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PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION AT B.C.G. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. "That the B.C.G. compiles a register of all type British natural history specimens in British museums and that the following are given careful consideration:
  - that the basic information is recorded on IRGMA cards
  - that the B.C.G. issues an internal convention on the way the cards are to be filled
  - that the cards are sorted to produce a variety of indexes,"  
e.g. group-museum-types held  
group-author/collector-museum-types held.
2. "That the B.C.G. formulates a policy on the care of type collections and issues guidelines for the maintenance of type material and encourages that they are adhered to."
3. "That the B.C.G. encourages a policy of placing in public museums all type material at present held in private collections, and that the status type should be officially questioned if they are not so placed."
4. "That the B.C.G. makes representations to the national and large provincial museums to establish the principle that all duplicate determined specimens are made available to provincial museums before they are otherwise disposed of."
5. "That the B.C.G. compiles a register of available expertise in all Natural History groups that can be called upon by curators wishing to have their collections assessed."
6. "That the B.C.G. represents the views of its members on the use of the present IRGMA cards to the MDA, as and when necessary.
  - that it formulates an internal convention for biology curators which standardizes the filling in of cards and the use of keywords.
  - that it investigates the formation of a national natural history sites catalogue and confers with the MDA on the production of a suitable natural history locality sheet."
7. "That a long term aim of the B.C.G. should be the compiling of a list of the range of natural history collections held by all British Museums."

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