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1 October, 1990

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Dear Director,

I write seeking your help in determining the origin of the specific epithet of *Poa borisii*, described by Stefan. in Mitt. K. Naturw. Institut. 3:136, 1930 a journal not available to me in Brisbane. The species may have been named in honor of Boris P. Kitanov.

In particular, I would like to know the full name of the person honored, their years of birth and death, nationality and usual occupation. The data are required for an "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" a page of which is enclosed for your information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany

11 June, 1991

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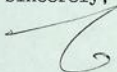
Dear Prof. Veltshev,

The grass Sesleria achtarovii is named in honor of Boris Achtarov who collected in Bulgaria. I would be grateful if you were able to supply me with a few biographical details to complete his entry in my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" a page of which is enclosed for your information.

In particular, I require his full names, years of birth and death, nationality and usual occupation.

With kind regards,

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