



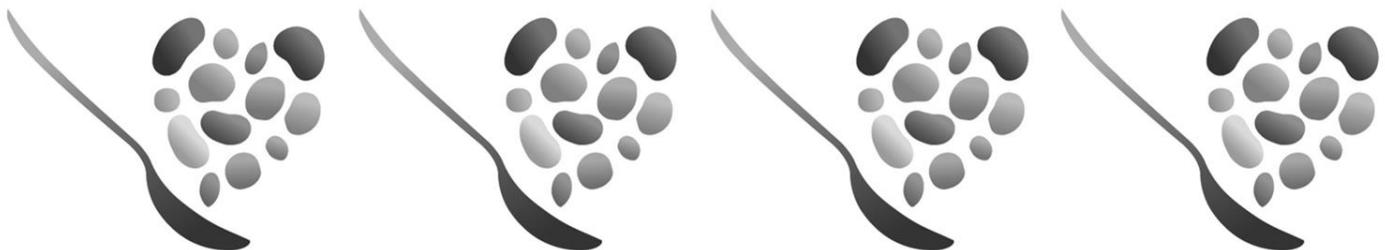
# The Bean Bag

**A newsletter to promote communication among research scientists  
concerned with the systematics of the Leguminosae/Fabaceae**

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# Letter from the Editor

Dear Bean Bag Fellow

Happy New Year!!

My deepest apologies for getting after delay this issue to you. But, as you will very soon see, this is an extra-large issue that needed some extra dedication.

It has been a year of many events in the legume world. Starting with the news that past Bean Bag issues are now available online in the BHL repository. Continuing with glimpses from the International Year of Pulses often extended to the entire family, and the looking forward into 2017 where the new legume subfamily classification will be published and a legume symposium is being organized at the International Botanical Congress in China! Then, some beautiful photographs of papilionoid flowers, the highlights from the world of publications on legumes, more special issues available and on the way, and new floristic books. Concluding, as always, with the traditional list of legume bibliography.

This is now the second year that the Bean Bag newsletter and important communications have been and still will be sent out through the new BB Google Group to which BB members have been added in 2015. As a reminder, this is the only purpose of the google group. For any correspondence about the BB, members are invited to email the editor at [beanbag.kew@gmail.com](mailto:beanbag.kew@gmail.com).

Finally, I am very grateful to all contributors of this issue for sharing their news, insights, images and publication citations. Note that this newsletter will be made available for online download on the BB webpage along with the pdfs of all previous issues.

Thank you very much for your attention, and I wish you a Wonderful 2017!

Kind regards,

*Brigitte Marazzi*

## The Bean Bag Newsletter in the Web

Webpage: [www.kew.org/science-conservation/research-data/publications/bean-bag](http://www.kew.org/science-conservation/research-data/publications/bean-bag)

Google Group: <https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/thebeanbag>

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# REPORTS OF 2016 HAPPENINGS

## BEAN BAG NOW AVAILABLE VIA BHL!

Communicated by David Iggulden

Electronic Resources Manager - Library, Art & Archives, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

The Bean Bag has now been made available on the Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) website. The title was contributed by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (a founder member of BHL) and digitised by the Internet Archive staff at the Natural History Museum, London. Currently issues 1-54 are available to view or download via the site and the more recent issues will be added over the next two months. The issues can be viewed here: <http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/search?searchTerm=bean+bag#/titles>

Please just be aware that due to a technical problem during ingest, there are currently separate records for each issue making it difficult to see initially the issue number each record relates to,

however this will soon be corrected.

Additionally, please note that we chose not to contribute Directory issues to prevent members' contact details being published online through the site. However, in some cases where a small Directory was incorporated alongside editorial content in a standard issue, it was necessary to include these sections as otherwise editorial would have been cut unnecessarily. We thank members for their understanding and patience in relation to this issue.

Do take a look at the Bean Bag online in its new home and send any comments or feedback direct to: [d.iggulden@kew.org](mailto:d.iggulden@kew.org)

The screenshot shows the BHL website interface. At the top left is the BHL logo with the tagline 'Inspiring discovery through free access to biodiversity knowledge.' and navigation links for 'About', 'Help', and 'Feedback'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a general share button are on the top right. A search bar is prominently displayed in the center. Below it are filters for 'Browse by:' including Title, Author, Date, Collection, and Contributor. On the right side, there is a 'Help Support BHL' call-to-action with a 'Donate Now' button. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'New on the BHL Blog' with a celebratory message for the 10th anniversary, 'Today's Picks Flickr Stream' showing a botanical illustration, and 'Featured Content BHL at 10' with a logo and a 'follow #BHLat10' banner.



# 2016 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PULSES

Compiled by Brigitte Marazzi

*“The 68th UN General Assembly declared 2016 the International Year of Pulses (IYP) (A/RES/68/231). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has been nominated to facilitate the implementation of the Year in collaboration with Governments, relevant organizations, non-governmental organizations and all other relevant stakeholders. The IYP 2016 aims to heighten public awareness of the nutritional*

*benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition. The Year will create a unique opportunity to encourage connections throughout the food chain that would better utilize pulse-based proteins, further global production of pulses, better utilize crop rotations and address the challenges in the trade of pulses.”*

(Source: [www.fao.org/pulses-2016/en/](http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016/en/) )

The image below is a capture of the computer screen after a Google Image search of the words “the international year of pulses”. It nicely shows the importance that this event had worldwide.







# A LOOK INTO 2017

## AND THE NEW LEGUMINOSAE SUBFAMILY CLASSIFICATION HAS COME TRUE!

Communicated by Anne Bruneau and Carole Sinou on behalf of the Legume Phylogeny Working Group

In a paper to be published in the February issue of *Taxon*, the Legume Phylogeny Working Group, a collective of 97 authors from 18 countries, has proposed a new subfamily classification of the Leguminosae.

This new community-endorsed classification addresses the long known non-monophyly of the traditionally recognised subfamily Caesalpinioideae, by recognising six robustly supported monophyletic subfamilies: a recircumscribed Caesalpinioideae DC., Cercidoideae Legume Phylogeny Working Group, Detarioideae Burmeist., Dialioideae Legume Phylogeny Working Group, Duparquetioideae Legume Phylogeny Working Group, and Papilionoideae DC. The traditionally recognised subfamily Mimosoideae DC. is a distinct clade nested within the recircumscribed Caesalpinioideae and is referred to informally as the mimosoid clade pending forthcoming formal tribal and/or clade-based classifications of the new Caesalpinioideae.

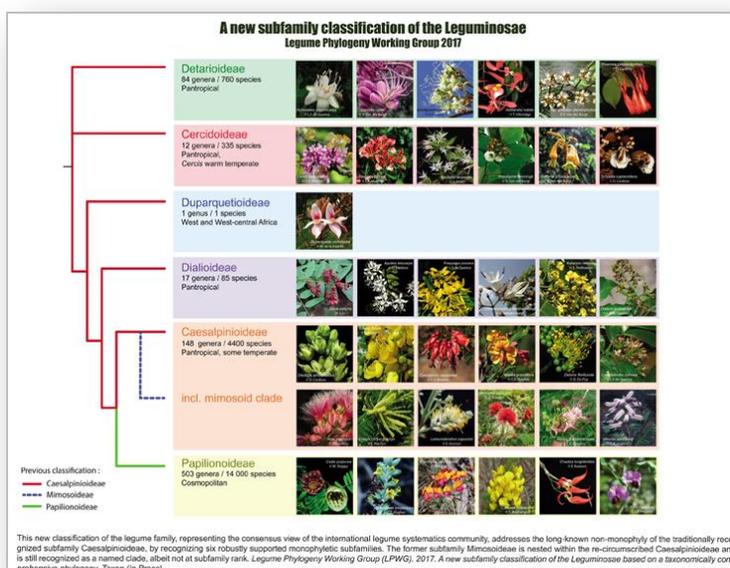
This new classification uses as its framework the most comprehensive phylogenetic analyses of legumes to date, based on plastid matK gene sequences, and including near-complete sampling of genera (698 of the currently

recognised 765 genera) and c. 20% (3,696) of known species. The analysis presented improves upon previous studies that have used large phylogenies of the Leguminosae for addressing evolutionary questions, because it maximises generic sampling and provides a phylogenetic tree that is based on a fully curated set of sequences that are vouchered and taxonomically validated. The phylogenetic trees obtained and the underlying data are available to browse and download via Data Dryad ([dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.61pd6](https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.61pd6)) facilitating subsequent analyses that require evolutionary trees.

The paper provides a key for identification, an illustrated glossary of some legume features, descriptions with diagnostic characteristics for the new subfamilies, figures illustrating their floral and fruit diversity, and a list of genera by subfamily. This new classification of Leguminosae represents a consensus view of the international legume systematics community; it invokes both compromise and practicality of use.

The new classification is presented here in the schematic diagram illustrating the six new subfamilies of Leguminosae and their floral diversity.

See next page for a large-sized version adapted to the format of the BB newsletter



**Detarioideae**  
84 genera / 760 species  
Pantropical

**Cercidoideae**  
12 genera / 335 species  
Pantropical,  
Cercis warm temperate

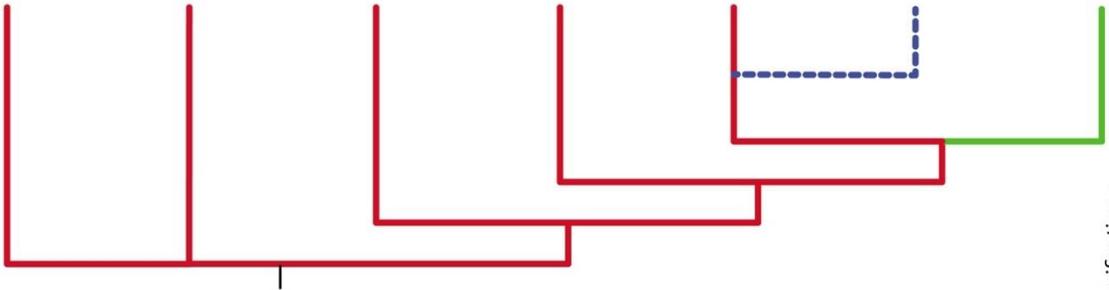
**Duparquetioideae**  
1 genus / 1 species  
West and West-central Africa

**Dialiioideae**  
17 genera / 85 species  
Pantropical

**Caesalpinioideae**  
148 genera / 4400 species  
Pantropical, some temperate

**incl. mimosoid clade**

**Papiilionoideae**  
503 genera / 14 000 species  
Cosmopolitan



Previous classification :

- Caesalpinioideae
- - - Mimosoideae
- Papiilionoideae

This new classification of the legume family, representing the consensus view of the international legume systematics community, addresses the long-known non-monophyly of the traditionally recognized subfamily Caesalpinioideae, by recognizing six robustly supported monophyletic subfamilies. The former subfamily Mimosoideae is nested within the re-circumscribed Caesalpinioideae and is still recognized as a named clade, albeit not at subfamily rank. *Legume Phylogeny Working Group (LPWG). 2017. A new subfamily classification of the Leguminosae based on a taxonomically comprehensive phylogeny. Taxon (In Press).*

# A LOOK INTO 2017

## A MORPHOLOGICAL ENSEMBLE

Communicated by Leonardo Borges on behalf of the Legume Phylogeny Working Group

The last edition of the Bean Bag included a briefing and a report about the Legume Morphology International Symposium and Workshop, held in November 2015 at Botucatu, Brazil.

This year, I am writing to communicate that one of the prospects of the meeting is on the go. Contributions from researchers that attended the meeting, and also from others, are going to come together in a

special issue (or section) on Legume Morphology, to be published in the Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society. The deadline for submission ended together with 2016 and we are excited to see the full list of manuscripts sent to the journal! Papers will be published online as soon as they are accepted, but all contributions are going to be merged in a single edition, hopefully in 2017.

There is still a lot to know about legume morphology. Hopefully the contributions in the special issue will help us to add more shapes to the wide landscape of Leguminosae diversity.



### THE XIX INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS: SYMPOSIUM T259 PHYLOGENOMICS AND EVOLUTION OF LEGUMES

Organizers:

Tingshuang Yi (Kunming Institute of Botany, CAS, China)

Manuel de la Estrella (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK)

The family Leguminosae (Fabaceae) is the third largest angiosperm family in terms of species richness with c. 770 genera and over 19,500 species. In ecological and economic terms the family is also one of the most important plant groups of the world and it has been recently the focus of numerous taxonomic, phylogenetic and evolutionary studies. The classical and long standing three subfamilies classification has been reviewed by the international Legume Phylogenetic Working Group, and a new system including a six subfamilies classification has been proposed. Additionally, increasing efforts on phylogenomics studies revealed multiple whole genome duplication within legumes that, along with the new NGS data available, is contributing to our understanding of the family phylogeny, diversification and evolution. This symposium will invite 6 leading botanists to introduce the most recent achievements in phylogenomics and evolution of legumes.

Congress webpage: [www.ibc2017.cn](http://www.ibc2017.cn)

## LEGUME SHOTS OF THE YEAR

*Anthyllis montana*  
taken earlier this  
year near Rehalp,  
Switzerland.  
Photo courtesy of  
Colin Hughes.



*Vicia sepium* taken in  
late Spring this year in  
Zurich, Switzerland.  
An ant is visiting an  
extrafloral nectary ;  
do you see it?

Photo courtesy of  
Brigitte Marazzi

## RARE PAPILIONOID LEGUMES

Contributed by Domingos Cardoso,  
University of Salvador, Brazil.

Photographs courtesy of  
Domingos Cardoso

The selected photos are all examples  
of rare papilionoids that have been  
the focus of my recent publications  
and future research.

From the top to the bottom:

The first two flowers are species from  
the "rediscovered" monospecific  
genera *Petaladenium urceoliferum*  
and *Uleanthus erythrinoides*,  
respectively (reported in Cardoso et  
al., 2015; Neodiversity 8: 55-73).

*Aldina kunhardtiana* is also a rare  
species known from Western  
Amazonia in the Upper Rio Negro  
River (see Ramos et al., 2016, in the  
publication list below).

*Dioclea* sp. nov. is only known from a  
highly diverse area of Atlantic Rain  
Forest in Espírito Santo (see Paganucci  
de Queiroz et al., 2015, MPE 90: 1-  
19).

*Harpalyce magnibracteata* is a very  
rare species from a savanna in Bahia  
(published in São-Mateus et al.,  
2016). The phylogeny, biogeography,  
and floral evolution of the genus is  
also being investigated as part of  
Wallace São-Mateus' PhD thesis)



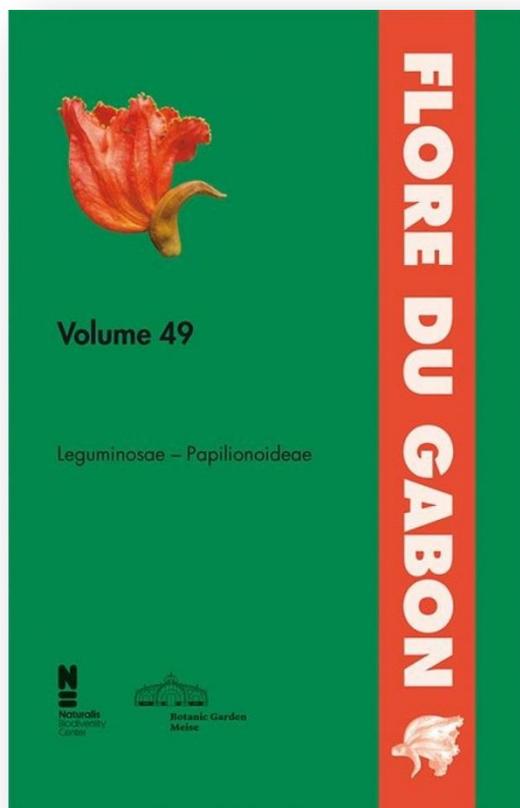
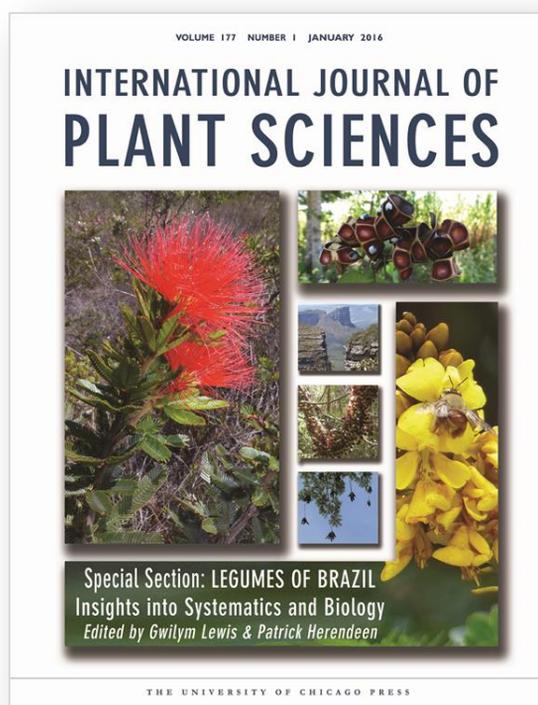
# LEGUME BIBLIOGRAPHY UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

## SYMPOSIUM ISSUE ON LEGUMINOSAE HIGHLIGHTING BRAZIL'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN MODERN LEGUME SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY

Published by the International Journal of Plant Sciences and edited by Gwilym Lewis and Patrick Herendeen this issue features six papers by Brazilian legume researchers and their collaborators.

An Introduction is available online:

[www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/684170?origin=JSTOR-HTMLLeTOCAAlert](http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/684170?origin=JSTOR-HTMLLeTOCAAlert)



## FLORE DU GABON: LEGUMINOSAE - PAPILIONOIDEAE

The authors Jos van der Maesen and Marc Sosef, with contributors Frits Adema, Aristide Adomou, Frans Breteler, Olivier Lachenaud, Rémy Pasquet and Jan Wieringa, are happy to announce the issue of vol. 49 of the Flore du Gabon, dealing with the Leguminosae-Papilionoideae of this botanical paradise in Central Africa. It contains 272 species in 62 genera, of which 19 are endemic. Fifteen species are new to science, of which 11 are endemics, and 2 new subspecies. The other two subfamilies, (Caesalpinioideae (Vol. 15) and Mimosoideae (Vol. 31)) were issued in 1968 and 1989 respectively with 158 and 45 species. The volume is published by Margraf Publishers, Weikersheim, Germany, and available on their webpage: [shop2014.2margraf.de/index.php?id=234&L=1212112112121212.1](http://shop2014.2margraf.de/index.php?id=234&L=1212112112121212.1). The Flore du Gabon series is produced by Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden, The Netherlands and Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium, in collaboration with the Herbarium National du Gabon (IPHAMETRA – CENAREST), Libreville, Gabon and the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France.

# ***PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA* (LAM.) E. GAGNON, H.C. LIMA & G.P. LEWIS, A NEW NAME FOR BRAZIL'S NATIONAL TREE**

Communicated by Gwil Lewis, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  
Photographs by Luciano Paganucci de Queiroz, University of Feira de Santana, Brazil



A new classification for all the taxa considered to belong to the pantropical Caesalpinia group, which now comprises 26 genera and 205 species was published online in the open access journal *Phytokeys* in October 2016 (Gagnon et al., 2016). The molecular analyses which underpin the 2016 publication clearly revealed three species which do not belong to any of the main groups highlighted in the study. These have been recognised as the new monospecific genera: *Hererolandia*, *Hultholia* and *Paubrasilia*, the latter a new name for the national tree of Brazil.

First scientifically described as *Caesalpinia echinata* by Lamark in 1785, Pau-brasil, as it is commonly known, is the tree which gave its name to the country Brasil (spelt Brazil in English). Historically used for the extraction of its red sap to dye luxury textiles, today it is the preferred wood for the manufacture of violin bows. In all molecular analyses, this iconic tree does not group with any other species. In fact, it sits alone on a long branch of the phylogenetic tree, an indication of early evolutionary divergence and isolation from other members of the Caesalpinia group. The species is also morphologically unique by possessing a combination of characters not seen in any other species of the 26 genera in the Caesalpinia group. *Paubrasilia* is native in eastern Brazil, from Rio Grande do Norte in the north to Rio de Janeiro in the south, growing in coastal cactus scrub, Mata Atlantica (Atlantic rain forest) and in tall restinga (coastal vegetation on well-drained, white sandy soil). The tree is highly endangered in its native habitat which has been reduced to less than eight percent of its original cover, but is widely cultivated as an ornamental street and park tree and sometimes in plantations.

Despite *Paubrasilia echinata* being listed on CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) prohibiting trading of the wood, the authors of the *Phytokeys* paper have witnessed, first-hand, continued illegal logging of Pau-brasil trees during recent field-work. It is hoped that the emblematic new genus name for Brazil's national tree will draw added attention to its endangered status and highlight the fragile state of the fragmented forests of coastal Brazil.

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# PUBLICATION NEWS

## FROM THE WORLD OF LEGUME SYSTEMATICS

Compiled by Leonardo Borges and Brigitte Marazzi

A list with this year's publication citations of studies on legume systematics is here provided. We thank authors who sent us their references. Please accept our apologies if any citation is missing. This collection of studies and the publications highlighted above provide an elegant insight into another vibrant year of research in Systematics and Biology of Leguminosae.

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