



International Board of OPTIMA, Meeting of 9 Sep 2013 in Palermo

Recognition of an official OPTIMA Herbarium and Library

The Vice-President introduced the following proposal, unanimously approved by the Board:

- Noting that Palermo has offered a permanent seat to the OPTIMA Secretariat since 2007, and wishing to lend strength and durability to Palermo's commitment to the OPTIMA cause.
- Considering that Palermo is centrally situated in the Mediterranean area and offers generous access facilities and support to visiting botanists.
- Recognising that the Palermo Herbarium and Botanical Library, united under the common designation "Herbarium Mediterraneum Panormitanum", have developed and keep developing into a major Mediterranean research facility, thanks in particular to the recent donation of the Greuter Herbarium and Library, and other important plant collections incorporated in the latter.
- Desiring to commend the donor's action and honour his commitment of a lifetime to Mediterranean botany in general and OPTIMA in particular.

The International Board of OPTIMA, at that Organisation's XIV Meeting in Palermo in September 2013.

- Decides to give official recognition to the Herbarium Mediterraneum as OPTIMA's Central Herbarium and Library.
- Encourages its members, and all botanists working on Mediterranean plants, to deposit their plant material, in duplicate or original, as well as copies of their relevant publications, in the Herbarium Mediterraneum for safekeeping in the Greuter collections.
- Instructs the Executive Council to negotiate and sign a written agreement to that effect with the Università degli Studi di Palermo.