. 82(9):99 (Nov. 1997).

= Mahonia mairei Takeda, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh 6: 28 (1917), non Berberis mairei Ahrendt (1961).

= Berberis keikoae Laferr. (pro keikoe), Fragm. Flor. Geobot. 42: 352 (Dec. 1997).

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