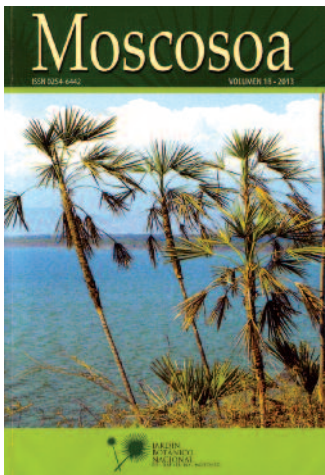


PALM NEWS

We are saddened to note the passing of **Inge Hoffmann (November 29, 1930–August 5, 2013)**. She was born in Nuremberg, Germany on 29 November 1930. Her friends and IPS members affectionately knew her as the “Seed Lady.” She traveled widely, sourcing seed for the IPS Seed Bank. She also had a strong interest in cacti and succulents and designed and constructed the cactus and succulent garden at the Dunsmuir House in San Leandro, California. She and her husband, Hans, led the committee to construct the Palmetum at the Lakeside Garden center in Oakland, California. Her own garden, in San Leandro, hosted student groups, college classes and many flower and garden clubs. She had 80 mature palm trees, some over 20 m tall, and over 600 kinds of cactus and 800 varieties of succulent plants. She passed away peacefully with friends – her devoted caregiver, Rose Alba Gonzales, and travelling companion and soulmate, Larry Shore – at her side. She is remembered in all the palms grown from the seeds she supplied to the IPS Seed Bank that now grace gardens all over the world.



A new species of *Coccothrinax* was described in the latest issue of *Moscosoa* (18: 9–13, 2013), the journal of the Jardín Botánico Nacional Dr. Rafael M. Moscoso, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The species, named *Coccothrinax jimenezii* by M. Mejía and R. G. García, honors Francisco Jiménez Rodríguez, the director of the Botany Department of JBN. It grows in dry forest over limestone, on the margins of Lake Enriquillo, in the Sierra de Neiba, Independencia Province, near Haiti. It also occurs on the Haitian side of the border. It is said to resemble *C. gracilis* but differs in several ways, including stiffer leaf segments that are whitish on the underside, unarmed leaf sheaths, and yellowish white fruits. In growth habit and habitat, it resembles *C. boschiana* and *C. ekmanii* but differs markedly from those species in morphology. With the description of this newest species, the island of Hispaniola now boasts ten species of *Coccothrinax*, six of which are endemic.

News has been received from Xavier Metz in Madagascar that the **sale of seeds of *Tahina spectabilis* earlier this year from the flowering in 2012 has raised a significant amount of money** with the great help of Toby Spanner from RarePalmSeeds.com. The funds will be used by the local community partly to formalize a protected area for the palm.

Four new species of *Calamus* from Vietnam were recently described in the on-line journal *Phytotaxa* by A. Henderson and N.Q. Dung. The publication is open-access and may be downloaded at www.mapress.com/phytotaxa/content/2013/f/pt00135p026.pdf. Also published on-line, in *Phytokeys*, is L. Noblick's illustrated account of **the anatomy of *Syagrus* leaflets**. It, too, is freely accessible at www.pensoft.net/journals/phytokeys/article/5436/leaflet-anatomy-verifies-relationships-within-syagrus-arecaceae-and-aids-in-identification.