

A REPORT ON THE BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE COURSE

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At the Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC), Miami, Florida, USA, a graduate course on Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature, administered by the Florida International University (FIU)-Biology Department, was held April 25–29, 2022. This academic activity was the result of a partnership between the MBC and the Latin America and Caribbean Center of the Florida International University (FIU). The course had a strong international component and was attended by 14 students from FIU, University of Florida, Bahamas National Trust, University of Puerto Rico, Institute of Jamaica, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (FTBG), MBC, and the National Botanic Garden (NBC) of Namibia, southern Africa.

Patrick Griffith, executive director of the MBC, was the convener of the course; Javier Francisco-Ortega, professor, FIU, served as the coordinator and facilitator. Kanchi N. Gandhi served as the course instructor.

At the end of the course, all the course participants were given certificates. Gandhi was presented with a memento by Griffith and Francisco-Ortega. The course completion event was attended by Dr. Chris Baraloto (Director of the FIU International Tropical Botanic Center), and Dr. Brett Jestrow (Director of Collections, FTBG), and Mrs. Kasthuri Gandhi. Some attendees expressed opinions, e.g., Mr. Leevi Nanyeni (NBC, Namibia) and Ms. Yuley Encarnación Piñeyro (Dominican Republic Botanic Garden & University of Florida) mentioned that some of the Code concepts, which were new to them before the class, are clear now; Ms. Tracy Commock (Institute of Jamaica), Dr. Nichole Tiernan (FTBG), Dr. Eugenio Santiago (University of Puerto Rico), and Dr. Michael Calonje (MBC) mentioned that the class clarified some of the nomenclatural doubts they had before.



Participants of the 2022 Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature course at the Montgomery Botanical Center, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.