



THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter this month was exciting to prepare, with lots of cool pictures from the Biennial in Colombia. It was hard to select which pictures to share!

IPS Biennial: *Colombia*



The main attraction of this event was, without a doubt, *Ceroxylon quindiuense*. Photo by Scott Zona

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On the Way to Ceroxylon!



“The group mounted 1950s-era Willys jeeps in the small town of Salento to drive up to the mountain valleys where *Ceroxylon quindiuense* grows...”



“... Some of the jeeps ran better than others...”



“A stop along the way.”

Text and photos on this page courtesy of Elvis Cruz.

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On the Way to *Ceroxylon!*

“... The objects of our desire...”



“One of the palm enthusiasts brought climbing gear.”

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courtesy of Elvis Cruz.**

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Palms by the water!

“... Mounting boats in Archipielago La Plata for a trip to nearby palm-rich areas...”



“Jennifer Margaret arrives at a deeply muddy shoreline in Archipielago La Plata.”

- Elvis Cruz.

Photos above and left courtesy of Elvis Cruz.
Photo below by Michael Merritt.

“We stopped for a bite of lunch in the launches. A local Colombian recipe was served in banana leaves.”

- Michael Merritt



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Right: Andrew Street and Dr. Saúl Hoyos-Gómez show off leaves of *Chelyocarpus dianeurus*.



Left: J. Dransfield and Saúl Hoyos-Gómez in Bahia Malaga. Photo by Tsyrr H. Chow.

Right: Dr. Rodrigo Bernal with the stilt roots of *Socratea exorrhiza*.



Photos right and upper right courtesy of Elvis Cruz.

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Time to meet with other palm lovers:

Right photo: Dr. John Dransfield (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, retired) and Andrew Street (of Montgomery Botanical Center, Miami), in Valle de Cocora.



Left photo: Dr. Rodrigo Bernal, left, and Robert Blenker, right, in Tochecito.

Right photo: Andrea and Jeff Searle, and Tracy Sutherland following, in the Valle de Cocora.



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Above: *Syagrus romanzoffiana* and *S. orinocensis* in Cali town square.

Left and below: Palm products museum.
Quindío Botanic Garden.

Photos by Scott Zona.



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Above: "Huge *Manicaria saccifera*. These monsters loomed out of the bush along pathways." Photo and text by Michael Marritt.



Above: *Chelyocarpus dianeurus*, in habitat. Photo by Rick Hawkins.



"A moderate-sized palm with large simple leaves, *Geonoma cuneatum*, emerges among smaller vegetation." Photo and text by Michael Marritt.

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“Finally, after all the trekking through mud, hillsides, dodging snakes, climbing in and out of launches, there came a time to rest. The pic was not posed, just a random natural composition, but I don't see how I could have composed it better.” Text and photo by Michael Merritt.

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