

As this Supplement was going to press, we learned of the passing of our friend and colleague Mr. Jim Cain. Jim edited the Supplement for many years, chaired the Endowment Committee and served the IPS in innumerable ways. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Jim will be greatly missed.

**Elections for IPS Directors
2014 – 2018 Term**

Ballot Enclosed – Vote Now!

The tear-out **Election Ballot** is provided in this December 2013 *Supplement* to *Palms* in both English and in Spanish: English is page 27 with Spanish page 28.) These are printed on opposite sides of the same sheet; and only one will be counted. Use your preference to vote. You must use an original ballot for your vote to be counted. Tear it out and vote now! See page 13 for candidate bios in English and page 18 for the same bios in Spanish.

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2014, to be counted. Election results will be announced on the IPS website and *PalmTalk* in early April. IPS Directors for the 2014–2018 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in May 2014 at the South Florida Biennial. Results will also be published in the June 2014 *Supplement*.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Elena Beare, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or to Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. Email messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for this election consists of the following Directors: Elena Beare, Jeffry Brusseau, John DeMott, Kathryn Morgan and Grant Stephenson.

Message from the President

Dear IPS Members,

As many of you have heard, we have had a healthy discussion and participation on PalmTalk since the October mid-term Board of Directors' (BOD) meeting in Peru. While most of the discussions have pertained to *PalmTalk* as a key element of Public Relations and a membership drive for the IPS, it is by no means the only topic the BoD has on its plate. The Administration of the IPS is a year-round responsibility that takes many man-hours to execute.

Some of the activities are day to day duties (book sales, paying the bills for everything from our web servers, domains, printing of our journal *Palms*, administration of *Palms.org* and *PalmTalk*). Some Board members are reviewing outdated By-laws, and yet others put the framework together for elections of members interested in becoming part of the Board. Some of these responsibilities and proposals for changes take place by email, where the topic is clearly defined and where discussions are not the all-consuming factor, otherwise, topics are deferred until the next BOD meeting.

I thought some of the more recent developments and contributions of our Board members and Committees should be listed as these are accomplishments that move the IPS forward to keep cost under control or to generate revenues that offset other subsidized programs, inclusive of the *PalmTalk* and *Palms.org* websites and our journal. Many of the in-house programs are scheduled for revamping to implement more current technology and/or to preserve features like Private Messaging on PalmTalk. I am convinced we will work out difficulties and find solutions that allow us to maintain most of the benefits currently on board and to develop other features that do not put the IPS or its assets at risk.

Some of the recent changes or "in-progress" projects are:

1. Monthly email newsletter (a development by Kim Cyr for email communication, *PalmTalk*, and *Palms.org*), to keep our members caught up of what's going on.
2. Electronic version of *Palms*. The production of the e-journal is in effect. Each issue of *Palms* 57 (2013) is available at *Palms.org* as a "flipbook." The IPS should inform the membership of the availability of the e-journal via e-mail, announcements in the journal, the IPS website and *PalmTalk*. As an additional benefit to members, the entire archive of *Principes/Palms* could be converted to e-journals and archived on the IPS server (or another archive, see below), although this process would take some time and additional expenditure.
3. Implementation of the Google Translate bar on the *Palms.org* website, so that all webpages can be translated. Google Translate, however, cannot be applied to flipbook texts. We are currently working on ways in which Google Translate can be further integrated into the *Palms.org* website so that Google Translate can be easily applied to current and archived pdfs. We expect to have some resolution on this before the Miami 2014 Biennial.
4. We have moved all numbers of our journal *Palms* and our book inventory from our past distribution center to reduce inventory carrying costs.
5. Investigated the accountability on failed journal mailings, as the non-deliverables were costing IPS thousands of dollars per year in journal replacements. A new mail house distribution agent has been researched, but our distribution center has already corrected some of the delivery issues.
6. Biennial 2014 Miami planned with major services contracted.
7. Biennial 2016 planned for SE Asia, but itinerary options are still being discussed for pre and post tours and for finalizing the Biennial event.
8. Almost all of our outside services contracts have been or are in the

process of review. Many have been re-written to clarify terms and minimize risk to the IPS.

9. Implementing a non-director volunteer apprentice program for sustainability of the IPS and its various Committees. Succession of qualified candidates (from the membership) makes sense for new directors to be trained. A coaching program was started in 2012 to prepare new or existing directors for the responsibilities and commitments required in various committees.
10. Investigate a cultivation-friendly site as part of *PalmTalk* or *Palms.org*. (or combined,) to address hobbyists' interests.

Most of these programs follow a rigorous restructuring IPS' accounting/finance system for tax reporting, preparation for audit, and on-going monitoring of the IPS programs costs. While much of this goes on unseen by the members, these activities are absolutely essential for the long term financial health.

We are also in search of volunteers and trainees, since many of us have been on the Board for years now. An orderly plan of succession is also in the works and is the basis of our coaching efforts. If interested in participation, let me know.

Happy holidays to all of you.

Leland Lai – President 2012–2016
The International Palm Society

IPS Endowment Fund Applications Due for 2014 Grants

As detailed in a separate article here, the 2013 grant awards by the IPS Endowment Fund were decided at the IPS Board of Directors meeting on October 12, 2013. Successful 2013 awards are announced there, with those funds currently being distributed.

The deadline for prospective applicants to send in their 2014 Endowment Applications is rapidly approaching. Applications for 2014 consideration must be received by March 1st, 2014, for consideration of 2014 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2014 grants will be awarded at the IPS Board Meeting to be held in May 2014. Grant funds awarded for 2014 will be available to grantees as soon after the 2014 Board meeting as is feasible.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Administrative Secretary, Dr. Larry Noblick, prior to March 1st, 2014. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as email attachments to lnob@montgomerybotanical.org. Documents should not exceed 6MB in size; larger documents should be split into separate, smaller documents.

Proposals should include the following information, along with any other information that applicants think might increase their chances for favorable review of their proposals:

- A Narrative Proposal Section, with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate detail for independent scientific reviewers to assess the feasibility and desirability of the project work. This should also address the desired project timetable in a general way, again to provide clarity to the reviewers.
- A clear and readable budget for the full project, as well as how much of the funding is requested from the IPS and how much of the total project funding is expected to be obtained from other sources. Please also state whether or not “partial funding” of the IPS amount would be acceptable (and still allow the project to be undertaken)
- To maximize the impact of these grants, the IPS asks that the grant proposers request funding only for direct project costs. The IPS grants may not be used to pay any indirect costs charged by the grant applicants’ institutions – that is, money to cover general G&A and/or any other “overhead” expenses are not to be included in the applicant’s Requests for Funding. The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients’ institutions, upon request.
- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the application [postal address, email address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- A statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual’s university or employer, etc. Applications should provide clear payment instructions (including payee name and address, Bank details with account number and other pertinent details, as appropriate.)

If there are questions on the above, please contact Dr. Larry Noblick by telephone at +1 (305) 667-3800 extension 104 or at the given email addresses. Alternatively, contact Dr. Scott Zona (+1-305-348-1247; zonas@fiu.edu) for information.

The IPS typically grants awards of US\$20,000 to US\$25,000 in a given year, if suitable applications are received. Typically, individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants can sometimes be awarded, if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of “partial funding.” Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

IPS Endowment Grant Awards in 2013

The IPS Endowment Fund awarded 2013 grants totaling to US\$25,902 for at the IPS Board of Directors meeting on October 12th. In addition a non-Endowment grant of US\$3,500 was also made. Details on each approved grant:

- A grant of US\$6,632 for Charlie D. Heatubun (Professor and Head of Forest Biology and Forest Protection Laboratory, Faculty of Forestry, Universitas Negeri Papua, Jl., Papua Barat, Indonesia) to conduct fieldwork in Sulawesi and the Moluccas to obtain critical materials of *Hydriastele* for the planned ***Monograph of the Palm Genus Hydriastele (Arecaceae: Arecoideae: Areceae)***. This work will be performed in conjunction with William J. Baker, Assistant Keeper and Head of Palm Research, Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.
- A grant of US\$4,880 to support Mr. Adama Faye, PhD Candidate, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) and Montpellier II University, Montpellier, France, and Ecole Nationale Supérieure, Université de Yaoundé I, Cameroon for a research project to study ***Palms of the Southern region of the Republic of Congo***.
- A grant of US\$3,000 for Ryan Vogel, Office of University Sustainability, Florida International University, Miami, FL, to ***Support the FIU Palmetum: Enable the development and installation of clear and concise interpretive signage / interpretive trail***.
- A grant of US\$2,700 to Dr. Mathilde Dufaÿ, GEPV (Genetics and Evolution of Plant Populations) Lab, Université des Sciences de

Lille 1/ CNRS, France, supported by Roxane Delle-Vedove, CEFE (Centre of Functional and Evolutionary Ecology), Univ. Montpellier / CNRS, France for a *Study of floral scents and of reproduction capacity of the unique European palm species.*

- A grant of US\$2,500 to Dr. Andrew Henderson (The New York Botanical Garden, The Bronx, NY, USA) and Nguyen Quoc Dung (Forest Inventory and Planning Institute, Thanh Tri, Hanoi, Vietnam) to support *Field Work In Southern Vietnam: Towards A Palm Flora Of Vietnam.*
- A grant of US\$2,290 to Gerardo Avalos (Associated Professor of Botany and Tropical Ecology) and Milena Cambronero, School of Biology, University of Costa Rica for an *Allometric analysis of carbon accumulation in four neotropical palm species from different successional stages and strata.*
- A grant of US\$900 to Luke Meyer Brown (Ph.D. Candidate) and Jordan Karubian (Assistant Professor), Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA for a study on the *effects of variation in fruit production on the survival of the palm Oenocarpus bataua.*
- An additional of US\$3,500 grant from the IPS General Fund was made to Jeffrey L. Marcus, Floribunda Palms & Exotics, Mt. View, Hawaii *for funding for the garden repository of these diverse palms that Floribunda has developed.* It was determined that this palm collection has potential to educate students and enthusiasts. The IPS Board of Directors determined that this grant should be made, albeit from the General Fund. The funds for this grant were not taken from the endowment budget since the project did not fall under research or benefit of a non-commercial entity.

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Spanish Language Articles

Con el fin de mantener una mejor comunicación con los miembros de habla Hispana, incluimos en este *Suplemento en Palms.*

- Boleta de Elección en Español (p. 28)
- Biografía en Español de los candidatos a la elección (comienza en pagina 18)
- Miami 2014 Biental Itinerario (comienza en pagina 11)

Gracias a los Directores de la IPS Elena Beare, Paco Martí y Pacho Roca, cada uno de los cuales contribuyeron a estas traducciones.

In an attempt to better communicate with our Hispanic members, we are including the following in this Supplement to Palms.

- Election Ballot in Spanish (p.28)
- Bios for the election in Spanish (begins on p.18)
- Miami 2014 Biennial Itinerary (begins on p. 11)

Thanks to IPS Directors Elena Beare, Paco Marti and Pacho Roca, each of whom contributed to these translations.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia, Inc. (PACSOA)

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, Inc, (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies headed by a Board presently based in Brisbane, Queensland. Since 1984 there has also been established a Publication Fund which, since 1987, has published eight original books.

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below. PACSOA branches are:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

Key contact information is:

- For general inquires, contact Will Kraa at <wkraa@bigpond.com.au>
- For Membership or Bookstore inquiries: email to <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au>

For more information on PACSOA, you may also write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society (BPACS) comprises members living in metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:30 pm.

Field Trips or "Outings" are typically organized on the 4th Sunday of February, April, June, August and October, with an end-of-year function in December. Outings include national parks to view palms or cycads in habitat, and trips to nurseries and Queensland's best private gardens, with a major field trip each year.

The October 27th outing featured the garden of former BPACS president Nick Craig of D'Aguilar. A dozen or so members enjoyed a relaxing and casual tour around Nick's property. Nick's garden was very tidy and recently remulched. Nick fed the group some great chicken BBQ. Nick's garden has suffered little from the ravages of the recent seasons – dry, wet, dry – with only a few palms not cooperating. Nick showed some of his gems, and all attendees had a good time.

The November 26th meeting featured a presentation by IPS Director David Tanswell, who brought BPACS yet another great presentation on the delights experienced by attendees of the 2012 IPS Biennial Pre-tour to Southern Thailand. It was a very informative and entertaining show, postponed from the cancelled September meeting.

The December 2013 Christmas Gathering will be hosted by Rudy and Muriel Meyer in Pomona. The outing is the end of year breakup and offers the option of either a day visit or an overnight stay to take in more gardens and make a real weekend of the occasion. There will also be a visit to John and Jeanne Price's well established garden. Rudy is donating some small plants for the raffle. There will possibly also be some larger plants, such as *Ravenea hildebrandtii* (which has been producing flower spikes for several years but has not yet set seeds) and the cycad *Ceratozamia hildae* with a male cone.

Members receive the monthly newsletter covering past and upcoming events. Annual BPACS membership is Aus\$15. To join or for other BPACS details, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 1134, Milton, 4064,

Australia, or contact Michael Green via email at <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au>.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney meets at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. Visitors are welcome. The September 24th meeting featured a presentation by John Keenan on "Phalaenopsis: Their culture and the Taiwan Phalaenopsis Orchid Connection."

The October 22nd meeting featured Patrick Handley of Waterscapes Australia, who gave a presentation on water gardens. To see more visit: www.waterscapesaustralia.com.au.

On November 26th, guest speakers will be Neil and Helen Curran who will speak on Australia's Top End, from Darwin to Katherine. Their presentation will focus on gardens there, the street plantings and the plants growing in this very different part of Australia.

Membership is Aus\$20.00 per year (Family Aus\$25). The 20-page magazine, *Tropica*, is filled with articles and color photographs. *Tropica* is published 3 times a year, alternating with a Newsletter with meeting details.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, www.sydneytropical.org/ or email to President Fred Moody <moody_fred@hotmail.com> or to <sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, write The Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) and PACSOM events, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or email the new PACSOM President Margaret Bazley, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia conducts monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the South Perth Rotary Club in Sandgate Street, Como.

The Cannington Annual Show was held at the Cannington Exhibition Centre, on November

16th and 17th. Entry was free and it was well attended by the general public, who admired the palms and cycads on display and also had the opportunity to buy rare and exotic plants.

For more information on PACSOWA, send an email to George Sevastos (President) at <george@pacsowa.com.au> or visit the PACSOWA website www.pacsowa.com.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand (PACSONZ), held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and plant sale on Sunday, November 24th at the Auckland Botanical Gardens, with approximately forty people in attendance. This year also marked the Society's 30th Anniversary.

At the AGM, Alan Booth was elected President and immediate Past President Terry Behersing moved to the Vice President position. Dick Endt spoke; John Lok and Alan Booth gave insight into the magazine for Loren Robb. There was a special cake for the event. The auction was the main attraction for some and there was a good range of palms and cycads offered; with some very desirable plants. Prices were generally low and some were almost give away. The weekend's event went well.

For information on the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ,) visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The PNWP&EPS September 23rd General Meeting featured Sean Rafferty, who spoke on Rhododendrons and companion plants. Sean spent 5 weeks in Guizhou and Guanxi provinces of China examining new species during May and June of 2012. He showed many pictures and shared his stories of the many (some new) varieties that he saw. Sean has impeccable credentials in the rhododendron world, having served on the executive of the South Fraser Rhododendron Society, as well as a board member of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Rhododendrons are excellent additions to any exotic garden, and Sean enlightened the Society on how to effectively integrate the plethora of available species into landscapes. The meeting ended with the raffle of exotic plants.

The November 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) commenced with business consisting of annual reports and the election of

Society officers for 2014. The second half of the meeting had a variety of activities, starting with three short interactive sessions on recent advances in plant winter protection techniques. These were targeted at cordylines (Rudi Pinkowski), palms (Charlie Warburton) and specialty tree ferns (John Brimacombe and Michael Bostock). The sessions featured real plants and materials showing simple techniques that have been specifically tailored for maximum protection in the Pacific Northwest / British Columbia climate. The recent cool weather has served more as a wake-up call than causing serious damage, so these sessions were ideally timed to inform members' actions to be ready when the really cold weather hits!

After the announcement of photo contest winners, Jay Rowland presented his meticulously crafted audiovisual grand finale of Society events in 2013, based on members' photo submissions. Not only are Jay's media talents well known, but the presenters were all congenial palmophiles, happy to share ideas.

The stunning 2014 PNWPEPS Wall Calendars have been printed and were available for pickup. Cost this year is \$13 per calendar, plus shipping if required. Check the Society website if you would like more information on this calendar (if there are any left.)

Meeting scheduled for 2014 are:

General Meeting: Monday March 24

General Meeting: Monday May 26

General Meeting: Monday September 22

Annual General Meeting: Monday November 24

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, email Nick Parker, <nickparker@eastlink.ca> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

European Palm Society

For more information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King <tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk>, or visit the new website www.palmsociety.org.uk.

Association Chambeyronia

Contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel <jpcan@canl.nc> or President Jean Pierson <pierson@socatrans.nc> for more information on Association Chambeyronia, the New Caledonia Palm Association.

**Asociación Botánica Española de
Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPMC)
[Spanish Palm Society]**

ABEPMC sponsored an event at the Botanic Garden of the University of Valencia (JBUV) on November 23rd, 2013. The day began with inauguration of the “Day of the Palm” organized by Dr. Isabel Mateu, Director of JBUV, followed by a presentation by ABEPMC (Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas) by the society President, D. Patricio Hinojosa. The next presentation was “The world of palms” by D. Vicente Caballer. Catedrático de la Universidad Politécnica de Valencia y Socio Fundador de ABEPMC.

Over the lunch period and early afternoon, there was an exposition of different types of palm seeds and products derived from palms. At the same time, photos of palms of diverse origins throughout the world were projected. There was also a show and sale of palms of various species at affordable prices, inside the Botanic Gardens.

Guided tours of the palm collection of the Jardín Botánico were accompanied by D. José Plumed, Technical Specialist in Arboriculture.

For information on ABEPMC, or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, email to Secretary Francisco Martí <pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es> or email President Patricio Hinojosa <info@botanico.tropical.com> or visit <http://abepmc.com/> or <http://abepmc.blogspot.com/> websites.

**Fous de Palmiers,
Annual general assembly, Montpellier,
April 12th – 14th, 2013**

In the midst of a cold spring, even along the Mediterranean, a group of 40 members attended our annual meeting to share news, experiences and good times. Sunshine, nice sight-seeing points and conviviality allowed us to spend a fruitful and friendly time together.

Visits began with the botanical garden where superb palm trees could be seen, some such as *Sabal* sp., full of available seeds. It was a great pleasure to see a tall *Washingtonia filifera* planted during a meeting of Fous almost 20 years ago. Large cycads recently planted and a newly renovated conservatory for xerophytes was admired. A magnificent dinosaur tree, *Ginkgo biloba*, planted in 1795 (with both male

and female branches, thanks to grafting, and producing viable seeds), provided us with generous shade while we listened to the history of what was originally a medicinal garden.

Next stop was the agricultural school, AgroSup Montpellier, where Benoît Peltier, a palm nut and scientist in plant genetics, described the strategy he has employed to save the many centuries-old *Jubaea chilensis* that have been attacked by the *Paysandisia archon* butterfly larvae. Full recovery could take some years – a long time for us – a short irritating incident for them. A patented glue system was used to keep the larvae from entering the palm hearts and killing these large old specimens.

That evening, Hervé Pietrat gave an interesting presentation on how to save our palm trees from the pests (*P. archon* & *Rynchophorus ferrugineus*) and halt the disappearance of palms such as *Phoenix canariensis* and *Trachycarpus fortunei* from southern Europe. The issue is that some of the most efficient chemicals are about to be prohibited. It was time to mention the European research project (www.palmprotect.eu) now defining new strategies to go further in tackling this task, since palms are important not only for ornament but also for economic reasons, as in northern Africa. This talk was followed by good food and wine enjoyed by all.

The next day started with a visit to the zoo. Amazonian animals such as snakes, birds, batrachians and small mammals were surrounded by a green environment of remarkable palms, among them *Aiphanes minima*, *Astrocaryum alatum*, *Attalea* spp., *Bactris gasipaes*, *Copernicia* (*C. alba* and *C. macroglossa*), *Euterpe oleracea* and others.

After lunch another Fou, Henri de Colbert, hosted the group for a visit of his domain, the impressive Chateau de Flaugergues (excellent rosé wine!) on the outskirts of Montpellier. A collection of palms could be seen, including a splendid *Jubaea chilensis* next to his castle, living evidence of the long history of this family in planting exotics species.

The general assembly meeting took place there, thanks to Henri, and started with a presentation from young Simon Lavaud describing his trip across South and Central America, searching famous and rare cycads, *Zamia* in particular. He was so passionate that we were virtually transported to these areas, trekking in wild green forests, desert beaches and cloudy mountains, tracking these plants and collecting seeds!

The past year's activities were then reviewed. Our French association is composed of members throughout France with regional activities such as private garden visits, plant exchanges and participation in plant exhibitions. Our website www.fousdepalmiers.fr with the forum is very active and has become an essential tool for connections amongst French-speaking palm enthusiasts. Isabelle Grumiaux, our webmaster, was warmly thanked for doing such excellent work. A booklet devoted to the genus *Chamaerops* was published, led by our former president Pierre Bianchi and distributed to all Fous members. New sources of money would be necessary in order to again finance such a high standard free publication. Trips abroad are organized each year and the next one, to Florida, was planned for the autumn. New seeds from our seed bank were available at attractive prices, thanks to Jean-Yves Poquet, who is in charge and does a great job. This past year could be defined as a great success regarding all the running activities, thanks to Pierre-Olivier Albano and all of our members.

The two day assembly ended with a visit of André Martin's garden overlooking the Mediterranean in the seaside town of Sete. André is responsible for regional activities in Langedoc. Amazing, extraordinary – it is difficult to find words to describe his garden, including some rarities, such as the famous hybrid *xButiagrus nabomandii*, over 3 meters tall, a *Phoenix canariensis* with red fruits, an *Arenga engleri* along with beautiful *Brahea*, *Butia*, et al. André gave us lots of information about how to combat pests, including chemicals, specific techniques, how to implement them and when. No doubt that the two main insect pests have no chance to survive in André's garden!

We concluded the assembly with special thanks for Rudy Benezet, our secretary and organizer of these two excellent days that went by too quickly.

Two officers resigned due to lack of sufficient time to fulfill their duties and were replaced by two new fellows, Etienne Trentesaux and Jean-Luc Debry – new in the bureau but highly experienced in palms. No doubt the group will strongly benefit from their presence and we welcome them.

The next Spring 2014 general assembly will be held in Nice/Menton, on the Riviera, next to the Italian border. The mild climate there, similar to that of Southern California, makes it possible to grow an amazing collection of exotic

plants from all over the world and specifically, of course, flourishing rare palms or cycads.

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South African Palm Society

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact the President, Neels van Niekerk < neels@eject.co.za >.

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

The Palmeraie Union features on its website items of interest about palms on Madagascar – an island only some 400 miles to the northwest of La Réunion. For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at < palmxeraie.union@wanadoo.fr > or send an email to Nicole Ludwig at < nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr >.

Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS)

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) visited the fantastic Dean Ouer garden in Kona on Sunday, November 3rd. This stellar garden is in the cloud forest above Kailua-Kona at the 2200 foot level, on the flank of Hualalai. Dean's is a maturing garden amidst an old rainforest. At this cool elevation, he has slowly been hand clearing, carving out planting sites for as many palms as will fit into his three acres, while trying to preserve the ambiance of the natural 'aina. About one third of the property has been planted some ten years, with another third about five years, and the remaining third is 1-3 years old.

Old growth ohia trees and hapu'u tree ferns mix with the new palms and other tropical delights including bromeliads, aroids, orchids, cycads and much more. All are accessed by a network of winding cinder pathways. This is a spectacular garden and certainly an inspiration to the tropical gardener.

There are many palm species in the ground. Although this is a younger garden in comparison with many other Big Island gems, it holds the interest of the most experienced palm nut or ardent gardener. It is also a part of Kona unfamiliar to many. After the garden tour, HIPS provided pupus and water.

On November 15th, plant pathologist Scott Nelson, Ph.D., gave an informative presentation on palm diseases and pests at the University of Hawaii Hilo. Scott has worked since 1992 as a

plant pathologist for the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). Residing in Honolulu, he is responsible for plant disease education and research programs throughout the State of Hawaii. His photos of palm diseases and pests represent data he collected during consultations with palm growers throughout Hawaii and the Pacific. Scot has produced a number of palm pest resources to provide problem diagnosis, pest management guidelines and educational opportunities for palm growers and service industries. He developed a new, interactive website with information about plant diseases and pests as well as a free, diagnostic app for smart phones ("The Plant Doctor" app). Scott may be contacted through his website at: hawaiiplantdisease.net, by email at: snelson@hawaii.edu or by telephone at his laboratory at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 513 Gilmore Hall, (808) 956-6741.

February 7th, 2014, Friday, is the date for the 2014 HIPS Annual BBQ & Auctions, at Aunty Sally's Hale, starting at 5:00 pm.

Next year HIPS celebrates its 40th anniversary. Some new ideas and events for 2014 are in the planning stages to commemorate the HIPS dedication and longevity.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Tim Brian <begteb@hawaii.rr.com>, Treasurer Bob Gibbens <begteb@hawaii.rr.com> or Secretary Ken Mc Gilvray <knmcg@hotmail.com> or visit the HIPS website <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>.

Palm Society of Southern California

The PSSC met on November 16th, 2013, in Whittier at two gardens new to PSSC visits. The 1st garden visited was that of Herb and Connie Johnson, at 10513 Messina Dr Whittier, CA 90603-2425 and the 2nd garden was that of Sergio and Maria Burciaga, 13811 Philadelphia Street, Whittier, CA 90601-3803. These two gardens are only a few minutes apart and both are established gardens where many unusual and rare species were seen. There were an auction, raffle and potluck meal at the second garden.

Herb Johnson describes himself as a "small time collector with a garden containing approximately 50 palms and 75 cycads." He started collecting about ten years ago, mainly cycads, expanding to palms after being introduced to them by Louis and Carol Hooper. Herb purchased a *Dypsis* species from the

Hoopers, and that's where his passion for palms began. The Johnsons are particularly proud of their three *Chambeyronia macrocarpa*. Although the collection is small compared to most gardens it was definitely worth seeing.

The meeting then moved on to the home and garden of Sergio and Maria Burciaga. Like the Johnson garden, the Burciaga garden is a gem, but much larger. High in the hills above Whittier, this garden has rare palms and an elegant hardscape, all in vivid color. The Burciagas have many large *Dypsis*, *Chambeyronia*, and other palms of New Caledonia and Madagascar, of unexpected sizes. Highlights include *Dypsis leptocheilos* with about 4 feet of trunk, trunking *Roystonea* and many others too numerous to list. The Burciagas have set off their collection with a meticulously trimmed emerald green lawn.

PSSC meetings are generally held on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months. For more on the Palm Society of Southern California visit <http://www.palmssc.org/>.

The Palm Society of Maui

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (email to Sunya at evitaazul@yahoo.com or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051).

Arizona Palm & Cycad Society

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmcycad.org> or send an email to either Vice President Monte Crawford <montecrawford@hotmail.com> or President Nick Argys <argyfam@msn.com>.

Northern California Chapter, IPS

If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an email to the secretary <Edith@PalmPaintings.com> or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and email address. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS

Annual dues the Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) of the IPS are US\$15 for individuals or US\$20 for households, with new members joining after May given a 50% discount. For information on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact: Information Officer Tom Mignerey <temignerey@aol.com> or Secretary/Treasurer: G. Eric Moore <gmoore008@peoplepc.com>.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society had informative presentations at two of our last three monthly meetings. In October, Bill Schall gave us an update on the latest information on the Rugose Spiraling Whitefly. In November Elvis Cruz presented Cuba: "A Mystery Island of Beautiful Palms." In December, we had our holiday party featuring our spectacular plant giveaway. At this meeting multiple, one gallon, specimens of 22 different palm species were distributed free to members. There was also a plant exchange between members. A palm and cycad auction and a pot luck dinner were also featured at the December meeting.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at the Mounts Botanical Garden building in West Palm Beach, FL. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm and cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door and on our website at www.palmbeachpalmcycad.society.com. Membership includes our monthly newsletter which features a palm or cycad with detailed information on growing in Palm Beach County. Our last three newsletters featured *Chamaedorea arenbergiana*, *Copernicia gigas*, and *Licuala spinosa*. Membership also includes participation in our annual December palm & cycad give-away.

Contact info:

Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society

P.O. Box 21-2228

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33421-2228

Or, send an email to:

support@palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, email Geri Prall at <SW_FL_Palms@outlook.com>.

South Florida Palm Society News

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month.

The South Florida Palm Society will host the 2014 IPS Biennial. More information will be forthcoming on this event in future *Supplements*.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, send an email to President Ken Johnson <kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net> or to Corresponding Secretary Louis Sgueros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net> with your snail mail address.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society's (CFPACS) Annual Palm Garden Tours will take place on December 7th, 2014, and will feature a Cuban pig roast and a demonstration on "How to create your own rare Bonsai palm."

The opening tour will be at the garden of Gina Valentino and Nicholas Georgiades at 2508 19th St, Sarasota, FL. You will think you are in Hawaii when you see this private half-acre of palms, bamboo, bromeliads, aroids, tropical and edible plants carefully planted by the enthusiastic owners.

The second garden toured will be the garden of Rob Branch, 1315 38th St, Sarasota FL. This is one of Florida's finest private gardens developed by Rob over the past 20 years. Palms, bamboo, dozens of different kinds of bromeliads, rare tropical plants, etc. There will be a guided tour of the entire garden.

Ken Johnson, a pioneer in growing bonsai palms, will demonstrate how to create one of these rare specimens for your own home.

Lunch will feature Cuban pig roast, black beans and rice — CFPACS members eat free; non-members pay \$6. Served from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock — Members are asked to bring a side dish: salad, fruit, vegetable, salad or dessert. Soft drinks and water are provided.

Lunch will be followed by the Plant Auction and Plant Sale.

Find directions and more on future meetings at <http://www.cfpacs.org/palmateer/>.

For more information about Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society, its activities and membership benefits, see the website

www.CFPACS.org or email Lucinda McCartney
<president@cfpacs.org>

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to the **ET CETERAS** quarterly newsletter. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society" and mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates <rodpgates@cs.com>, V.P. Jayanne Crawley, <southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com> or Kathryn Morgan, <katgmorgan@yahoo.com>.

Southeastern Palm Society

To obtain information on SEPS or the quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) **Southeastern Palms**, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or email Will Taylor at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First 8th Coast Chapter, please contact Kyle Brown at <palmdoctor@aol.com>

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On October 19th, the Palm Society of South Texas met at the home and garden of John, Yong & Blake Volk in San Antonio. This was the second visit to their new home, and the palm garden is really coming along. The palms have nearly doubled in size and the garden layout is providing a nice "palmy" barrier to the neighbors. Most guests arrived around noon and socialized till lunch was served.

After lunch, there was a short business meeting, and John then gave a tour of the garden and presented the background and other interesting aspects of various palms. After the tour, members enjoyed a perfect fall afternoon and socialized.

The PSST met on November 16th at the Olivers and Tumberlinsons in San Benito. Meeting details were not available at press time for this *Supplement*.

Also scheduled for 2013 is the December 14th Annual Christmas Party @ Romeo and Linda Montalvo, in Brownsville.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please see the PSST online membership

form and other information on the Society website www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org.

[The above PSST information was taken from the online meeting summaries on the PSST website, with appreciation to PSST for the use of this information.]

Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

French Antilles IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

Ti-Palm regularly organizes garden visits and jungle hikes looking for endemic palms of the Lesser Antilles and French Guyana.

There is a chat at Fous de Palmiers website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also email Président: Pierre-Olivier Albano, <contact@tipalm.fr>.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

For information on AVEPALMAS, see the website www.avepalmas.org or send an email to avepalmas@cantv.net.

2014 Biennial Itinerary in Spanish

Bienal en Miami Del 23 al 31 de Mayo de 2.014

VIERNES 23 MAYO

Llegada de participantes de países
lejanos para adaptarse a la Bienal.

1º Dia.- SABADO 24 MAYO

- Los participantes seran recogidos en el Aeropuerto y trasladados al Hotel.
- Reunión anual de los Directores de la IPS de 9 de la mañana a 5 de la tarde.
- Cena de Bienvenida de 7 a 9 pm. Seguida de una presentación a cargo del Dr. Patrick Griffith Director del Montgomery Botanical Center.

2º Dia.- DOMINGO 25 MAYO

- 6,30 Desayuno en el hotel.
- 7,30 Salida de los buses para ir a Highlands Hommock, a 3 horas de Miami en los buses siempre habra disponible agua y snacks.
- 10,30 Visita al Highlands Hommock State Park. Bolsa de comida servida en el parque.

13,45 Salida del parque.
14,15 Tour por el Archbold Biological Station.
15,45 Salida del parque.
18,00 Barbacoa en el vivero Searle Bros en
Broward County con Jeff Searle.
20,30 Salida buses al hotel.
22,30 Llegada al hotel Dadeland Marrito.

3º Dia.- LUNES 26 MAYO

7,00 Desayuno en el hotel.
9,10 Salida buses.
9,30 Visita al Pinecrest Gardens.
11,30 Salida buses
11,35 Llegada al Fairchild Tropical Botanical
Garden (FTBG)
12,30 Servicio bolsa comida.
14,- 15,- y 16,- Tour en tranvía (opcional) de
una hora.
17,30 Cocktail en el Fairchild (FTBG).
18,30 Banquete especial, seguido de una
presentación del Director del FTBG,
Dr. Carl Lewis.
21,15 Salida buses al hotel.
21,45 Llegada al hotel Dadeland Marriot en
Miami.

4º Dia.- MARTES 27 MAYO

6,30 Desayuno en el hotel.
7,00 Check out y envío equipajes al hotel de
Key West.
8,15 Salida buses desde el hotel de Miami.
10,15 Llegada al Everglades National Park
- Buses A & B – Iran al Mahogany Hammock.
- Buses C & D – Iran al Royal Palm Hammock.
Después los buses cambiarán los destinos.
12,00 Salida para Maratón y Bahía Honda.
Bolsa de comida en ruta.
Buses A & B – A Villa Paradiso Garden en
Marathon.
Buses C & D - A Silver Palm Trail en Bahía
Honda State Park.
17,30 Llegada y registro en el hotel Doubletree
en Key West.
Copa de bienvenida en la recepción del hotel.
19,00 Cena en el TBA de Key West.

5º Dia.- MIERCOLES 28 MAYO

Día de descanso para todos los participantes.
Cena por libre.

6º Dia.- JUEVES 29 MAYO

7,00 Desayuno en el hotel.
8,00 Check out y envío del equipaje al hotel
Dadeland Marriott.
8,45 Salida buses del hotel de Key West.
9,30 Visita al jardín privado Punta Roquera en
Sugarloaf Key
10,30 Salida de Sugarloaf Key.
- Buses A & B – A Silver Palm Trail en Bahía
Honda State Park
- Buses C & D - A Villa Paradiso Garden en
Marathon.
12,30 Todos los buses a visitar Bait Shack
Garden en Marathon.
13,45 Salida para Coral Gables.
16,30 Registro de nuevo en el hotel Dadeland
Marriott en Miami. Copa de bienvenida
en la recepción del hotel.
19,00 Cena en el Restaurante Texas do Brazil y
regreso al Marriott.
20,00 En el hotel, conferencia de Paul Craft
sobre “PALMERAS DE CUBA”.

7º Dia.- VIERNES 30 MAYO

7,00 Desayuno en el hotel Dadeland Marriott.
9,00 Salida de los buses desde el hotel.
9,30 Visita al jardín privado de Jeff Block.
11,00 Salida del jardín privado.
11,30 Visita al Montgomery Botanical Center.
12,00 Bolsa de comida.
13,- a 17.- Tours en el Montgomery.
- Los visitantes disfrutaron de un picnic con
vistas únicas
Del jardín que tiene una excepcional colección
de palmeras,
Cycas y coníferas tropicales.
17,30 Regreso al hotel.
19,00 Cena de despedida en el hotel Dadeland
Marriott en Miami.

8º Dia.- SABADO 31 MAYO

Desayuno en el hotel.

Traslado al aeropuerto internacional de Miami
de los participantes en la Bienal, con
salida a los diferentes destinos.

La Bienal de 2014 es una oportunidad que no
debe dejar perder todo Socio de la IPS.

Bio Notes for each candidate follow, listed alphabetically by surname.

**Biographical Information on Candidates
for IPS Board of Directors Positions 2010-2014
(listed alphabetically by surname)**

No. 1. CINDY ADAIR

Six years ago, **Cindy Adair** (PalmTalk: apaandssa) fell in love with a Puerto Rican farm planted with dozens of palms, some quite rare. Efforts to learn more led her to the *Encyclopedia of Palms* in the local library. Soon more books and internet searches directed her to the IPS website and PalmTalk. Fast forward a few years and palms have become a major interest, thanks largely to the IPS and she has over 300 species in the ground. She is gaining appreciation for the cold hardy palms that flourish in Virginia.

An unexpected benefit of her palm obsession was attending the 2012 IPS Biennial in Thailand. Sitting in on a Board meeting in Thailand persuaded her to join the PalmTalk committee. Now encouragement by IPS & Palmtalk members have convinced Cindy to take a more active role. She still grows orchids and many other tropicals purely as a hobby. When not playing with plants, she and her husband are fulltime veterinarians in Virginia and owners of a busy small animal practice.

If all goes according to plan, she and her husband (also a plant enthusiast and member of the Southeastern Palm Society) will retire and move to their Puerto Rico farm in 2015.

No. 2. NORMAN BEZONA

Norm Bezona is a professor emeritus of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and is still very active with the master gardeners' program in Hawaii as well as with the American Bamboo society (he organized the local chapter), the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii and Hawaii Island Landscapers Association. Norm works internationally with the Peace Corps and with several NGOs to promote agriculture and forestry. He has been an active member of IPS since the early 1960s. As an IPS board member in the past, Norm has attended and participated in most board meetings and Biennials and actively served on several IPS committees.

Donn Carlsmith and Norm were organizers of the Hawaii Island Palm Society chapter at its inception in 1973. Norm writes for two Hawaiian newspapers, including a Sunday garden column. He constantly promotes the International Palm Society and local chapter activities both in his writings and in his other contacts with plant enthusiasts.

No. 3. FAITH BISHOCK

Faith Fessenden Bishock has always been a plant person. She found her interest in palms in the 1970s at Fairchild Tropical gardens where she purchased the *Palms of the World* and the *Supplement* to it. Faith joined the International Palm Society in the mid-1980s and began growing palms – mostly from seeds – and selling them at South Florida palm sales in Miami. The International Palm Society has expanded her palm skills greatly by exposing Faith to many different areas of horticultural knowledge and by “getting her nails dirty.” Through years of hard work, she has developed a large field and stock nursery. She has attended Biennials since 1992.

For her full time job, Faith manages the financial affairs for her family's limited partnership, which includes a charitable foundation. She loves organic gardening and also spends time with ballet and health club activities. Faith is a graduate of the University of Miami and a licensed real estate broker. She is currently a member of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society, the South Florida Palm Society, and an honorary board member of the Montgomery Botanical Center. Since 2002, Faith has served on the Board of Directors of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, the only IPS director to do so. Faith has been an IPS Director since 2002, having served as Chair of the Nominating committee (2004–2012), and has also served on the Finance and Chapter relations committees.

Faith would like to see a better relationship between all chapters/affiliates and the International Palm Society.

No. 4. KIMBERLEY CYR

An International Palm Society member since 2008, she is a regular participant on PalmTalk, the interactive online forum of the IPS, contributing photographs from gardens and palm habitats both locally and as distant as Madagascar. Encouraged by her palm-collecting brother, Kim joined the Palm Society of Southern California in 2006 and contributes articles and photographs to the Society's *Palm Journal*. She maintains palm gardens in San Diego, California and Pahoehoe, Hawaii. As an enthusiastic gardener and plant collector, Kim is supportive of efforts to increase education, awareness, and preservation of the world's rich array of palms. Kim experienced her first IPS Biennial in Costa Rica in 2008, and is committed to an active contribution of her time and effort toward the international growth and continued success of the IPS.

Kim presently serves the IPS as a member of the Executive Committee, Biennial Committees, Biennial Guidelines Committee, PalmTalk Committee, and as Chair of the Finance Committee. Kim has been employed as a financial advisor for thirty years, and is the proud mother of two children, now thriving adults. Other interests include hiking, travel, languages, surfing, diving, and playing the violin.

No. 5. WALTER "WAL" DONOVAN

Wal Donovan is 59 years old, born and bred in the bayside suburb of Wynnum, in the city of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He took up gardening as a form of physical activity and began growing palm trees soon after. After losing his few palm trees through ignorance of their requirements he began researching palms. A step in the direction of further palm education was "PalmTalk," where he studied expert comments, then after some his own experiences began posting comments of his own. The forum moderator at the time, Bob Riffle, had posted a thread on the benefits of joining a palm society. This convinced Wal to join his local Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society chapter, and the Australian Palm and Cycad Society and later the IPS. He has visited many palm habitat areas in Australia with members of the PACSOA group.

Wal enjoys reading the PACSOA and the IPS journals and owns a wide range of palm tree books in his library. He is currently a PACSOA director and has been involved in decision making on funding for cycad and palm research. Wal has grown extensive palm gardens in Brisbane and Beerwah. In 2012, Wal attended his first IPS biennial to Thailand and aims for in Miami, 2014. If selected to serve on the board, Wal would like to be involved in arrangements for the 2016 biennial and to assist marketing palm tree growing.

No. 6. LEN GEIGER

Len Geiger graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor in Bio Science and a Secondary in Education. After teaching for a semester in Australia, he moved back to the States and entered OCS for the Marine Corps. Len spent four years as a Scout Sniper Platoon Commander and Ground Intel Officer but decided to resign his commission as a Captain in order to start his first business in 1999. Len was the CEO/Founder of WebIntellects, Inc., where he grew the business to support over 25,000 websites and provide services to customers in more than 90 countries worldwide. After the successful sale to Jumpline, Inc., in 2011 he started his new venture where he is bringing 15 years of webhosting experience to Be Different Solutions. When not working, Len loves spending time with his family which includes two beautiful young children and his hard working wife, Brenda. Len's hobbies include cycling, traveling and, of course, gardening.

No. 7. RAY HERNANDEZ

Ray Hernandez is a native Floridian, born and raised in Tampa, Florida. In 1993, he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Florida. Today, he is a Senior Project Engineer for an Aerospace company that develops and builds rocket, missile and satellite components. He first took an avid interest in palms upon seeing Thomas Edison's Royal Palms in Ft. Myers, Florida. While his work is drastically different from his hobby, he has taken advantage of business trips to South America, Australia and Asia to see various palm species in their native habitat. Fifteen years later, he grows over 300 species of palms in 130 genera and his passion for palms is

stronger than ever. Ray has served on the IPS board since 2006 and was President of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS). As a board member of CFPACS, he penned many cultivation articles for the *Palmateer* quarterly. Currently, Ray is chairing the IPS Biennial committee which is organizing the 2014 Miami Biennial. Ray is looking forward to serving the IPS for another successful term as a member of its Board of Directors.

No. 8. HORACE O. HOBBS, JR.

Horace O. Hobbs, Jr. is an executive who focuses on long range planning and asset allocation for a Fortune 5 integrated downstream energy company. He is a chemical engineer by training and has spent most of his career in consulting focused on strategy and business planning. He joined the International Palm Society in 1977 and has been a life member since 1998. His association with the International Palm Society has been driven primarily by a desire to see the IPS successful in endeavors surrounding conservation, research, and dissemination of practical information for the hobbyist. He has served on the IPS board of directors as Vice President (1996–2000) and as President (2000–2004). He also served as the Society's Corresponding Secretary (2008–2012). He had previously served his local chapter in the Houston area of Texas as President for several years. He is active in University of Houston Alumni activities and currently serves on two related boards of 501(c)(3) charities involved in raising and disseminating undergraduate scholarships. He is currently active on the IPS board's Executive and Risk Management committees. He and his wife maintain a palm garden in Houston, Texas and regularly travel to see palms in the wild.

No. 9. JULIE CLEAVER MALZONI

Julie Cleaver Malzoni, from Brazil, has been an IPS member since 2002. She was introduced to the wonderful world of palms by her late father-in-law Roberto Malzoni, an enthusiastic planter of *Corypha umbraculifera*. She holds degrees in Business Administration, including an MBA. A few years ago, she decided to branch her knowledge into botany, and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Arboriculture. Julie currently works as a freelance translator (Portuguese/English), and helps voluntarily at an after-school community center for children and teenagers. Her hobbies are gardening, traveling and reading. In later 2012, she participated in the Vietnam Palm Tour following the IPS Thailand Biennial, which was a great opportunity to meet international IPS members.

Julie keeps contact with other Brazilian palm lovers via the Facebook page "Rede Brasileira de Palmeiras" and hopes that as a member of the IPS board she can help increase awareness in Brazil of the society's work on the study of palms.

No. 10. FRANCISCO "PACO" MARTI NAVARO

The chocolate, cocoa beans and coconut business has taken **Francisco "Paco" Marti** to the Middle East and Asia for many years, exposing him to palms and their multiple uses. But his passion for all palms started when Paco became a member of the Spanish group *Amigos de las Palmeras*, and through them the IPS. Since 2009, he has been the Secretary of the Spanish society ABEPYC. Traveling to the 2010 Rio Biennial, the IPS 2011 mid-term Board of Directors meeting in Tenerife, and organizing a post-tour in Valencia for some of the IPS directors who attended the Tenerife meeting gave Paco the opportunity to meet many other palm lovers. A group from Spain visited Venezuela from January 30 through February 7, 2012, where he met old friends from the IPS and made still more friends from the local Venezuelan society, AVEPALMAS. But most importantly, "I have continued to learn about the beautiful palms around the world." Since September 2012, Paco has been on the Board of Directors and has been working on the Committee for Affiliate Relations, Membership, Public Relations & Marketing.

Paco's aim is to continue working worldwide contributing to the broader knowledge of palms, especially in the Hispanic world.

No. 11. DON MARTIN

Don Martin is a retired horticulture teacher, high school and junior college. He has been married for 47 years to the same lady, she still lets him grow palms and buy lots of water. Don and Heather live in the San Diego area of Southern California, but love to travel and see other parts of the world.

Don has served on many boards, some of the garden club type and others of a professional nature. He is a person that likes to get things done with a minimum of talk and meetings. He sees that there is much work to be done in the IPS, the most important job being to increase membership. This will be a challenge in a world that is constantly changing the way it does business. "We must react with strategies that utilize new technologies. We need to explore new ways to market our products. There are many people who, if they knew about the IPS, would become members."

No. 12. JILL MENZEL

Jill Menzel of Brazil is strongly committed to the goals of IPS and feels that with her business experience and contacts, she can truly be of value when given the opportunity to serve. Jill has been an IPS member for 15 years and active on the IPS board for 6 years. She hosted the IPS biennial in Brazil 2010. Jill also has sponsored and supported activities of Montgomery Botanical Center, the Burle Marx gardens in Brazil and the Rio de Janeiro Botanic Gardens. Jill sponsors a school in Madagascar as well one in the Amazon. She owns a business in California with over a thousand employees since 1975 and can be of service to the International Palm Society with these talents.

Jill is presently involved in a reforestation reestablishment of the golden lion tamarind monkey habitat on her ranch in the Atlantic rainforest of Brazil. On her ranch, she is also developing an extensive palm collection to educate large landowners in the region and is currently exploring the possibility of buying land in Madagascar to develop a palm collection focusing on endemic and endangered species.

Jill thanks you for considering her as a fully involved board member representing the IPS.

No. 13. FERNANDO "PACHO" ROCA – ALCAZAR

Born in Lima, Perú, in 1955, Fernando "Pacho" Roca holds a doctorate in Social Anthropology (2004) from the EHESS (École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales), Paris, France and a Masters in Theology (1994) from Centre Sèvres also in Paris, France. He is an ethnobotanist and Catholic priest and a member of the Society of Jesus, a religious order.

He found the first population of *Parajubaea cocoides* in the north of Peru in 2009 (see *Palms*, Vol 54(3) 2010, pp. 133–136). After spending 15 years living in the northwest Amazonian rainforest of Peru, Fernando now lives in Lima and teaches at the University. He continues to carry out field research in Peru, writes articles and will publish his thesis on traditional ethnobotanical knowledge of palms and orchids among the Amazonian Aguaruna-Huambisa people. Pacho is helping to create the botanical and ethnobotanical garden on the campus of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), with a large palm collection, trees, shrubs, orchids and other botanical species. This garden recreates some of the principal Peruvian ecosystems: Pacific dry tropical forest, Amazonian rainforest, Lima's valley flora and Inter-Andean valleys. Last but not least, he has been a member of the IPS since 1998 and has attended all the Biennials since 2002.

No. 14. TOBIAS "TOBY" SPANNER

Tobias W. Spanner became seriously interested in palm trees in 1987. He made his first palm expedition, to China, in 1991, and has since traveled all over the world to destinations such as India, China, Burma, Pakistan, Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil and Vietnam in search of rare and little-known palms. Although Toby says his foremost goal on these trips is to see as many palms in their natural habitats as he can, these expeditions also sometimes allow him to gather specimens for study as well as collect seeds for cultivation. His most important expedition, taken with Martin Gibbons to Sudan in 1995, led to the rediscovery of *Medemia argun* – a palm believed to be extinct. The pair have also scientifically described four new species of *Trachycarpus* and rediscovered several others.

Toby has been a member of the International Palm Society since the late 1980s. In 2002, Toby was elected to the IPS's board of directors and from 2008 to 2012 served as Vice President. Toby has also

been a member of the European Palm Society since its formation and served as editor of the EPS's journal *Chamaerops* for several years. Toby is the author of *Das Palmen Kulturhandbuch* (1992), a handbook for growing palms, and co-author of the 320 page *Winterharte Palmen* (2007), focusing on his specialization, cold-hardy palms. Additionally, Toby has published numerous articles in *Principes* (now *Palms*), *The Palm Journal*, *Chamaerops* and in various German gardening magazines. His work has been featured on television and radio gardening programs and in over 30 magazines in Germany.

Toby is from Munich, Germany, where he lives with his wife, Dr. Lauri Coulombe, and son, Alexander, and runs a well-known palm seed business, a mail-order plant nursery, and a small publishing company.

No. 15. DAVID TANSWELL

David Tanswell's introduction to palms occurred in the 1970s when he was in his mid-20s in age. He had moved to Brisbane Australia after having lived and worked in the West Indies for a number of years. It was a culture shock leaving the Caribbean climate and lifestyle, so his mother gave him a palm, as a symbol of the tropics, and a packet of palm seed for his birthday. That was the start of his adventure with palms and the palm communities that have been an important part of his life for more than 35 years. Palms have given David the opportunity to be involved in running societies, producing magazines, learning desktop publishing, publishing books, organising conventions and tours, and have given him the excuse to indulge in his favorite pastimes of photography, travel and horticulture. Like many, David spent years growing every seed he could lay his hands on, running a backyard mini nursery and developing a garden. Pressures of work and a prolonged southeast Queensland drought put a damper on the cultivation for some years but recently selling his architecture business, both work and the drought are now behind him.

Hungry for palm information, David soon joined the Australian Palm and Cycad Society (APACS) and was introduced to the Palm Society (later to become the International Palm Society.) He joined the executive of APACS, (later to become PACSOA,) in 1983 and has been continuously involved in its leadership ever since, holding the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Director. In 1984, David attended the IPS post tour out of Cairns in northern Queensland, and in 1988 took up the opportunity of a lead role in the planning and hosting of the first International Palm Society biennial meeting held in Australia; in North Queensland. This led to a term on the IPS board as Vice President and it was about this time that the IPS truly became focused as an international palm society. Two years later, David had the privilege of leading an IPS group on a Malaysian post tour following the 1990 Hawaii biennial. These great adventures are etched into his memory.

Through his years as an architect, David has been lucky to travel extensively and to search for palms in habitat whenever the opportunity arises. Rosemarie and David spent their honeymoon palm hunting in the jungles of Malaysia! With a small group of like-minded intrepid adventurers, he has made many trips in search of what has become an obsession, the palms of Borneo. He thoroughly enjoys attending biennials and board meetings and does not intend to miss any. What a way to forget life's pressures and catch up with friends and acquaintances while immersed in palm culture.

David has no formal training in the field of palms, botany or horticulture, however he does have a long-time interest in palms and palm culture and perhaps more importantly an interest in the palm community and the many facets of the societies that serve that community. David has an interest in most facets of running the IPS, particularly the organisation of biennials, which are the highlight for many members, and also in financial management, which ensures that the IPS thrives into the future. David looks forward to the opportunity to contribute by serving as a Director of the board of the IPS.

No. 16. LEE TRACY

Lee Tracy fell in love with palms in 2009. Since then, she and her husband, Mike, have planted more than 400 palms in their garden. Although they live on the hot and dry side of the Big Island, Lee's favorite palms are native to rain forests which, with effort, they are growing with substantial success. She credits their success in this effort to local nursery owners, her collection of palm books and journals, and the information she has learned on PalmTalk.

The first palms Lee purchased were in 5 to 20 gallon pots. She soon began buying palms in smaller sizes including 2" and 4" pots. After successfully propagating purchased seeds, she is now propagating seeds from her own garden.

Lee has served as an officer on several boards of directors including the Hawaii Island Palm Society. She has held management positions at a number of companies and continues to direct and manage her own successful business.

Lee's love of palms extends beyond her own garden. She is actively working to introduce more members of her community to palms and encourage the planting of more diverse genera and species. Serving on the IPS Board will help her reach that goal as well as propagate the interest in and love for planting of palms in other parts of the world.

**TO VOTE, REMOVE THE ORIGINAL BALLOT AND
RETURN IT BY MAIL to IPS Administrative Secretary, Larry Noblick**
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and postmarked no later than March 15, 2014.
Photocopies will **not** be accepted.

Mail your ballot to:

Larry Noblick
Administrative Secretary of International Palm Society
C/o Montgomery Botanical Center
11901 Old Cutler Rd.
Miami. FLORIDA 33156-4242

Original Ballots (not photocopies) must be returned to IPS Administrative Secretary, Larry Noblick, at the address indicated below and postmarked no later than March 15, 2014. Election results will be announced in advance of the 2014 Biennial to be held in South Florida in May 2014.

**Información biográfica de los candidatos
a la Junta de Directiva de la IPS, Periodo 2010-2014
(Listado por orden alfabético por apellido)**

Nº. 1. CINDY ADAIR

Hace seis años, **Cindy Adair** (PalmTalk: apaandssa), se enamoró en Puerto Rico de una plantación con docenas de palmeras, algunas de ellas bastante raras. Su esfuerzo en aprender más la llevó en su biblioteca local a la Encyclopedia of Palms. Después de conocer otros libros, sus búsquedas en Internet le condujeron a la pagina web de la IPS y el PalmTalk. Desde hace unos años, para ella las palmeras están teniendo un gran interes, gracias en su mayor parte a la IPS y ya tiene unas 300 especies plantadas. Cindy esta comprendiendo y apreciando mejor las palmeras que resisten el frio y crecen en Virginia.

Un hecho muy positivo en su obsesión por las palmeras fue poder asistir a la Bienal de 2012 que la IPS organizó en Thailandia. Poder tomar parte en la reunión de la Junta llevada a cabo allí, le animo a formar parte del Comité del PalmTalk. Animada por los socios de la IPS y el PalmTalk, ahora toma parte más activa en esta asociación. Sigue cultivando sus orquideas y otras muchas plantas tropicales, solo

como hobby. Pero cuando no esta ocupada en ello, tanto su marido como ella, ambos veterinarios en Virginia, dirigen su pequeña clínica.

Si todo va según sus planes, se jubilarán en 2015 y piensan ir a vivir en su finca de Puerto Rico. Sobra decir que su marido es también un gran entusiasta de las palmeras y socio de la Southeastern Palm Society.

Nº. 2. NORMAN BEZONA

Norman Bezona es profesor Emerito de la University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Siendo muy activo en los programas de maestros jardineros en Hawaii, así como la Sociedad Americana de Bambus (organiza la asociación local), la Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii y la Hawaii Island Landscapers Association. Norman trabaja a nivel internacional con el Cuerpo de Paz y varias ONGs para promover la agricultura y reforestación. Desde principios de 1960 es socio activo de la IPS y también miembro de la Junta Directiva de la misma. Ha asistido y participado en las reuniones de esta y Bienales, tomando parte activa en varios Comités de la IPS.

Donn Carlsmith y él fueron los organizadores de la Sección de la Hawaii Island Palm Society, en su incorporación en el año 1973. Norman escribe para dos periodicos de Hawaii y tiene una columna dominical donde habla sobre jardines. Es un gran promotor de la IPS en la sección local, a través de sus actividades y escritos, así como sus múltiples contactos con otros entusiastas de las plantas.

Nº. 3. FAITH BISHOCK

Faith Fessenden Bishock ha sido siempre una persona de plantas. Descubrió su interés en las palmeras en 1970 en los jardines del Fairchild Tropical, donde adquirió el *Palms of the World* y el *Supplement* a la mismo. Faith se incorporó a la IPS a mediados de 1980 y empezó a cultivar palmeras –la mayoría desde semillas y las vendía en el South Florida de Miami. La IPS ha contribuido a ampliar sus conocimientos de palmeras, le ha hecho ver muchas áreas diferentes en el conocimiento de horticultura y provocando que se “ensuciara las manos” en ello. Después de años de duro trabajo ha conseguido una gran plantación, así como un amplio vivero. Ha asistido a las Bienales desde 1992

La mayor ocupación de Faith es dirigir los asuntos financieros de la sociedad limitada de su familia, incluyendo propiedades, impuestos, finanzas y una fundación de caridad. Le encanta la jardinería orgánica y también dedica tiempo al ballet y otras actividades gimnásticas. Faith esta graduada por la University of Miami y licenciada como Agente Inmobiliario. Actualmente es miembro de la asociación, Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society, la South Florida Palm Society y es miembro Honorario de la Junta del Montgomery Botanical Center. Desde 2002 forma parte también de la Junta de Directores del Fairchild Tropical Garden, y es la única Directora de la IPS presente en este botánico. Esta en la Junta de la IPS desde 2002, presidio el Comité de Nominaciones de (2004–2012) y también participa en la sección de Finanzas y Comité de relaciones.

Su gran ilusión sería ver un mayor contacto entre todas las secciones/afiliados y la IPS.

Nº. 4. KIMBERLEY CYR

Kim Cyr es miembro de la IPS desde 2008 y participa habitualmente en el PalmTalk, el forum interactivo online de la IPS, aportando fotos de jardines y habitats de palmeras, tanto locales como las distantes de Madagascar. Animada por la colección de palmeras de su hermano, ella se incorporó a la Palm Society of Southern California en 2006 y desde entonces contribuye con artículos y fotos a la revista de dicha asociación Palm Journal. Mantiene jardines de palmeras en San Diego.-California y Pahoehoe.-Hawaii. Como jardinera entusiasta y coleccionista de palmeras, es solidaria con todos los esfuerzos que se llevan a cabo para fomentar la educación, conciencia y preservación de la gran riqueza de palmeras desplegadas por todo el mundo. Su primera experiencia en Bienales de la IPS fue en Costa Rica el año 2008. Contribuye activamente dedicando parte de su tiempo y esfuerzo al crecimiento continuo de la IPS.

Kim es actualmente, dentro de la IPS, miembro de varios Comités, como son el Ejecutivo, organización de Bienales, PalmTalk y Directora de Finanzas. Ella ha trabajado durante treinta años como asesor financiero y es una madre orgullosa de sus dos hijos, ya casi adultos.

Nº. 5. WALTER “WAL” DONOVAN

Wal Donovan tiene 59 años, nació y se crió en el suburbio de Wynnum, en la ciudad de Brisbane.-Queensland –Australia. Comenzó la jardinería como una forma de actividad física y empezó a cultivar palmeras más tarde. Después de perder unas cuantas palmeras por su falta de conocimientos, en cuanto a necesidades de estas, inició su labor de investigación sobre las mismas. Un gran paso en su formación fue el PalmTalk, donde estudió comentarios de expertos, para después mostrar sus propias experiencias. El moderador del forum en aquel tiempo, Bob Riffle le hizo ver los beneficios de formar parte de una sociedad de palmeras, y este convencimiento le llevó a formar parte de la sección local, Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, la Australian Palm and Cycad Society y más tarde a la IPS. Ha visitado muchas zonas endémicas de palmeras en Australia con socios del grupo PACSOA.

Wal disfruta leyendo las revistas de la PACSOA y los journals de la IPS. Posee también una amplia colección de libros sobre todas ellas en su biblioteca. Actualmente es un director de PACSOA y forma parte de un grupo dedicado a la investigación de cycas y palmeras. Wal ha cultivado extensos jardines de palmeras en Brisbane and Beerwah. En 2012 asistió a su primera Bienal de la IPS en Thailandia y hara todo lo posible por estar presente en Miami el 2014. Si es elegido para trabajar en la Junta, quisiera colaborar en la preparación de la Bienal de 2016 y asistir en el cultivo y marketing de palmeras.

Nº. 6. LEN GEIGER

Len Geiger es graduado por la Montana State University con un Bachillerato en Bio Science y un Secondary in Education. Después de estar enseñando durante un semestre en Australia, volvió a EE. UU. Y entró en la OCS para la Marine Corps. Len pasó cuatro años como Scout Sniper Platoon Commander y Ground Intel Officer, pero decidió renunciar a su cargo como Capitan, para empezar en su primer negocio en 1999. Fue el fundador/CEO de WenIntellects, Inc. donde desarrollo un negocio para apoyar a unos 25.000 servidores y proporcionar servicio a clientes en más de 90 países. Después del éxito de su venta a Jumpline, Inc. en 2011, empezó su nueva aventura aportando su experiencia de 15 años de “webhosting” para hacer Soluciones Diferentes. A Len cuando no trabaja, le gusta pasar el tiempo con su familia, formada por dos estupendos niños y su atareada esposa Brenda. Sus hobbies son el ciclismo, viajar y por supuesto la jardinería.

Nº. 7. RAY HERNANDEZ

Ray Hernandez es nativo de Florida, nacido y criado en Tampa.-Florida. En 1.993 consiguió un Bachelor of Science en Mechanical Engineering por la University of South Florida. Hoy es Senior Project Engineer en una compañía Aeroespacial que desarrolla y construye cohetes, misiles y componentes de satelites. Su interés en palmeras se despertó después de ver la Thomas Edison’s Royal Palms en Ft. Myers, Florida. Su trabajo es muy diferente de su hobby y gracias a él, ha tenido ocasión de hacer viajes de negocios por Sur America, Australia y Asia, donde ha podido ver cantidad de especies de palmeras en su habitat original. Después de 15 años ha conseguido tener unas 300 especies de palmeras de 130 géneros y su pasión por ellas es cada día más fuerte. Ray esta en la Junta de la IPS desde 2006 y fue Presidente del Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS). Como miembro de la Junta de la CFPACS, ha escrito muchos articulos sobre cultivos para la revista trimestral Palmateer. Actualmente dirige el Comité de la IPS que esta organizando la Bienal del 2014 en Miami. Ray espera seguir trabajando con éxito para la IPS como miembro de la Junta de Directores, por otro periodo de cuatro años.

Nº. 8. HORACE O. HOBBS, JR.

Horace O. Hobbs, Jr. es un dinámico consultor industrial especializado en transacciones de flujos de bienes y finanzas. Es ingeniero químico de formación y ha invertido mucho de su carrera en planeamiento estratégico, y consultorías para compañías petroleras en las áreas de fusiones, adquisiciones y despojos o cierres. Su relación con la International Palm Society ha estado orientada principalmente por el deseo de ver a la IPS exitosa en los esfuerzos en torno a la conservación, investigación y diseminación de información práctica para los aficionados. Ha servido a la IPS en el Comité Directivo (Board of Directors) como vice-Presidente (1996–2000) y como presidente (2000–2004). También lo ha hecho

como secretario de la IPS (2008–2012). En el área de Houston, en donde reside, ha sido el Presidente del capítulo local de la IPS en Texas por diez años.

Nº. 9. JULIE CLEAVER MALZONI

Julie Cleaver Malzoni de Brasil, ha sido miembro de la IPS desde el 2002. Ingresó en el maravilloso mundo de las palmeras por su suegro Roberto Malzoni, un entusiasta de las plantaciones de *Corypha umbraculifera*. Posee el grado de Administración de Negocios, incluyendo un MBA. Hace unos años, ella decidió extender su conocimiento hacia la biología, obteniendo el bachillerato en arboricultura. Julie trabaja comúnmente como traductora freelance del portugués al inglés y ayuda voluntariamente en un centro comunitario para niños y adolescentes después del colegio. Sus hobbies son la jardinería, viajar y leer. El año pasado participó en el tour a Vietnam y la Biental en Tailandia. Fue una gran oportunidad para encontrarse con socios internacionales de la IPS.

Julie mantiene contacto con otros aficionados de palmeras brasileiros a través de la página Facebook “rede brasileira de palmeiras” y espera que como miembro del Board de la IPS pueda ayudar a aumentar la conciencia en Brasil del trabajo de nuestra Sociedad en el estudio de las palmeras.

Nº. 10. FRANCISCO “PACO” MARTI NAVARO

El negocio del chocolate, cacao y coco han llevado a **Francisco “Paco” Marti** por los diferentes países de Oriente Medio y Asia durante muchos años. Ello le dio la oportunidad de poder ver cantidad de palmeras y los diferentes productos que de ellas se extraen como el aceite de palma, palmiste, coco rallado, etc. Pero su pasión por ellas comenzó cuando Paco se hizo miembro de la asociación Española, Amigos de las Palmeras y posteriormente de la IPS. Desde 2009 es el Secretario de la **Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPYC)**. Asistió a la Biental de Rio en 2010, a la mid-term reunión de la Junta de Directores de la IPS en Tenerife en 2011 y organizó un post tour en Valencia para algunos de los Directores de la IPS que habían asistido a la reunión de Tenerife. Todo ello le dio la oportunidad de conocer a muchos otros entusiastas de las palmeras. Organizó un viaje a Venezuela para un grupo de ABEPYC que se llevó a cabo del 30 de Enero al 7 de Febrero de 2012. Allí se encontraron con viejos amigos de la IPS e hicieron otros nuevos de la **Asociación Venezolana de Palmas (AVEPALMAS)**, quienes muy amablemente les mostraron cantidad de palmeras en su habitat. Para él lo más importante es continuar aprendiendo y disfrutando de la belleza de las palmeras en cualquier parte del mundo. Desde Septiembre 2012 forma parte de la Junta de Directores de la IPS, en sustitución de Santiago Orts y colabora en el Comité para Relaciones con los afiliados, Socios, Relaciones Publicas y Marketing.

A Paco le gustaria seguir trabajando para el mejor conocimiento de las palmeras, en especial para los entusiastas del amplio mundo Hispano.

Nº. 11. DON MARTIN

Don Martin es profesor jubilado de horticultura de colegios high school y junior en USA. Ha estado casado por 47 años con la misma dama que todavía le deja hacer crecer palmeras y le compra mucha agua. Don y Heather viven en San Diego, sur de California, USA, pero adoran viajar y conocer otras partes del planeta.

Don ha servido en muchos Boards, algunos del tipo de clubes de jardines y otros más profesionales. Es una persona que le gusta que las cosas sean hechas con el mínimo de palabras y reuniones. Hay mucho trabajo por hacer en la IPS, el más importante es aumentar el número de miembros. Este es un desafío en un mundo que cambia constantemente en el modo como se hacen negocios y nosotros debemos reaccionar con estrategias que utilicen nuevas tecnologías. Necesitamos explorar nuevas formas de mostrar, de “marketear” nuestro producto, pues hay probablemente mucha gente que si conocieran acerca de la IPS, podrían ser socios.

Nº. 12. JILL MENZEL

Jill Menzel de Brasil, está estrechamente comprometida con las metas de la IPS y siente que con su experiencia de negocios y contactos, ella puede ser de mucho valor si le dan la oportunidad de servir en el Directorio. Jill ha sido miembro de la IPS por 15 años y activa en el Directorio por seis. Ella acogió la

Bienal de la IPS en el Brasil en el 2006. Jill también ha patrocinado y apoyado actividades del Montgomery Botanical Center, de los jardines Burle Marx en Brasil y de los jardines botánicos de Río de Janeiro. Jill apoya un colegio en Madagascar así como otro en Río de Janeiro. Tiene negocios en California con más de mil empleados desde 1975 y puede servir a la IPS con estos talentos.

Actualmente Jill está comprometida en el proyecto de la reforestación del hábitat del mono tamarindo leoncito dorado en su fundo en la mata atlántica brasilera. En esta propiedad ella ha creado una extensa colección de palmeras para educar a los grandes propietarios de terrenos de la región y se plantea la posibilidad de comprar tierras en Madagascar para desarrollar una colección de palmeras nativas centrándose en las especies endémicas y en peligro de desaparecer.

Jill les agradece el que la consideren como un miembro del Directorio plenamente comprometida a representar a la IPS.

Nº. 13. FERNANDO “PACHO” ROCA – ALCAZAR

Nacido en Lima, Perú, en 1955, **Fernando “Pacho” Roca** posee un doctorado en Antropología Social(2004) de la EHESS (Escuela de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales) París, Francia y un Master en Teología (1994) por el centro Sèvres también en París, Francia. Es un etnobotánico y sacerdote católico miembro de la Compañía de Jesús, Jesuitas, una orden religiosa.

Encontró la primera población de *Parajubaea cocoides* en el norte del Perú en el 2009 (ver Palms, Vol 54(3) 2010, pp.133–136). Después de vivir quince años en la selva amazónica nororiental del Perú, Fernando reside en Lima y enseña en la Universidad. Continúa desarrollando proyectos de investigación en el territorio peruano y escribe artículos. Publicará su tesis sobre el conocimiento tradicional etnobotánico amazónico del pueblo aguaruna-huambisa: el caso de las palmeras y las orquídeas. Pacho está trabajando en la construcción del jardín botánico y etnobotánico de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) en Lima con una gran colección de palmeras, árboles, arbustos, orquídeas y otras especies botánicas. Este jardín recrea algunos de los principales ecosistemas peruanos: el bosque seco tropical del Pacífico, la selva húmeda Amazónica, la flora del valle de Lima y la de los valles interandinos. Lo último pero no menos importante, él es miembro desde 1998 y ha asistido a todas las bienales desde el 2002.

Nº. 14. TOBIAS “TOBY” SPANNER

Tobías W. Spanner se volvió un serio interesado por las palmeras en 1987. Hizo su primera expedición de palmeras a China en 1991, y desde entonces ha viajado por todo el mundo a destinos como la India, China, Burma, Pakistán, México, Ecuador, Brasil y Vietnam buscando raras y poco conocidas palmeras. Si bien Toby dice que su meta más importante en estos viajes es ver las palmeras en su hábitat natural, siempre que puede recoge especímenes para su investigación y semillas para su germinación. Su expedición más importante hecha con Martin Gibbons a Sudán en 1995, le permitió redescubrir la *Medemia argum*, una palmera que se creía extinta. Los dos también han descrito científicamente cuatro nuevas especies de *Trachycarpus* y redescubierto varias otras.

Toby ha sido miembro de la IPS desde 1980. En el 2002 fue elegido para el Directorio y desde el 2008 hasta el 2012 ha servido como vice-presidente. Toby ha sido también miembro de la Sociedad Europea de Palmeras (European Palm Society) desde su creación y ha sido editor de su revista *Chamaerops* durante muchos años. Toby es el autor de *Das Palmen Kulturhandbuch* (1992), una guía para cultivar palmeras, y coautor del libro de 320 páginas *Winterharte Palmen* (2007), centrado en las especies de palmeras tolerantes al frío. Además, Toby ha publicado muchos artículos en Principes (hoy Palms), *The Palm Journal*, *Chamaerops* y en varias revistas de jardinería alemanas. Su trabajo ha sido presentado en programas de radio y televisión sobre jardinería y en más de 30 revistas en Alemania.

Toby es de Munich, Alemania en donde vive con su esposa Laurie Coulombe y su hijo Alexander. Dirige un muy conocido negocio de semillas de palmera, un vivero de envíos por correo y una pequeña compañía de publicidad.

Nº. 15. DAVID TANSWELL

David Tanswell entró en el mundo de las palmeras cuando estaba a la mitad de sus 20 años en 1970. Se mudó a Brisbane, Australia, luego de haber vivido y trabajado largo tiempo en las islas del Caribe. Fue un choque cultural dejar el clima caribeño y su forma de vida, así que su madre le regaló una palmera como símbolo de los trópicos junto con un paquete de semillas de palmera. Este fue el inicio de su aventura con las palmeras y las comunidades de palmeras han sido una parte importante de su vida por más de 35 años. Las palmeras le han dado la oportunidad a David de involucrarse en empresas, producir revistas, aprender publicidad desde los escritorios, publicar libros, organizar convenciones y tours y le han dado la excusa de satisfacer sus pasatiempos favoritos como la fotografía, los viajes y la horticultura. Como muchos, David pasó mucho tiempo haciendo germinar y crecer todas las semillas de palmeras que podían caer en sus manos, en un patio trasero con un pequeño vivero y un jardín que había creado. Presiones del trabajo y una prolongada sequía de Queensland del sudeste en Australia, le pusieron un alto al cultivo por algunos años, pero recientemente, vendiendo su negocio de arquitectura, tanto la sequía como el trabajo quedaron atrás.

Hambriento de información sobre palmeras, David pronto ingreso a la APACS, la Sociedad australiana de palmeras y cicas, e ingresó a la Palm Society que después sería la International Palm Society (IPS). Formó luego parte del equipo ejecutivo de la APACS que luego sería la PACSOA en 1983 estando constantemente comprometido como líder de la asociación y ostentando diferentes cargos tales como presidente, vice-presidente, secretario y director. En 1984 fue al post-tour al norte de Queensland, en las afueras de Cairns y en 1988 fue el que lideró la organización y acogida de la Primera Biental realizada en Australia en North Queensland. Esto lo condujo a asumir un mandato en la IPS como vicepresidente, período en el cual la IPS se dio a conocer como organización internacional. Dos años después David tuvo el privilegio de dirigir un grupo de la IPS en el post-tour a Malasia luego de la Biental en Hawaii en 1990. Fueron grandes aventuras que quedaron grabadas en su memoria.

A través de sus años como arquitecto, David ha tenido la suerte de viajar extensamente y de buscar palmeras en su hábitat cuando la oportunidad se presenta. David y Rosemarie pasaron su luna de miel "cazando palmeras" en las junglas de Malasia. Con un pequeño grupo de aventureros como él, ha organizado muchos viajes buscando lo que se ha convertido su obsesión, las palmeras de Borneo. El disfruta plenamente esperando las bienales y los encuentros del Directorio y pretende no perder ninguno. ¡Qué manera de olvidar las presiones de la vida diaria y de pasarla bien junto con otros que disfrutan el sumergirse en el mundo y el cultivo de las palmeras;

David no tiene calificaciones formales en el mundo de las palmeras, la botánica o la horticultura, sin embargo él posee un largo interés en las palmeras y su cultivo y quizás aún más importante en las comunidades de palmeras que poseen un vínculo estrecho con las sociedades humanas y en las maneras como éstas se sirven de ellas y ellas los sirven. David tiene mucho interés en las distintas facetas de las actividades de la IPS particularmente en las organizaciones de las bienales que son el punto fuerte para muchos miembros y el manejo financiero que asegura que la IPS florezca en el futuro. David busca la oportunidad de servir a la IPS en el Directorio como uno de sus directores.

Nº. 16. LEE TRACY

Lee Tracy se enamoró de las palmeras en el 2009. Desde entonces ella y su esposo Mike han plantado más de 400 en su jardín. Aunque ellos viven en el lado caliente y seco de la gran isla en Hawaii, las palmeras favoritas para Lee son originarias de las selvas tropicales húmedas, que con esfuerzo las hace crecer teniendo un significativo éxito. Ella da crédito para el éxito de este esfuerzo a los propietarios de los viveros locales, su colección de libros y revistas de palmeras y a la información que consigue en PalmTalk. Las primeras palmeras que Lee compró estaban en macetas de 5 (18.9 lbs.) a 20 (75.7 lbs.) galones. Pronto comenzó a comprar palmas en tamaños menores, envases de 2 (5cm.) a 4 (10.16 cms.) pulgadas. Después de propagar con éxito las semillas que compraba, ahora lo hace con las semillas de su propio jardín.

Lee ha formado parte de muchos comités directivos (Board of Directors) en muchas asociaciones, incluyendo la Hawaii Island Palm Society (Sociedad de Palmeras de la Isla de Hawaii) Ha tenido muchas posiciones directivas en numerosas empresas y ahora dirige y maneja su propia exitosa empresa.

El amor de Lee por las palmeras se ha extendido más allá de su jardín. Trabaja activamente para introducir más miembros de su comunidad en el mundo de las palmeras y los anima a plantar diversos géneros y especies. Sirviendo en el comité Directivo de la IPS ayudará a conseguir los objetivos de nuestra asociación así como a propagar el interés y el amor para plantar palmeras en otros lugares del planeta.

PARA VOTAR, RETIRE LA HOJA DE VOTACION ORIGINAL.
ENVIELA POR CORREO a Larry Noblick, Secretario Administrativo, IPS
A la dirección indicada más abajo
Y fechada por el correo [*fecha límite 15 de Marzo, 2014.*]
LAS FOTOCOPIAS **NO SERAN** ACEPTADAS

ENVIE POR CORREO SU HOJA DE VOTACION A:

Larry Noblick
Administrative Secretary of International Palm Society
C/o Montgomery Botanical Center
11901 Old Cutler Rd.
Miami. FLORIDA 33156-4242

La hoja de votación original [no fotocopia] debe ser enviada a Larry Noblick, Secretario Administrativo, IPS, a la dirección indicada, fechada por el correo [fecha límite Marzo 15, 2014.] Los resultados de esta Elección serán anunciados antes de la Bienal, 2014 a realizarse en el sur de Florida en Mayo de 2014.

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TODAY!

RETIRE LA HOJA DE VOTACION

Y

ENVIELA!

VOTE!

HOY!

Ballot for IPS Directors (Term 2014-2018)

Please remove and use this original ballot form. Do not use a photocopy. The ballot is easily removed and only original ballots will be counted. ***Each member must mark his/her own ballot.***

All active IPS members, worldwide, should vote for the indicated number of nominees in each of the geographic groups by placing a check by the candidates of choice for the given geographical category. You should vote for the instructed number of candidates in **each** geographic grouping category.

In addition to the Director position automatically filled by John Dransfield (Co-Editor of **PALMS**), the IPS has **fifteen (15) positions** to be filled in this election for IPS Directors to serve the 2014-2018 term, divided into appropriate groups to maintain desired geographic distribution as shown below. Each IPS member, regardless of residence area, should vote for his/her choice of these directors nominated in accordance with the geographical groups given below. See accompanying candidates' biographical data.

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

There are no returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2012–2016. Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.

_____ Walter "Wal" Donovan, Australia
_____ David Tanswell, Australia

ASIA, INDIA and NORTHERN PACIFIC

No candidates in this election. There is one returning director serving for 2012–2016 from this geographical grouping.

AFRICA and MIDDLE EAST

No candidates in this election and no returning directors serving for 2012–2016 from this geographical grouping.

EUROPE

There is one continuing director from this geographical area, one of the **Palms** editors. Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.
_____ Francisco "Paco" Marti Navaro, Spain
_____ Toby Spanner, Germany

CANADA and NORTHWESTERN USA

No candidates in this election and no returning directors serving for 2012–2016 from this geographical grouping.

SOUTHWESTERN USA

There are five returning directors serving for term 2012 – 2016 from this geographical area. Vote for **three (3)** candidates in this group.
_____ Kimberley Cyr, Southern California
_____ Len Geiger, Southern California
_____ Don Martin, Southern California

HAWAII and US ISLANDS

There are two returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2012–2016. Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.

_____ Norm Bezona, Isle of Hawaii
_____ Lee Tracy, Isle of Hawaii

NORTHEAST USA

There are no returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2012–2016. Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.
_____ Cindy Adair, Virginia

SOUTHEASTERN USA

There are five returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2012–2016. Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.

_____ Faith Bishock, Sarasota, Florida
_____ Ray Hernandez, Tampa, Florida

CENTRAL USA

There are also three returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2012 – 2016. Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.
_____ Horace Hobbs, Houston, Texas

SOUTH AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

There is one returning director from this geographical grouping for 2012–2016. Vote for **three (3)** candidates in this group.

_____ Julie Cleaver Malzoni, Brazil
_____ Jill Menzel, Brazil
_____ Fernando Roca-Alcazar, Peru

TO VOTE, TEAR OUT THIS ORIGINAL BALLOT AND SUBMIT IT BY MAIL

**Note that there is one contested race!
Your vote is important!**

Hoja de Votación para Directores del IPS (Periodo 2014-2018)

Por favor retire y utilice este original de la hoja de votación. No utilice una fotocopia. La hoja de votación se retira fácilmente y únicamente se computaran las hojas originales. *Cada socio deberá marcar su hoja de votación personalmente.*

Todos los socios activos del IPS, sin importar país de residencia, deberán votar la cantidad de candidatos indicados para cada zona geográfica, marcando con un tilde su voto. *Deberá Ud. votar la cantidad de candidatos indicados para cada zona geográfica.*

Adicionalmente al cargo de Director, otorgado automáticamente a John Dransfield (Co-Editor de **PALMS**), la IPS dispone de quince **(15) cargos de Director para el periodo 2014-2018**. Estos cargos se distribuyen en forma proporcional a la cantidad de socios en cada zona geográfica como se detalla a continuación. Cada socio de la IPS deberá votar por su/s candidato/s según lo indicado. Ver información biográfica de cada candidato publicada en este Suplemento.

AUSTRALIA, NUEVA ZELANDA e ISLAS DEL PACIFICO SUR

No hay Directores que continúen en funciones, para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **DOS (2)** candidatos en este grupo.

_____ Walter “Wal” Donovan, Australia
_____ David Tanswell, Australia

ASIA, INDIA y PACIFICO NORTE

No hay candidatos en esta Elección.

Hay un Director que continua en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

AFRICA y MEDIO ORIENTE

No hay candidatos en esta Elección. No hay Directores que continúen en funciones, para el periodo 2012–2016.

EUROPA

Hay un Director que continua en funciones, editor de **PALMS**.

Vote **DOS (2)** candidatos en este grupo.

_____ Francisco “Paco” Martí Navarro, España
_____ Toby Spanner, Alemania

CANADA y NOROESTE, USA

No hay candidatos en esta Elección. No hay Directores que permanecen en sus cargos, para el periodo 2012–2016.

SUROESTE, USA

Hay cinco Directores que permanecen en funciones periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **TRES (3)** candidatos en este grupo.

_____ Kimberley Cyr, Sur de California
_____ Len Geiger, Sur de California
_____ Don Martin, Sur de California

HAWAII e ISLAS USA

Hay dos Directores que continúan en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **UN (1)** candidato en este grupo.

_____ Norm Bezona, Isla de Hawái
_____ Lee Tracy, Isla de Hawái

NORESTE USA

No hay Directores que continúen en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **UN (1)** candidato en este grupo.

_____ Cindy Adair, Virginia

SURESTE USA

Hay cinco Directores que continúan en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **DOS (2)** candidatos en este grupo.

_____ Faith Bishock, Sarasota, Florida
_____ Ray Hernández, Tampa, Florida

CENTRO USA

Hay tres Directores que continúan en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **UN (1)** candidato en este grupo.

_____ Horace Hobbs, Houston, Texas

AMERICA DEL SUR / CARIBE

Hay un Director que continua en funciones para el periodo 2012–2016.

Vote **TRES (3)** candidatos en este grupo.

_____ Julie Cleaver Malzoni, Brasil
_____ Jill Menzel, Brasil
_____ Fra. Fernando Roca-Alcázar, Perú

PARA VOTAR RETIRE ESTA HOJA DE VOTACION ORIGINAL Y ENVIELA POR CORREO.

Atención: Hay una zona geográfica disputada. Su voto define!