

NEWSLETTER

Dear IPS Members and Friends:

This email launches a monthly outreach to bring you news and information about the International Palm Society.

News in the Palm World

A spectacular, never-before-seen palm genus has been discovered in Colombia. Read about it here (photos included):
<http://www.mapress.com/phytotaxa/content/2013/f/pt00144p044.pdf>

An article about its serendipitous discovery will appear in PALMS 58(1).



Copernicia in Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, photo courtesy of Scott Zona

Biennial Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 2014 IPS Biennial in South Florida and Key West, May 24 – 30, 2014. The complete itinerary and registration information can be found on www.palms.org and keep in mind, the early registration discount will end January 3, 2014. The above photo of *Copernicia baileyana*, *C. macroglossa* and *C. hospita* provides a glimpse of the wonderful palms in store for attendees.

A message from the President:

"Fellow IPS members, the elections will be upcoming shortly for the term 2014-2018. I would like all of you to read the bios of each candidate carefully when you receive your ballots. Bios will also be posted on the IPS web site (www.palms.org) and on the new PalmTalk Candidates forum (www.palmtalk.org). The new and returning directors will be asked to participate and contribute a lot of their time to IPS efforts. Please make your vote count. Please vote for sincere commitment to contribute to the working structure of the IPS."
-- Leland Lai, IPS President

Interim Board Meeting in Peru

The Interim Meeting of the IPS Board of Directors took place October 12 at Inkaterra Amazonica on the Rio Madre de Dios in Peru. After business was concluded, participants had the opportunity to hike, then travel by canoe to view masses of *Mauritia flexuosa* growing on the margins of Lake Sandoval.

Photo courtesy of Bo-Göran Lundkvist



Do you have expertise with graphic design? Are you willing to share your talents with the IPS? Your Society needs you! The Public Relations and Membership Committee is developing a press kit to be used internationally. For more information, please contact Committee Chair Grant Stephenson: grant@hciglobal.com

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