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INTRODUCING *The L. A. S. Johnson Review Series in ASB* ---

On behalf of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the journal, I have much pleasure in announcing the introduction of the publication of an important series of reviews in *Australian Systematic Botany*, to be known as *The L. A. S. Johnson Reviews*.

Our aim for *The L. A. S. Johnson Reviews* is to provide critical state-of-the-art evaluations that advance knowledge in current key areas of systematic botanical research. The series will be commissioned by *invitation*, and will be numbered in sequence. The journal will provide 75 reprints free of charge. The author will also receive a free copy of the issue in which the paper is published. Normal refereeing processes apply.

L. A. S. (Lawrie) Johnson (1926–1997) was an Australian systematic botanist notable for his studies of the eucalypts (*Eucalyptus*, *Angophora* and *Corymbia*), cycads, Juncaceae, Oleaceae, Restionaceae and phylogenetic studies of Myrtaceae, Myrtales and Proteaceae. His career was at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, as Botanist (1948–1972), Director (1972–1985) and Honorary Research Associate (1986–1997). During his directorship the Royal Botanic Gardens saw major developments and broadening of its scientific programs. Alone or with colleagues, he distinguished and described many genera and species, as well as reclassifying numerous further taxa. He contributed to the theory of systematics during the early development of phylogenetics and to understanding of the evolution of southern hemisphere floras. The hypotheses of relationships developed through Johnson's phylogenetic studies have served as starting points for further investigation by others, especially through molecular systematics. He was noted for the breadth of his scientific interests, and expertise and his forthright expression of scientific conclusions.

The *ASB* Editorial Advisory Committee will select authors and oversee the refereeing process. We would greatly appreciate advice and suggestions on prospective reviews for this important new series.

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