# GENERAL INFORMATION 2000 I.P.S. BIENNIAL-NEW CALEDONIA OCTOBER 8-14, 2000 POST TOUR-FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 16-23/24, 2000

## Registration deadline June 30, 2000

A Registration Form for the 2000 Biennial and Post Tour is included within the pages of this Supplement to *Palms* and must be completed clearly and returned by stated deadline

## **BIENNIAL**

General Information: The 2000 I.P.S. Biennial is being sponsored by the International Palm Society with our local host in New Caledonia being the Society Chapter, Association Chambeyronia. There will be organized visits to park preserves and native habitats as well as lectures by some of the most noted palm experts in the world. New Caledonia is an exotic tropical resort island with many beautiful beaches and tourist attractions. Please note that a 220 maximum of attendees Biennial 2000. participate in the Registration will cease when we reach this number. All prices quoted throughout are in US Dollars.

Dates, Biennial: Attendees to the Biennial must arrive in Nouméa, New Caledonia, no later than Noon, Sunday, October 8, 2000. The Biennial officially starts Sunday afternoon, October 8, and ends Friday, October 13, with attendees departing for home on Saturday, October 14 and Post Tour attendees departing for Cairns on Sunday, October 15. It is advisable for regular attendees to arrive on Saturday, October 7, to comfortably adjust from jet lag. However, it is imperative Directors and Officers arrive on Friday, October 6, to attend the Board Meeting to be held on Saturday AM, October 7. Be aware that some of you will be crossing the International Date Line and will lose a day. Plan your flight accordingly.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures: Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. The discounted IPS room rate of \$45 US per person (no meals included), double occupancy, will apply immediately before or after the Biennial at the Surf Hotel in Nouméa. Such special arrangements are the attendee's responsibility and must be individually booked by you directly with the

hotel or by your travel agent or Universal Travel. No commissions will be paid to travel agents with this discounted rate. Neither Allen Management nor the I.P.S. can book extra days' lodging or airline flights.

Biennial Location: The Biennial will be in North and South New Caledonia, but will start and end in Nouméa. Mont Panié is included in the itinerary, but, because of its sometimes-unpredictable weather, the I.P.S. cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely.

Biennial and Post-Biennial Registration Forms and Payment Information are included as a "tear-out" page at the end of this supplement of *Palms*.

Cost of Biennial (Oct. 8 through morning Oct. 14): US\$ 1050 per person double occupancy, and US\$1250 per person single occupancy. Includes: six nights (days 1 through 6 below) of accommodations, daily breakfast and lunches and dinners per the itinerary, tours and transfers, handling and limited baggage public liability insurance. Not included are personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, and meals not listed on itinerary, trip insurance, international flights and international airport charges. Hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (October 6 or 7) or those staying the night of October 14 or later are NOT included in the registration fee.

Hotels in New Caledonia: We have selected the highest quality hotels available offering the best value for the money. Contact information for individual hotels will be forwarded to the attendees after registration is completed. Room upgrades should be possible by attendees at a discounted rate, but such upgrades are at the expense of attendees. Less expensive rooms are not available. In Nouméa, attendees will

be staying at the Surf Hotel. At the Surf Hotel, a few suites are available for attendees at an approximate 50% room Inquire for specifics. surcharge. Attendees wish and request it, a third individual can stay in one of the regular rooms but all three roommates will be charged the same double occupancy Biennial fee. When we travel outside Nouméa, the hotels are much smaller (less rooms) and less luxurious. Both in Bourail and Hienghene (next to Mount Panie), it will be necessary to put more than two people in a room. Therefore, during these two days, realize that rooms will be shared with other attendees, with between four to eight people per cottage or bungalow. The IPS will attempt to assign roommates as requested and board same genders together where possible. However, be aware that this may present an inconvenience to attendees. On request, an attendee may exercise the option to not attend this portion of the Biennial and stay in Nouméa at the Surf Hotel. Final roommate designation will be done after you receive your registration packet, which will include hotel specifics and roommate requests.

Biennial Partial Registration: Because of the complexity of the Biennial's itinerary and the fact that the group is traveling through multiple areas, partial attendance is discouraged and no discounted rate for being partial registration İS offered. Attendees with "special schedules" (i.e. partially attending the Biennial) must pay the full registration fee and arrange their individual transportation to accommodate their specific needs. A discounted Biennial fee is only available to local New Caledonian attendees who will NOT be using our hotel facilities. This must be through the Chapter Chambeyronia. All others will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations.

Airfare To and From New Caledonia: Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own international air flights to and from Nouméa. New Caledonia is a territory with few inhabitants and their tourism industry is not well developed. Consequently, flights in and out of New Caledonia are quite limited. Therefore it is extremely important for the attendees to book their flights IMMEDIATELY!!! The I.P.S. recommends utilizing the contracted travel agent, Universal Travel (see below) for discounted airfares. It would be a mistake to register now and wait to book your airline tickets. Book now!

#### Itinerary for Biennial:

- Friday, Oct. 6: Last day for Officers and Directors of the I.P.S. to arrive in Nouméa.
- Saturday, Oct 7: I.P.S. Board Meeting all day. Recommended day of arrival for attendees. Arrive La Tontouta International Airport in Nouméa. Transfer to and check in at Surf Novotel Hotel. Hotel costs accrued on this and any prior days are not covered by your registration fees.
- Sunday PM, Oct 8 (Day 1): First official day of Biennial Convention. All attendees must arrive by this date! Lunch on your own. Welcoming afternoon reception at Centre Culturel Tjibaou. Dinner at the Surf Novotel. Evening speakers.
- Monday, Oct 9 (Day 2): Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for a three-day, two-night bus tour in the countryside. Visit at the Galliéni Mine in Tontouta. Palms to see: Basselinia deplanchei and Basselinia pancheri. Lunch at the Paillotes de la Ouenghi Restaurant, followed by afternoon speakers. Later a Barbeque and show at the royal palm site in Moindou. Night at the Poé Beach Hotel near Bourail. The Mt. Panié excursion will physically demanding for Attendees or their guests not choosing to participate can select an exciting island excursion as an alternative at no additional expense.
- Tuesday, Oct 10 (Day 3): Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Hienghène, south of Mont Panié. Stop in the Roussettes pass or in Kua. Palms to see: Basselinia gracilis, Chambeyronia macrocarpa var. Kentiopsis oliviformis. Reception and lunch with a local tribe. Palms to Chambeyronia macrocarpa var. hookeri.. Reception in Hienghène. Melanesian Dinner at the Club dances, time off. Méditerranée. followed by evening speakers. Accommodations at the Club Méditerranée or at a bed and breakfast facility in Hienghène (note that Attendees will be assigned one of the two facilities
- Wednesday, Oct 11 (Day 4): 5 AM: Breakfast at the hotel, depart very early for a short and spectacular bus trip to Tao, Mt Panié. We are very luck to visit this flora and fauna reserve; very few visitors to New Caledonia are allowed to do this. Transfer to Mont Panié site by helicopter (altitude 600 m). The group will hike to a 700 m high site and descend to a 300 m site rich in endemic palms. This hike to Mt. Panie is somewhat physically demanding, so keep this in mind. (Alternative activities such as a free local island adventure can be scheduled for those not wishing to partake in this hike.) Palms to see at Mt. Panie:

Veillonia alba, Basselinia favieri, Basselinia gracilis, Basselinia velutina, Burretiokentia vieillardii. Moratia cerifera, Lavoixia macrocarpa, Chambeyronia macrocarpa, Chambeyronia lepidota, Kentiopsis Brongniartikentia piersoniorum. lanuginosa, Chambeyronia sp. Return to Nouméa. Dinner in Koné. Night at the Surf Novotel in Nouméa.

- Thursday, Oct 12 (Day 5): Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. Numerous excursions around Nouméa or out at sea to the Great Coral Reef will be proposed to the attendees. Day excursions at the additional expense of Attendees. Dinner. Evening speakers. Night at the hotel in Nouméa.
- Friday, Oct 13 (Day 6): Breakfast at the Surf Novotel. Excursion to the Blue River Reservation. Palm viewing hike to see Cyphokentia macrostachya, Campecarpus fulcitus, Actinokentia divaricata, Basselinia gracilis, Basselinia pancheri, and Brongniartikentia vaginata. Picnic by the riverside. Dinner and farewell party at the hotel. Night at the Surf Novotel in Nouméa.
- **Saturday, Oct 14** (Day 7):
- \*Attendees departing home: Breakfast at the hotel. Early check out from hotel. Transfer to La Tontouta International Airport for return flight home.
- \*Attendees going on the Post Tour: Breakfast at the hotel. This is a free day to enjoy. Possible palm activities may be arranged. Saturday night accommodations and further meals are NOT included in your registration fee.
- Sunday, October 15 (day 8): Check out of hotel. Transfer to the airport and departure to Cairns.

Itinerary Options: For those attendees not wishing to visit Mt. Panie, at no extra cost they may stay at the Surf Hotel in Nouméa. Alternative activities will be suggested, but these would be at the expense of the attendee. Other than this, there are no options during the itinerary and no partial-registration discounts are offered.

**Board of Directors meeting:** All Officers/Directors must arrive at the latest by the evening of Friday, October 6 as we will have the board of Directors Meeting at the Surf Novotel on Saturday, October 7, to trail into Sunday if needed. Friday would be a good day for Committees to meet.

**DISCOUNTED AIRFARE TO AND FROM NEW CALEDONIA:** Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own international air flights to and from Nouméa and any connecting flights to

Cairns. Allen Management will not book It is recommended that this be airlines. immediately insure to connecting flights and get the most favorable rates. The I.P.S. has arranged discounted rates on Air New Zealand through Christina Grant, Universal Travel in San Diego, California. Air New Zealand had the most affordable rates and was the only airline that could make connections convenient to Christina can also book extra nights lodging at the Surf Hotel in Nouméa if you chose to arrive early or depart late. Universal Travel, 8888-A Information: Clairmont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123, USA. Phone, toll free in the US: 1-888-890-4588, direct phone line to Christina 858- 278-8980, fax line 858- 278-5658. Email: cm@UniversalTravel88.com

How to get more information: From March, 2000, the Association Chambeyronia will have a web site which will enable you to get much information about New Caledonia, its flora and the Biennial Meeting.

#### **HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION:**

 Regarding registration information, payment, schedules, refunds, etc. please contact Rhonda Green, Allen Meeting Management, 810 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS 66044 USA

Phone: (within the US) 1-800-627 0629 (outside the US) 1-785-843 1235

Fax: (785) 843 1274

Email: rgreen@allenpress.com

- Regarding specific questions on the itinerary or individual needs, please contact Rhonda Green with Allen Meeting Management or Phil Bergman, President I.P.S., at: telephone 1-(619) 291 4605, fax 1-(619) 574 1595, or email to palmNcycad@aol.com However, Phil cannot do any bookings or reservations.
- Regarding Discounted International Airfares: Christina Grant, Universal Travel, phone (within the US toll free) 888-890-4588; direct phone line: 858-278-8980; fax: 858-278-5658. International: phone 1-858-2788980 phone 1-858-2785658. email cm@UniversalTravel88.com
- Regarding arranging extra accommodations before or after the Events at designated or other hotels: Christina Grant, Universal Travel, numbers above, or your travel agent.

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Special needs/Handicap services: Attention will be given to the needs of attendees with special problems or handicaps. However, please be aware that certain inconveniences or limitations may arise from the physical nature of these events and difficult travel conditions.

Currency fluctuation: Our hotels and other vendors have committed to certain price guarantees regardless of the currency fluctuations. Thus, many of our costs are fixed despite changes in the currency. No refunds will be given to attendees if there are further decreases in the New Caledonian currency (Franc Pacifique) or the Australian Dollar..

Disclaimer, Itinerary Changes: The I.P.S., the Association Chambeyronia, and FNQPCA have worked for more than one and a half years in developing the presented itinerary. However, unforeseen weather, economic or political factors could necessitate changes in the plans or itinerary. Therefore, no absolute guarantee can be given that the itinerary and its activities as presented will be followed precisely.

Insurance: Neither the I.P.S., Association Chambeyronia, nor FNQPCA offer health or accident insurance, trip insurance, or life insurance as part of these events. It is recommended that attendees pursue their individual insurance needs with their own insurance agents.

Children Accompanying Adults: Although the Biennial and Post Tour itinerary are not designed for the satisfaction of children, it is possible for children to accompany adults on these events. There are reduced registration fees for children under 12 years of age. Please contact Phil Bergman children rates.

#### **POST TOUR**

General Information: The Post Tour is being sponsored by the local I.P.S. Affiliated Society, Far North Queensland Palm and Cycad Association (FNQPACA). Visits will include public and private botanical gardens, local native palm habitats, Association member's gardens and some local palm business concerns. We will be visiting areas around the city of Cairns, a famous vacation spot and site for fantastic visits to the Great Barrier Reef.

Dates, Post Tour: Because of difficulties in arranging connecting flights from Nouméa to Cairns, it is imperative that this connecting flight be booked immediately through Christina Grant at Universal Travel. Attendees coming from Nouméa will arrive in the evening on Sunday, October 15 (day 1). The Post Tour activities formally begin

on Monday, October 16 (day 2) and will end on either the following Sunday or Monday, depending on which option below is selected. Departure home will be on either Monday, October 23 or Tuesday, October 24 (see below).

Airfare and Connecting Flights to Cairns: At time of this printing, there are very limited seats available to make the connecting flight to Cairns from Nouméa. Work this out with Christina or your agent. You must make arrangements for your own connecting flight to Cairns! For those only attending the Post Tour, Christina has affordable flights from the U.S. to Cairns. Neither the I.P.S. nor A.M.M. will book airlines tickets or reservations. Airline fares are not covered by the Registration Fees.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures: For those not attending the Biennial, early arrivals can stay at the designated hotel at the I.P.S. discounted rate, but such additional night's charges are not included in the registration fee and must be arranged by and paid for by the attendees separately. Likewise, attendees can arrange late departures with additional accrued hotel fees being their responsibility. The registration fee only covers those accommodations described in the itinerary.

Post Tour Location: As described in the itinerary, the Post Tour is centered around the town of Cairns in Far North Queensland, Australia. Changes in the exact itinerary below may occur but the start and finish days will remain the same.

Cost of the Post Tour: U.S. \$1050 per person, double occupancy and US \$1300 single occupancy. A limited number of suites are available at a surcharge of an additional \$102 per night on request, payable at the time of registration. Triple occupancy rate is US \$950, but attendees must pre-arrange such groups of three prior to registration and notify the I.P.S. at such time when registering. cancellation of one of the three roommates will require that the double occupancy rate be paid by the other two attendees. I.P.S. will not arrange nor assign triple occupancy for attendees. The registration fees above include accommodations for 8 nights, meals as described in the itinerary, ground transportation, and Society activities described in the itinerary. Those choosing Option 2 below will have to arrange an extra accommodations night's on Monday, October 23 at their own expense. Early arrival and late departure costs are not included in the above fees and must be paid separately by attendee. Cost for attendees not staying in the I.P.S. designated hotels

is US\$575. For this latter group, meals are included per the itinerary, but not the accommodations in Cairns or Port Douglas. These attendees must meet daily at their own expense at the designated departure points to stay with the group. This latter rate is to encourage local Queenland attendees to participate in the Post Tour.

Hotels in Queensland: Attendees will be staying at the Righa Colonial Club in Cairns on all nights except Friday, October 20, when we will be staying at a local hotel in Port Douglas. Information on the Righa Colonial Club can be found at the website: website.www.righacolonialclub.com.au All attendees are responsible for ancillary charges such as laundry, meals not on the itinerary, bar fees, etc. Specific contact information on the hotels will be mailed to attendees with their registration packet.

Post Tour Partial Registration: Partial registration is not available. If attendees arrive late or depart early, no discount is offered.

#### POST TOUR ITINERARY:

- Sunday, October 15: (day 1) Evening arrival date for attendees connecting from the Biennial. Attendees will be met at the airport and transported via coach to the Righa Colonial Club Resort. Check into the hotel, relax and visit. Dinner on your own. This night's hotel charge is included in the registration fee.
- Monday, October 16: (day 2) Beginning of Post Tour activities. In the morning we will gather and go to the Flecker Botanical Gardens for welcoming speeches followed by lunch. Lunch will be at the Centenary Lakes Bar-B-Q area that is adjacent to the Gardens. After Lunch we will travel by coach to Rosebud Palm Nursery on the Atherton Tablelands via the Kuranda Range Road. En route we will have a guided tour by Richard Trapnell. After leaving Rosebud the visitors will have a choice to travel back to Cairns by either coach or Skyrail. Dinner on your own. We will have an evening slide show and discussion on local native palms in the Cairns area by several local palm experts.
- Tuesday, October 17: (day 3) After breakfast, we will travel to Mission Beach to view a natural habitat forest of *Licuala ramsayi* as well as several other stands of native palms. Lunch will be provided at Mission Beach. After lunch we will head to Terry Mead's El Arish Botanical Gardens. Evening free, dinner on your own.
- Wednesday, October 18: (day 4) After breakfast, we will again travel south to

- inspect the winning gardens of the 1998 and 1999 North Queensland Open Garden Competition. First we will visit the garden of Kurt & Maree Roth, who won the award in 1998. Their garden has approximately 800 varieties of palms planted on the property. We will then travel to John & Chris Farrington's property, winner of the 1999 competition. Lunch will be served at the Farringtons. We will then travel to Mark Daish's Babinda Palm Supply Nursery to view his garden. Dinner on your own. Evening free.
- Thursday, October 19: (day 5) Early breakfast at the hotel before traveling to Mt Lewis State Forest World Heritage Area. The day will be spent on Mt Lewis with several expert guides. Mt Lewis is well known for several undescribed species of Linospadix as well as Archontopheonix purperea and Oraniopsis appendulata.
- Friday, October 20: (day 6) After breakfast we will board the Quiksilver wave piercing catamaran for the trip to Port Douglas where all visitors will transfer to coaches for the trip to Mosman Gorge. On arrival at the Gorge we will view a cultural exhibition by the local aboriginal tribe after which the local tribe shall give a guided tour through Mosman Gorge World Heritage area. Lunch at the Gorge. Following lunch, we will visit Dr. Arden Dearden's palm collection. We will have overnight accommodations in Port Douglas.
- Saturday, October 21: (day 7) After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to Cape Tribulation for a guided tour of Jeff Fowler's private collection. We will have lunch at Cow Bay picnic area. During the afternoon we will spend time visiting some of the tourist attractions in the Daintree area. We will then return to our hotel in Cairns.
- Sunday, October 22: (day 8) Last day of Post Tour. There are two options for this day:
- Option 1: Those choosing this option will remain in Cairns. Tours will be available to continue inspecting Flecker Botanical Gardens in the morning. The afternoon will include visits to local palm nurseries. There will also be a slide show/film/palm discussion during the afternoon by some of our local palm experts. In the evening there will be an official farewell cocktail party. This group will stay in our hotel in Cairns.
- Option 2: Those selecting this option will travel to Townsville to view the Palmetum. This will require checking out of the hotel in Cairns and spending Sunday night in Townsville. A hotel will be arranged for you. Ground transportation to

Townsville and your hotel room in Townsville for Sunday are covered by your registration fee. Return transportation on Monday, October 23 will be arranged and is covered by your registration fee. However, this option will necessitate an extra night's lodging in Cairns on your return, Monday, at your expense. The Sunday evening farewell party in Cairns will be missed by those selecting this option. Departure home by necessity will be on Tuesday, October 24 rather than October 23.

- Monday, October 23: Transfer to the airport and flights home from Cairns. For those wishing to stay longer, make your own arrangements. For those returning from Townsville (Option 2 above), check back into hotel in Cairns (at expense of Attendee). Day on your own. Hotel fees not covered by registration fee.
- Tuesday, October 24: For those choosing Option 2 above, make your own arrangements for transfer from the hotel to the airport and return flight home.

How to get more information about the Post Tour: An Internet website sponsored by FNQPACA will be viewable in March, 2000 for attendees to get more information. Specific questions can be directed to AM&M, I.P.S. President Phil Bergman, or FNQPACA Secretary Rob Northey, phone 011 61 7 40 362 828, mobile phone 011 61 7 41 9778987, or Ivan Nozaic (speaks French) phone 011 61 7 40 930093, or Bill Beattie 011 61 7 40 581146.

# HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS:

Attendees need to fully complete both sides of the enclosed Registration Form (attached as an insert in this Supplement to *Palms*) and mail with payment to: Rhonda Green, Allen Meeting Management, 810 East 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lawrence, KS 66044 USA or fax the completed 2-sided form with payment information to: (785) 843 1274.

No registration payments are to be made to I.P.S. Officers or personnel in either New Caledonia or Australia. Do not combine payments for dues, books, etc. with your registration fee payment. Such payments will be returned to Attendee. Separate check or payment must be made for anything other than registration fees!

#### **HOW TO PAY REGISTRATION FEE:**

• Attendees living within the United States: personal check, cashiers check, or money order made out to the International Palm Society; or Visa, MasterCard, or American Express

- Attendees outside of the United States: personal check in US funds (with US counterpart Bank; i.e. cashiers check), international money order, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express
- Note: Non-I.P.S. Member attendees must pay a US \$50 surcharge each for both the Biennial and Post Biennial Meetings (spouses and children excepted). See Registration Form. Do not combine payments for dues, books, journals, etc. with your registration payment.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND LATE FEES: All registration forms and payments must be received by June 30, 2000 to avoid a late fee. After this date, a late registration fee of \$50 each must be added to both the Biennial and the Post Tour fees. We cannot guarantee space available for late registrants and purchasing airline tickets may be difficult if you delay bookings. The Absolute deadline for late registration is September 22, 2000. No registrations will be accepted after this date!

REFUND POLICY: We must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the Registration Fees paid. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extra nights' lodging booked separately by Attendee (outside the I.P.S.). For the latter, check with your travel agent for refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before August 1, 2000: Full refund minus \$100 administrative fee.
- Refunds requested between August 2, 2000 and September 22, 2000: 70% refund of amount paid.
- No refunds allowed after September 22, 2000.

#### **DISCOUNTED AIRLINE FARES:**

• Christina Grant at Universal Travel has been working for several months to get us the most competitive fares to New Caledonia and Cairns and is familiar with your itinerary needs. She can also book extra nights lodging. For exact fare amounts please contact Christina at numbers below. She is offering Air New Zealand LA-Auckland-Nouméa-Aukland-LA for \$1580 group rate; LA-Aukland-Nouméa-Brisbane-Cairns-Sydney-LA \$2180 group rate. Be aware that alternative airlines or routings may require an overnight stay en route. See contact information immediately below.

# REGISTRATION FORM IPS 2000 BIENNIAL NEW CALEDONIA AND POST TOUR, AUSTRALIA

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# MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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