

# PLANT SYSTEMATICS WORLD

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### ■ THE NEW HERBARIUM SENCKEN-BERGIANUM: OLD INSTITUTIONS UNDER A NEW COMMON ROOF

With the recent merger of the new Senckenberg Research Institutes and Natural History Museums at various locations in seven federal countries of Germany and new cooperations developing among their respective host institutions, two hitherto autonomous herbaria have joint forces and a third herbarium has been established to form the NEW Herbarium Senckenbergianum. This includes the Herbarium Senckenbergianum in Frankfurt/M. (FR) (founded in 1817), the Herbarium of the Museum of Natural History in Görlitz (GLM) (founded in 1824) and a herbarium that was set up in the course of the formation of the new Quaternary Plant Macrofossil Section in Weimar (IQW) in 2008. Additionally, Senckenberg

initiated the development of a dinophyte collection at its Centre of Excellence for Dinophyte Taxonomy (CEDiT) in Wilhelmshaven.

All herbaria retain their physical presence at their traditional locations and remain under the direct responsibility of the local curators. FR and GLM keep their acronyms, while the herbarium in Weimar—so far without acronym—received the acronym IQW (derived from "Institut für Quartärpaläontologie Weimar") that was in use so far for the fossil collections in Weimar. The CEDiT collection is under local curation, but is closely associated to the Herbarium FR and operates under the same acronym.

All herbaria have harmonised their policies and standards. Visitors to any of these locations can now directly order specimens from other partner herbaria to facilitate access and avoid unnecessary travel. Further loans, if desired, can then be organised in one transaction. The databases of all herbaria will soon become united in the Senckenberg collection database SeSam that is available via internet and is part of GBIF.

Specific data:

#### Herbarium Senckenbergianum Frankfurt/Main

Acronym: FR

Institution/postal address: Senckenberganlage 25, D-60325 Frankfurt/M., Germany

Visitor address: Kuhwaldstr. 55, D-60486 Frankfurt/M., Germany

Contact: Georg Zizka; phone +49 (0) 699 7075-1166, -1165; georg.zizka@senckenberg.de

Profile: over 1,000,000 specimens, focus Hesse and Central Europe, Mediterranean area, Mid-Atlantic islands, West African savanna (especially Burkina Faso, Benin); specialties: Higher plants, lichens, diatoms (Rabenhorst, Lange-Bertalot)

## Herbarium Senckenbergianum Wilhelmshaven— Centre of Excellence for Dinophyte Taxonomy (CEDiT)

Acronym: FR

Institution/postal & visitor address: German Centre for Marine Biodiversity Research, Südstrand 44, D-26382 Wilhelmshaven, Germany

Contact: Mona Hoppenrath; phone +49 (0) 4421 9475-116; mhoppenrath@senckenberg.de

Profile: growing new collection of types from extant Dinophytes

### Herbarium Senckenbergianum Görlitz

Acronym: GLM

Institution/postal address: Am Museum 1, D-02826 Görlitz, Germany

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Visitor address: Grüner Graben 28a, D-02826 Görlitz, Germany Contact collection manager: Petra Gebauer; phone +49 (0) 3581 4760-5340; petra.gebauer@senckenberg.de

Profile: approx. 310,000 specimens (150,000 vascular plants; 102,000 fungi; 29,000 lichens; 27,000 bryophytes, 2000 algae), focus on northern Eurasia, particularly Central Europe (emphasis on southern East Germany and southwestern Poland), the Caucasus and Central Asia; specialities: phytoparasitic fungi, critical vascular plant groups (*Hieracium* spp., *Rubus* spp.), early 19th century type material in the herbaria of Mosig (lichens) and Lehmann (liverworts)

### Herbarium Senckenbergianum Weimar

Acronym: IQW

Institution/postal address: Am Jakobskirchhof 4, D-99423

Weimar, Germany

Visitor address: Am Jakobskirchhof 4, D-99423 Weimar, Germany Contact: Frank Kienast; phone +49 (0) 3643 49309-3336; fkienast@senckenberg.de

Profile: Reference collection for the identification of fossil plant material with approx. 4500 specimens of mainly vascular plants including a carpological collection, focus so far on middle and high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, especially arctic, boreal and steppe plants in East Siberia and Alaska

Common web presence of the Herbaria Senckenbergiana: http://www.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page\_id=12915

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