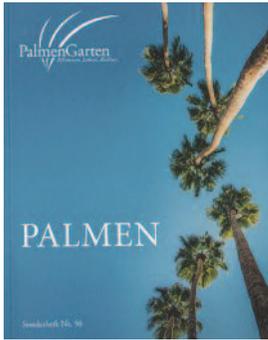


PALM NEWS



To coincide with an exhibition on palms, the **Palmengarten in Frankfurt, Germany, has produced an excellent guide to palms**, published as Sonderheft 50 of the long-running occasional series of the Palmengarten. Over a dozen authors have contributed to this 104-page, profusely-illustrated booklet, with chapters ranging from palm characteristics to classification and uses, and includes detailed accounts of several charismatic or particularly important species, among these the African oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*) and the controversy surrounding its cultivation. The guide is in German. The ISBN number is 978-3-931621-42-1, and the booklet can be obtained directly from the Palmengarten (www.palmengarten.de).

The city of Orihuela, Alicante, Spain, and Miguel Hernández University (UMH) have signed an agreement to create a **national collection of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*)**. Twenty specimens have already been planted, this agreement involves the proposed planting of more than 2000 palms. The city will plant and maintain the palms, and UMH will provide the plants and develop the interpretive materials. The purpose of the collection will be to foster research on the date palm and educate school children on the importance of the date palm in Spain, the Mediterranean and the Middle East. This agreement will be valid for five years, and the city council is committed to maintaining the collection for at least 50 years. The site was officially inaugurated on 5 June 2018 by representatives from the city and UMH.

Sara M. Edelman and Jennifer H. Richards have just published a **comprehensive account of vegetative branching in palms**. They tabulated five kinds of branching, analyzed the distribution within the family of the different kinds and hypothesized on the branching condition of ancestral palms. Their study can be found in *The Botanical Review*. 2018: 1–38. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12229-018-9200-2>.

Palma Chilena: Una especie emblemática que Chile necesita recuperar (ISBN: 978-956-316-190-8) is the title of a **beautiful new book in Spanish on the Chilean Wine Palm, *Jubaea chilensis***, written by Luis Alberto González Rodríguez, Manuel Toral Ibáñez and Rafael Navarro Cerrillo and published by Minera Los Pelambres, Facultad de Ciencias Forestales y Conservación de la Naturaleza de la Universidad de Chile and Origo Ediciones. The book is lavishly illustrated with high quality photographs, and IPS members can download it in electronic format at <http://www.aminerals.cl/media/5322/palma-chilena-una-especie-emblematica-que-chile-necesita-recuperar.pdf>.

