



State of California
Secretary of State

I, BRUCE McPHERSON, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the attached transcript of 1 page(s) has been compared with the record on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of

MAY 30 2006

BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State

ENDORSED - FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

MAY 26 2006

I.

The name of this corporation is:

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TAXONOMIC DATABASES

II.

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for:
- (x) public purposes.
or () charitable purposes.
or () public and charitable purposes.
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to: establish international collaboration among biological database projects so as to promote the wider and more effective dissemination of information about the World's heritage of biological organisms for the benefit of the world at large.

III.

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

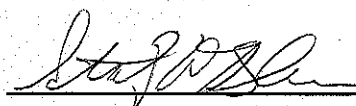
Name: Stanley Delbert Blum, Jr.
Address: 1342 34th Avenue
City: San Francisco State: California Zip: 94122-1309

IV.

- A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

V.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.


Stanley D. Blum, Incorporator

