

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

IPS Endowment Fund Grants

The IPS Endowment Fund Committee, comprised of the IPS Directors, met in New Caledonia in October 2000. There were many requests for the very limited Endowment Grant funds available for disbursement.

A \$1,000 grant was provided to Professor Julio C. Voltolini, Grupo de Estudos em Ecologia de Mamíferos (ECOMAM) Universidade de Taubate - Departamento de Biologia, Taubate, SP. BRASIL for support of the *Palm Diversity and Conservation in the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest* project. The funds are to be used to purchase a small computer to assist the research. The objectives of this project are:

- To record the palm species composition in Parque Estadual da Serra do Mar (Núcleo Santa Virginia / Natividade de Serra).
- To organize a palm field guide that could be used in activities of environmental education, ecological tourism and scientific research.
- To record possible interactions between palms and mammals, such as seed predation, dispersal and herbivory.

Several other worthy applications were seriously considered, but no other direct grants were awarded at this meeting.

In addition to the above, the IPS Endowment Committee also decided to award back issues of *Principes / Palms* to appropriate institutions, with distribution costs limited to \$1500 for this specific grant. Details of this are provided in a separate write-up, "*Palms / Principes Back Issues*."

Increase in IPS Life Memberships

Fees for individual Life Membership in the International Palms Society are now \$750, effective January 1, 2001. New life memberships for couples and companies are not available separately. Existing memberships are grand fathered for couples that previously signed up for "Life Membership" in the name of the couple.

Palms / Principes Back Issues

As mentioned under the Endowment Fund Grant, the IPS Endowment Committee also set aside \$1,500 to award back issues of *Principes / Palms* to deserving institutions

This project did not emanate from a proposal from a specific institute, but rather started when IPS Secretary Libby Besse and Editor Dr. John Dransfield proposed the IPS shift back numbers of the journal into good hands; this would also save back issue storage costs. The editors, Drs. John Dransfield and Scott Zona, then considered whom out there needs these IPS journal back issues and where this support would be particularly appreciated. Institutions granted back issues at this time include:

- **Herbarium Bogoriense**, Jl. Ir. H. Juanda 22-24, Bogor, Indonesia (Contact: Dr. Kartini Kramadibrata). Has a partial set. Is missing certain volumes that the IPS will try to provide.
- **Biodiversity Centre, Universitas Cenderawasih**, Jl. G. Salju, Amban, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia (Contact: Ir. Rudi Maturbongs) Active palm researchers in need of additional palm literature. IPS to provide as complete a set as possible.
- **Parc Zoologique et Botanique de Tsimbazaza**, BP 4096 Antananarivo, Madagascar (Contact: Dr. Albert Randrianzafy). Has few resources for acquiring palm literature. IPS to provide as complete a set as possible.
- **Bangkok Forest Herbarium, Royal Forest Department**, Bangkok 10900, Thailand (Contact: Dr. Kongkanda Chayamarit) Thailand is a major palm area, and the Forest Herbarium holds the national herbarium collection. Does not have *Principes* in their collection. IPS to provide as complete a set as possible.
- **Biblioteca, Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan**, Apartado Postal 87 Cordemex, 97310 Merida, Yucatan, Mexico (contact: Dr. Roger Orellana). Has a partial set and the IPS will attempt to provide all missing issues.

- **Biblioteca, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos**, Avenida Universitaria 1001, Colonia Chamilpa, Cuernavaca Morelos, México (contact: Dr. Oscar Dorado) (CEAMISH). They have no issues and IPS will provide as complete a set as possible
- **Instituto de Botánica, Universidad de Guadalajara**, Apartado Postal 1-139, C.P.45101 Zapopan, Jalisco, México (contact: Dra. Mollie Harker). They have no issues. The IPS will provide as complete a set as possible.
- **Biblioteca, Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia**, Apartado 7495, Bogotá, Colombia (contact: Dr. Rodrigo Bernal). Has a partial set, but is missing certain volumes that the IPS will try to provide.
- **Herbario Nacional de Bolivia**, Casilla 10077, La Paz, Bolivia (contact: Dr. Monica Moraes). Has a partial set, but is missing certain volumes that the IPS will try to provide.
- **Jardín Botánico Nacional [de Cuba]**, Carr. El Rocío km. 3 ½, Calabazar, CP 19230, Ciudad La Habana, Cuba (contact Dra. Angela Leiva). The IPS will provide as complete a set as possible
- **Jardín Botánico Sancti Spiritus [Cuba]**, Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente, Apdo. 52, CP 60200, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, (contact Celio Moya Lopez)

It should be made clear that this grant is purely to pay for the costs involved in the pulling and shipping of the journals. Also, these gifts do not include gift subscriptions, but this is an issue to be taken up at the next board meeting.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA)

PACSOA published a "double issue" of *Palms and Cycads Magazine* for July-December 2000 (issues 68 & 69). Featured were articles were "*Opanuku Subtropicals* ,

New Zealand" (by Keith Boyer), "*A Brisbane Garden*" (by Phillip Arrowsmith), "*Tropical Gardens at Palm Fascinations*" (by Michael and Sharron Kvauka), "*Always room for one more in Lois McGregor's Mackay Garden*" (by Keith Boyden), "*Gascoyne Park, Perth, W.A.*" (by Barry Sheldon), "*Cape Tribulation Garden*" (by Jeff and Julie Fowler), "*Percy's Treasure Trove, Mackay*" (by Ailsa and Keith Boyden), "*Peter Heibloem's Eudlo Cycad Gardens*" (by Greg Cuffe), "*Babinda Rainforest*" (by Mark Daish), a recap of the "*IPS 2000 Biennial Meeting, New Caledonia*" (by Ian Edwards) and of the "*IPS Post Biennial Tour, Far North Queensland*" (by Darryl O'Connor). There was also a very nice book review of Keith Boyer's *Palms and Cycads Beyond the Tropics* (review by Will Kraa). The issue featured all color – approximately 90 color photographs throughout the issue.

The PACSOA Annual Show and Sale was held on February 24-25, 2001, at the usual venue, the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens auditorium in Brisbane. Held in conjunction with the South Queensland Group, this show and sale has become an institution in palm and cycad circles.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an email to <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>. For PACSOA Seed Bank information, email Rudy Meyer at <pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au>. For more about membership or general inquiries contact Greg Cuffe by email at <pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au>. Also check out the PACSOA website at <http://www.pacsoa.org.au>.

Southern Queensland Group, PACSOA

The Southern Queensland Group's (SQG) met on November 7th to hear Rolf Kyburz of K-Palms Nursery and Seeds. Rolf gave a slide presentation about his recent trip to Madagascar and the Comoro Islands. [Rolf is also currently serving as Vice-President, International Palm Society.] The SQG was also pleased to have Horace Hobbs, new IPS President, and his wife Cynthia visit Southern Queensland following the IPS Biennial. Mike Gray and Rolf showed Horace around several gardens, including Phillip Arrowsmith's garden and Mt. Coot-Tha, amongst others.

The Christmas Party was held on December 10th at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens and the Year 2001 Annual Palm and Cycad Sale and Show was held on February 26th and 27th. More on this in the next issue.

Other 2001 SQG meetings are scheduled for March 16th, May 18th and July 20th. Meetings are now held at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Garden Palm Auditorium.

For information on the Southern Queensland branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - S.Q.G., P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, Queensland 4060, Australia, or email to either Brett Northey <Brett.Northey1@defence.gov.au>, Chris Gray <chgray@ecn.net.au> or Michael Gray <mikeg@dstc.edu.au>.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on December 12th for a continuation of the viewing of Bernard Weitkuhn's video of Nong Nooch Tropical Garden, Thailand. The first segment of this video was shown at the October meeting and the video has now been placed in the library for interested parties to view on their own. During the first partial viewing of this video in October, an outstanding specimen of *Calytrocalyx* sp. ("*sanumb*") was noted and discussed. Member Rob Kelly had a number on hand and agreed to bring them to the December meeting as prizes and sale plants.

The Sunshine Coast Group's Christmas Party was held at the home of Max Pedley in Torbul on December 17th. Some brought fishing rods to enjoy the fishing in nearby Elimbah Creek.

The Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) was held on February 13th, which also featured a delightful slide presentation by Jeanne and John Price on the "Delights of New Caledonia – Reflections on the IPS 2000 Biennial". It was of interest both to those who had attended and to those who wished they had made the trip!

Two members' gardens participated in Australia's Open Garden Scheme on February 34, 2001. Michael and Sharron Kvauka's "Palm Fascinations" nursery in Nambour and Peter Heibloem's "Eudlo Cycad Gardens" were featured. Visitors were able to enjoy the hundreds of different palms, cycads, cordylines and numerous other tropical plants growing on these two fantastic of lush garden properties.

For more on the Sunshine Coast Branch, email to John and Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au> or write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society - Sunshine Coast Group, P. O. Box 1007, Nambour, QLD 4560, Australia

Far North Queensland

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) hosted the International Palm Society's 2000 Biennial Post-Tour on October 15-23. A number of visitors from around the world attended. This event has been written up in several journals, including the recent Palms & Cycads double issue published by PACSOA.

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) met on February 28th at the Flecker Botanic Gardens Restaurant to view a slide show by Dr. Arden Dearden. The Society also elected its 2001 Committee at this meeting. Results were unavailable at press time and will be reported in the next *Supplement* issue.

For more information on the FNQPACA see <http://www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/> or email Rob Northey, Secretary, at <rob@cairns.net.au>.

News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter

In December, the Sydney Chapter of the IPS hosted a visit by the Manureva group from France. Twenty-five members of the French group made this tour.

The January 23rd meeting featured Dr. K. D. Hill, Senior Botanist at the National Herbarium of NSW, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. Ken is an accomplished speaker and photographer and it was much enjoyed.

Thanks to Peter and Noreen Byrne for opening up their place for last year's Christmas Party. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening. Also thanks to Peter Kristensen for bringing in the LCD projector so that the videos could be seen on a full-sized screen. This made for easy viewing of the videos "*Palms of New Caledonia*" and "*A Little More Light-Palms of Madagascar*". Thanks also to all those who attended the field trips with the Manureva group from France.

Norma and Ian Edwards's garden (at 2 Bonnie Doon Pl, Burraneer) was open for exhibition as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme on February 10th and 11th, 2001. This

was a chance for those who had not previously seen this garden.

The Sydney Branch has proposed two excursions in June – one to Darwin and one to Sarawak. Details are given at the end of this Supplement. Contact Ian for more.

March 2001 *Principes Minor* magazine will be on "Redneck" and "Mealybug" Palms: *Dypsis lastelliana*, *D. leptocneilos*, "Red Triangle" (? a hybrid), "Mountain lastelliana", *D. mananjarensis*, et. al.

The Sydney Branch meets at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Meeting commences at 7:30 pm.

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact President Ian Edwards (at <ianse@ozemail.com.au>).

North Queensland Palm Society, PACSOA Branch News

For information on the North Queensland Palm Society, write the Secretary, North Queensland Palm Society, P. O. Box 1731, Aitkenvale, Queensland 4814, Australia.

South Australian Branch, PACSOA

For more information, write the Secretary, Palm and Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, S. A., 5082, Australia.

Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA

For more information, write the Secretary, Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, P. O. Box 37979, Winnellie, N. T., 0821, Australia.

News from Western Australia

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) held their annual Sale and Display on November 18-19, 2000, at the Canning Agricultural Hall in Cannington. The sale grossed over A\$5,000 with around A\$1,600 profit to the society. The show also gained new members and increased the profile of the local society.

PACSOWA met on November 28th to enjoy Norm Patterson talk and video about the palm tour that he and Gwen took right across the top of Australia. They traveled over 17,000 km in fifty days! They traversed Carnarvon, Port Hedland, Broome,

Kununura, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Normanton, Darwin and back home again. Norm also supplied the raffle prizes. Cliff Britto spoke briefly on the genus *Hyophorbe* (*H. lagenicaulis*, *H. verschaffeltii* and on two recently introduced species *H. indica* and *H. vaughanii*.)

Norm and Gwen Patterson in High Wycombe hosted the December 2nd Christmas Party. The Patterson garden is undoubtedly one of the best and biggest, palm & cycad gardens in Perth. About 70 people turned out for the many guided tours and BBQ. A magician entertained children and all had a good time.

On January 23rd, the society was entertained by a video of Frank Bancroft's trip to Bali, showing many lush and beautiful palms. Barry Shelton did the narrative. A new feature, a "palm identity competition" was introduced at this meeting. Ten palms were displayed without labels and everyone (except the owners) wrote down their suggested identities for all the plants. Winners' prizes were free raffle tickets and a boost in self-confidence on their palm skills.

The October 29th Gascoyne Park "busy bee" focused on fertilizing all the palms and cycads in the park. There was also the usual pruning and weeding. A large specimen of *Cycas revoluta* donated by Glen Lee was planted. Six workers attended the November 26th "Busy Bee", which focused on pruning and mulching. Six palms and cycads were planted, comprising 2 *R. glauca*, 2 *Ravenia* sp. and one each *Pritchardia hillebrandii*, *Encephalartos hillebrandtii* and a large *Cycas thouarsii*. A busy bee was also scheduled for January 29th, with lunch to be provided.

PACSOWA generally meets monthly at the South Perth Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth. For information, contact Barry Shelton by email <news@eon.net.au> or President Gary Pike.

Pacific Northwest Chapter News

On March 14th, the Vancouver Island group of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society met at the Bird of Paradise Pub boardroom in Victoria. The meeting was to be a general discussion meeting with members supplying an array of topics.

On March 26th, the society met at VanDusen Gardens to hear Thomas Hobbs, one of Vancouver's best-known

horticulturalists, TV personality and a great PNWP&EPS supporter. His presentation was a fascinating and very informative talk and slide presentation on "The Gardens of Tuscany".

There will also be general meetings on May 28th, September 24th, and November 26th. Summer garden tour and BBQ will be announced as information comes available.

For more information, send an email to the society at jubaeas@yahoo.com or visit on the web at <http://www.palms.org/pacific>.

News from New Caledonia

Association Chambeyronia meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For any information, contact: President Philippe Cherrier, B.P 1323 - 98845 Noumea, New Caledonia, Fax (687) 28 84 83 Email: <philpalm@offratel.nc>.

News from Palmeraie-Union, the La Réunion Chapter

Palmeraie-Union publishes the journal *LATANIA* in French, twice a year. In addition to recapping each of the major society activities for 1999 and 2000, the June 2000 *LATANIA* issue featured an article on "A Cultural Experiment with *Bactris gaispaes* in La Réunion" and photo-treatises on *Latania lontaroides* and *Hyophorbe indica*. The write-up about the June 1999 trip to Florida in conjunction with the Fous de Palmiers was covered in quite a lot of detail, with many color photographs.

Palmeraie-Union organizes visits of public and private gardens about once every 6 weeks. In addition to local activities, the group participated in the exhibition on "Les FLORALIES de l'Océan Indien" in St. Denis from September 28th through October 8th. This participation was coordinated with Fous de Palmiers, through their president, Steve Swinscoe. The IPS was also represented.

On October 22nd, the group visited the garden of Suzie and Gabyin Entre-Deux. On October 27 through November 5th, Palmeraie-Union had a stand at FLORILEGES 2000 in Le Tampon. On November 26th, another visit was made to the palms in the sector of Trois-Marcs. On December 17th, the group gathered in Saint-Pierre to identify unknown palms in the Parc Exotica.

For information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Chairman Thierry Hubert at

< palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr > or fax to the Corresponding Secretary Nicole Ludwig 0262 56 97 36, or send mail to P.O. Box 10, 97429 - PETITE-ILE, LA RÉUNION< FRANCE.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society News and Upcoming Events

In November, the Fous made a trip to Barcelona, Spain. The next issue of the *Supplement* will detail this trip and other Four meetings of the last half of year 2000.

A major excursion has been set for February 25th through March 4th to Morocco. This will include a visit to see the blue *Chamaerops*. Although this trip will have occurred by publication date, a brief information note on this voyage is given under the new IPS column on palm excursions (at the end of this *Supplement*).

In March, the Fous will visit various gardens in Nantes. April 2001, the Fous will visit the garden of Claire and Jamal Quagazzal, where beautiful azaleas will be found amongst the palms.

The General Assembly of the Fous de Palmiers will be held on the long weekend of April 27th through May 1st. This will be in conjunction with the Festival des Jardins Sud at Uzès. In May, the Fous will tour Sicily for a week in conjunction with the Italian association, *Beccariana*, [See more on each of these voyages under "Palm Excursions" at the end of this *Supplement*.]

Le Palmier N° 25 included "Saint-Cyprien and its palms" (by Robert Bernard), "Sri-Lanka - the Botanical Garden of Peradeniya" (by Pierre-Olivier Albano), "In regard to the live of Julien Marnier-Lapostolle" (Jacques Deleuze and Guy Joulin and an article about the genus *Brahea* (written by Tomas Font, President of the Spanish IPS affiliate, La Asociación Espanola de Amigos de las Palmas.)

For more about Fous de Palmiers, visit their website <http://www.chez.com/palmiers> or email Steve <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

News from Manureva

The *Manureva Trait d'union* quarterly journal was released in late October and featured Richard Travis, Editor of the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) journal as our guest for the quarter.

Under sunny skies, we visited my garden. Most interesting were the large striking blue *Trithrinax campestris* and the now growing population of forty-nine *Syagrus romanzoffiana* "queens". We were able to see the fat *Jubaea chilensis* "Sumo 1st" at le clos Mireille, one of a group of four. Its diameter is 5' 1" – the world's largest measured so far. This palm will be visible to the next IPS biennial attendees. We also visited some public gardens in Hyeres area.

Manureva is interested in all forms of art and featured four remarkable woodcarvings designed by IPS Director and *Palms* horticulturist Bernard Peterson of Florida. In anticipation to our trip to New Zealand, Dick Endt wrote an article on the *Jubaea* ? *Butia capitata* hybrid in Tauranga. We went to see it in early December, but the seeds were not ripe. We have also started a new heading featuring foreign "friends" of *Manureva*. We started this feature with Herb Weber and Dan Sekella, both from the Northern California chapter of the IPS. This issue (thanks to Bill Baker) features the commemorative South Carolina 25-cent coin with a *Sabal palmetto* on the backside. We followed this with an interview from Marie Levrat, our efficient back office staff, then articles written by me on the cycads fronds 2000 flushes and a travelogue on a recent trip to southern Spain. Before closing, we covered garden visits of the villa Thuret and the mimosa nursery of member Gerard Cavatore (both by Alain Arla).

In mid-January, we released *Manureva* #12. The front cover page features an enchanting New Zealand fern. Included were articles on passiflora (by Hilaire de Lorrain), agapanthus (by Robert Pelissier) and a thorough presentation of Melbourne's highlights by IPS member Mark Wuschke. The masterpiece of this issue was (thanks to John Price, PACSOA and Mike Dahme) a unique revision of the genus *Livistona* (based on the work of A.N. Rodd for the Australian species) enhanced by two remarkable watercolors of Lucy Smith. We ended the issue with a review of the last part of our 1999 trip to central Florida. We are proud of this issue.

Manureva is a very international journal and our readers appreciate that. It also gives

us the opportunity to set up new reciprocal and friendly links with other enthusiasts.

Speaking of trips, 28 *Manureva* members recently arrived back home from Oceania after 29 days of enchanting times. In tropical Malaysia between *Elaeis guineensis* fields and Kuala Lumpur's mushrooming skyline, we had a great time (thanks to Dr. Raja Naidu). We discovered many tropical palms including a large collection of *Licualas*.

In Melbourne, we visited the superb Royal Botanic Garden and some striking plants (including *Xanthorrhoea malophylla*, *Encephalartos alstentienii*, *Jubaea chilensis* ? *Butia capitata*, a huge *Aloe bainesii* and big bats hanging in the *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*). We spent the second day among towering *Eucalyptus regnans*, *Dicksonia antarctica* and rhododendrons. Thank you Mark (Wuschke).

From there to New Zealand. After arriving in Christchurch, we quickly moved to our objective Akaroa in the Banks peninsula helped by Mark Alloway. After a long trek along an extinct volcano open to the Antarctic winds, we discovered the remnant population of *Rhopalostylis sapida* hidden in a breathtaking gully backed with a vertical cliff. We checked the status of that population where seedlings and small plants are again present after the closing of the area. After a few more days touring the southern island, we arrived at Punakaki and the Tasman Sea were we saw hundreds of thousands of Nikau palms in forests – together with *Cyathea cooperii* and then *C. medullaris*. We also saw the same *Rhopalostylis* in patches and small forests all over the northern island. New Zealand is as close to heaven as you can travel!

In Dargaville, we met with IPS member and nurseryman John Lok who loves *Jubaea chilensis*, *Butia capitata* and *Parajubaea torallyi* var. *torallyi*! We then visited the beautiful gardens of IPS members Dick Endt and Keith Boyer. Around Auckland, we could admire Dick's rainforest as well as his Andean introductions *Geonoma undata*, *Chamaedorea linearis*, *Parajubaea cocoides* and *P. torallyi* var. *torallyi*. Keith's garden features 160 palm species and many *Rhopalostylis* variations (regular, mainland, Chatham, Grand Barrier and Little Barrier). I was also fortunate to see my first *Parajubaea torallyi* var. *macrocarpa*. I am

more and more convinced that P. torallyi will be the palm of the new millennium.

The gardeners are very talented in New Zealand as is NZ Chapter's President John Pettit and his wife Shirley who set up the farewell dinner at their first class nursery. We had a 65 people for that long friendly night. We then left to Sydney but we will save this for the next *Palms Supplement*!

I would like to emphasize the role of the IPS in those memorable times. A benefit to belonging to the IPS is the ability to meet new people from all over the world and make new friends. I must say I made more friends in the 3-4 years of my IPS life than 25 years of business!! IPS is value!

I would like to confirm that our coming trips are open to all of you and Chapters' members as well. See details in the Calendar section at the end of this Supplement for more on our upcoming trips.

Thank you to Kampon Tansacha and Nong Nooch curators Anders Linstrom (cycads) and Michael Ferrero (palms) for their hospitality during my stay at "wonderexoticplants". For those of you who were there for the 1998 Biennial, it is time to go back and admire the wonderful developments. [The next Cycad congress will take place there in July-August 2002].

If you need information on Manureva or any of the above, please contact me via fax 33 (0)4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to me at <manurevah@aol.com>.

René Coativy

European Palm Society

Our 40th issue of *Chamaerops* has just been published and it features a composite cover showing most of the covers since we opened for business! This issue marks our 10th anniversary and from issue 41 we are joining the club and "going large" with a format the same size as *Palms*. Our online membership has proven very popular and all our members can read this latest issue as well as all previous issues on-line, downloading if preferred. We hope that will fill a gap. Two-year on-line membership is now £20, with three-year total reduced to £24. Single-year rates remain at £12. See details at our website www.palmsociety.org or contact me by fax on +44 20 8255 6192.

Martin Gibbons

Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand

The new officers of the Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand are:

- President: John Pettit
- Secretary: Sue Satchdorfer
- Treasure: Gordon Oswin
- Editor: Kevin Johnston

Future correspondence to the NZ society, including membership and subscription requests, should be directed to John at <palmfarm@ihug.co.nz>.

John Pettit

News of the South Africa Palm Society

The next South African Palm Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Pretoria area on the end of April-beginning of May weekend. Further details are given in the "Calendar" section at the end of this Supplement.

For further information on the South African Palm Society, visit the website at <http://www.sapalm.co.za> or contact the Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email her at <info@sapalm.co.za> for more information. [Note that this is a new email address but the website remains unchanged.]

The Palm Society of Maui

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (or telephone messages to 808-280-0788). This is a revised address.

Island of Hawaii Chapter

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) held their annual catered BBQ and Palm Auction on January 12th in Wailoa River State Park. It was a very popular event with 101 members and guests in attendance. (total membership is around 150). This auction is the main fundraiser for the chapter with many unusual palms to bid on.

Chapter elections were also held at this event. Officers remain the same except for Secretary, who is now Leanne Swan. Leanne can be reached by email at <larsandleanne@webtv.net>.

On January 28th, a field trip was held to Ho'owaiwai Farms. Ho'owaiwai has a number of palms in 2gallon and 5gallon pots and they were reducing their inventory. Any palm you could pick up was a Dollar!

HIPS held a "Seed Germination Workshop" on February 16th at the Ag Complex. This was a detailed demonstration and hands-on workshop for the latest techniques in palm germination and seedling growth. A panel of experts: Ken Foster, Don Hemmes and Jane Whitefield, discussed different germination methods, seedling growth and related topics. They also provided many helpful hints and tricks of the trade to the thirty or so people who attended. Refreshments were served.

On March 23rd, the society will conduct a walking tour of Prince Kuhio Plaza and the Hilo Arboretum.

Ray Baker of Lyon Arboretum advises that they have a *Metroxylon salomonense* that is sending up a flower spike and beginning to branch. It should be very pretty when HIPS plans to visit Lyons in May. In addition to Lyon, HIPS also plans to visit Foster Garden and Ho'omaluhia Botanic Garden on this 2-day field trip.

HIPS is planning a Summer Potluck and Tailgate Palm Sale on June 24th at the Lundkvist residence in Leilani Estates. More details will follow later.

For more information on Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Bo-Göran Lundkvist email: <flyg@ilhawaii.net >).

The Hawaii Island Palm Society will host the IPS Biennial in 2004 and this post-tour. More information will be forthcoming on this major event.

A Palm Visit to Hawaii

IPS member Tony Cerbone from Dallas, Texas, recently visited Hawaii and has posted the pictures from his trip online for everyone to enjoy. They can be seen at:

<http://web.novaone.net/Dallaspalms/oahu.htm>

Tony writes: "These pictures are from the Lyon Arboretum (lush rainforest), Foster Gardens (old specimens from the 1850s) and from the Koko crater dryland collections. Let me know what you think?"

Tony Cerbone
<TonyDFW@prodigy.net>

Southern California Chapter News

It has been fairly cold in Southern California this season, with the coldest November any of the members could recall. So far, no severe drops of temperature so palm collections have not suffered too badly. Rainfall has been lower than normal, but the cool weather kept the need for watering down. In early February (press time), a blast of hot Santa Anna winds have warmed things to almost summer conditions. These off-seasonal hot winds can be more damaging to some palms than the cold. We are holding our breaths until Spring. So far, species that have done well year after year include *Raphia farinifera*, *Geonoma interrupta*, *G. undata* and *Ravenea glauca*, to name a few. It is too soon to say if these will be great palms for Southern California, but certainly *R. glauca* appears to be very hardy and happy here.

The latest meeting in Southern California was the annual banquet/lecture meeting, again held at Sam's Seafood. This year's speaker was Bo-Göran Lundkvist showing slides of his incredible garden and some from trips abroad. Just about everyone wanted to move to Hawaii at that point.

At the meeting, the newly elected officers were announced: President – Dave Minks, Vice President – Gary Wood, Secretary – Don Kurth, Treasurer – William Pickering, Area Chairs: Rob Orth, Leland Lai, Jerry Anderson, Phil Bergman; Membership – Louise Minks, Banquet Chair/Publicity – Phil Morgan, Editors – Bonnie and Geoff Stein, Seedbank Chair – Dan Lowe, Auction Coordinator – Heather Gongora, Welcoming Committee – Paulette Lowe, and Directors at Large: Pauleen Sullivan, Bob Burtcher, Don McLean, Jim Wright and Ron Lawyer.

The gardens of John Boyer and Guy Young were toured before the meeting. They lived next door to each other, but showed two completely different landscaping styles for tropical gardens with palms. Both were quite stunning.

The auction after the lecture netted \$1,500 for the society. Though the number of plants was restricted, each went for more money, with the result being about the same revenue as most other auctions. The members donated all the auction palms.

Lastly, Ralph Velez was awarded for his many years of service and his incredible recruiting results for the society. He was

also granted \$500 of society money for the new Palmetum he is putting together in Westminster. Donations are happily accepted.

The next meeting for the Palm Society of Southern California will be in Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano. For more information on this meeting, contact Jerry Anderson.

The March issue of the Palm Journal is featuring hybridizing palms and an update on *Ravenea* species for southern California. The following journal topics will be understory *Dypsis*, less common *Chamaedoreas*, Palms as House Plants, Clumping Palms and *Basselinia* sp.

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See the chapter website on <http://palms.org/socal/> for more information on the Southern California Chapter of the International Palm Society.

Gulf Coast Chapter

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, send an email to editor Bill Watkins at < watkinsw@aol.com >.

Montgomery Botanical Center has a new website

Visit the new Montgomery Botanical Center website at:

<http://www.montgomerybotanical.org/>

Northern California Chapter

In Northern California, we are operating in "Winter Mode"; nothing will happen until May when we host our first garden meeting of 2001. Ongoing maintenance at the Oakland Palmetum does go on though the winter. Richard Quiroz and I were there on Saturday for our mid-month maintenance.

We haven't had much winter here in Northern California (only a few scattered 30°F (-1°C) nights all season). It's raining now, which we really need.

Dan Sekella

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, < sekella@pacbell.net >.

South Florida Chapter News

At the South Florida Palm Chapter's October meeting at Fairchild Tropical Garden, over 100 people came out on a rainy Monday night to hear Howard Waddell's presentation on his recent trip to the Amazon with a small, international group of IPS members led by Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden. In November, the chapter held its fall Palm Show & Sale. Gross receipts for the two-day sale totaled more than \$120,000, a new record. In December, our Holiday Party brought together about 200 members, spouses, and friends for good food, cheer, and free palms for all. With plants donated by local growers, Fairchild Garden, and the Montgomery Botanical Center, our end-of-the-evening auction brought in over \$4100, another new record.

Chapter officers for 2001 are Steve Stern, president; Ken Johnson, VP; Katherine Maidman, recording secretary; Howard Waddell, corresponding secretary; and Kurt Bullard, treasurer. Waddell is also IPS treasurer.

Requests for South Florida Chapter information (and their current publications) should be sent c/o Steve Stern, 8375 SW 185 terrace, Miami, FL 33157 or by Email at < rarepalm@gateway.net > or by phone at (305) 251-4541 or by fax (305) 253-4992.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society Chapter News

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society met on January 3rd at the Mounts Botanical Garden. Speaker was Paul Craft who spoke on the palms of New Caledonia and a recap of the IPS Biennial Meeting there last October. There were several trips into the habitats of beautiful palms. Paul showed a descriptive video that showed not only palms but also many other native plant species.

On January 20th, the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society held a field trip to the Montgomery Botanical Center in Miami. The event was co-sponsored by the Central Florida and the Palm Beach chapters.

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact Paul Craft (email to: < palmnut@gate.net >).

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Setting an Attendance Record

The South Florida Chapter of the IPS holds general meetings every two months. Because it falls during the time when most local residents are on summer vacation, the August meeting is usually the one attended by the fewest people. In previous years, having three-dozen attendees for this mid-summer meeting was considered a success. However, in August of 2000, a new unofficial attendance record was set. Over 125 IPS members and prospective members attended the meeting. This was not an accident.

Prior to the June 2000 meeting, most of the chapter's regular meetings followed a consistent pattern: chapter business, a presentation by a guest speaker, and a plant auction. Although the meetings were scheduled for the first Monday of even-numbered months, postcards (and sometimes flyers) were sent to members to remind them to attend.

In the early months of 2000, some problems were becoming apparent. First, several members of the chapter were not receiving their meeting notices. Second, because a small number of people had begun to dominate the plant auctions, many others who wanted plants became frustrated and left the meetings before the auctions even began. Third, meeting announcements were not being sent consistently to the local newspaper. It had also been noted that new people were coming to two or three of the meetings but never coming again.

The first task of the chapter was to update the mailing list, which clearly had become stale. A current list of Florida IPS members was ordered from the IPS. Members who didn't live within about 50 miles of Miami were removed from the list. The new list was then merged with a list of people who had attended the chapter's plant sales and had asked to be put on the chapter's mail list (See "*The Successful Palm Sale*" in *Palms*, Volume 44[3]). The new consolidated list, although only slightly larger than the list that had been used before, was now completely up to date.

An experiment was conducted at the chapter's June meeting. Prior to the speaker's presentation, palm seeds and seedlings were distributed, free, to many of those who attended. A raffle was used to determine who got first pick. This distribution was not

announced ahead of time, and the seeds and seedlings were donated by a few of the chapter members. The distribution was a huge success, and it was decided that the free distribution would not only be continued, but expanded. To help accomplish this, Fairchild Tropical Garden and The Montgomery Botanical Center were asked to contribute seeds or seedlings to the Chapter. Both did so without reservation. Local IPS members also contributed seeds and seedlings for the upcoming meeting.

The next step was to communicate. About ten days prior to the August meeting, a flyer was sent to the approximately 800 people on the new mailing list. A palm graphic was printed on the front of the flyer, next to the mailing label, to help ensure that the flyer wouldn't be discarded with the junk mail. In addition to announcing the time and place of the meeting and the speaker, the flyer emphasized that free palm seeds and seedlings would be distributed. The flyer also asked local grower-members to bring in palms for the auction.

For communications to an even wider audience, a meeting notice was sent to and printed in the local newspaper. The seed and seedling distribution was mentioned in this notice as well. By the end of the August meeting, literally hundreds of seeds and seedlings had been distributed. At \$1600 (US), income from the plant auction was nearly four times the amount normally collected. Numerous IPS membership applications had been distributed. And no one could remember a meeting like it.

There are at least two important lessons that can be learned from this experience. The first relates to the importance of good communications.

By updating their IPS list and merging it with a second list of non-members who specifically asked to be put on the chapter's mailing list, the chapter ensured that the right people were being told about the meeting.

The free newspaper announcement allowed the chapter to reach an even wider audience. The flyer was designed so that it would easily be recognized as palm-related. The flyer and the newspaper announcement both emphasized what was new: free palm seeds and seedlings.

The second lesson is that many palm enthusiasts, particularly the newer ones, want to get involved with palms. They want to try growing palms from seeds. They want to try growing species they don't already have. They want to learn from others. The South Florida chapter was not encouraging this involvement to the extent that it now does.

For many of us who have been members of IPS for some years, the two primary reasons for joining were the subscription to *Principes* (now *Palms*) and the IPS seed bank. Although *Principes* has evolved into *Palms*, the IPS seed bank is gone. By putting palm seeds and seedlings into the hands of those with a developing interest in palms, we can keep that interest alive while ensuring the growth and future of IPS.

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South Florida Chapter's Metrozoo Project

Since 1981 the South Florida Chapter has sponsored a landscape project at Miami Metrozoo. Most installations have used plants grown from seed or young seedlings in nursery space on the zoo grounds, although periodic donations have also been incorporated into the landscape.

In 1999 and 2000, we also transplanted to Metrozoo the bulk of a very nice palm collection donated by the family of Louise Futch, a longtime volunteer who died three years ago. Her absence is sorely felt.

We have always relied on volunteer help to sustain the nursery and maintain the installed specimens. Toward that end, a number of workdays are scheduled for the remainder of the dry season (which, for the third year in a row, is exceptionally dry). Tasks vary across a wide range of needs - mulching, planting, weeding, repotting, and fertilizing. Workdays last from 9:00 until the last gardener is left standing, but even just a couple of hours of volunteers' time will be greatly appreciated. Lunch is provided from a grocery deli or fast food restaurant. Only occasionally are volunteers left behind for unspeakable animal experiments.

Workdays for the spring of 2001 are set for January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, April 1, April 15 and April 29. Metrozoo is located at 12400 S.W. 152nd St. (Coral Reef Dr.), about ¾ of a mile west of the Turnpike. The guard will provide directions to the palm nursery. Shovels, forks and clippers are useful to bring for workdays. If you have any questions, please call Lenny Goldstein at (305) 539-7241.

After some very cold winters in the mid-1980s, South Florida experienced generally above-average dry-season temperatures. Even the devastating Christmas freeze of 1989 was an anomaly in an otherwise warm winter. In fact, the abnormally warm weather of January 1990 kept many hard-hit palms from dying by forcing damaged spear leaves outside the buds, where their decay could have killed the plant.

This year palm growers in the farming sectors of Miami-Dade County - generally found west of the Florida Turnpike - have experienced a couple of frosts. A cold wave, which passed through the area during the first week of January, was more severe than most weather forecasters anticipated, and pockets of significant damage occurred. Fortunately, palms at Metrozoo, located less than a mile west of the Turnpike, were spared the level of damage experienced in 1989. As usual, a group of bottle palms (*Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*) exhibited the earliest and worst leaf damage, but they have always been quick to recover. Both in the nursery and around the zoo grounds, palms that were frost burned or which have a reputation for dealing badly with cold have been sprayed with a mixture of Manzate and Kocide. This treatment, when administered very soon after frost and then repeated, has proven beneficial in minimizing the effects of abnormal cold.

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News from Central Florida

On January 20th, the CFP&CS and the Palm Beach Chapter co-hosted a field trip to the Montgomery Botanical Center in Miami. Dr. Larry Noblick provided field trips of the grounds, starting at 10 a.m.; these were followed by a "bring your own" lunch picnic. Montgomery Botanical Center, originally the estate of Col. Robert Montgomery, is a 120-acre private estate, filled with thousands of

palms and cycads. Col. Montgomery and his wife, Nell, donated the 83 acres now occupied by Fairchild Tropical Garden and were instrumental in its founding in 1936.

The First-Quarter Eastern Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) meeting was set for March 10th, giving members the opportunity to see Merritt Island and the beaches. Three different garden tours and a palm sale are included. According to information on the CFPACS website, "We will begin the day with a tour of Scott Ward's Indialantic garden, 500 Orlando Blvd. Scott has certainly achieved the "tropical look" in his well-tended garden, which includes a very nice collection of palms, cycads, and bromeliads. (See recent pictures of Scott's garden in the December 2000 issue of the *Palmateer* pp.26 and 34)

"Next we will go to Cocoa Beach for a tour of Bud Wideman's garden, 777 Nassau Rd. Bud has a well-established, unique collection of palms already well known by many members. Some of these include: *Arenga pinnata*, *Trithrinax campestris*, *Hyphaene*, *Actinorhysis calapparia*, and the incredibly beautiful *Livistona inermis*, to name a few.

"After lunch we will reassemble in Merritt Island for a tour of Steve and Cindy Rael's garden, 50 Melbourne Ave. The Rael's are interested in a wide variety of plants. Cacti, succulents, lots of bromeliads, and of course palms are some plants you will see in their garden. Most notable is a "picture perfect" flowering/fruited foxtail. *Wodyetia bifurcata*. A Palm Sale will immediately follow the tour of the Rael's garden.

Dave Witt, who has been serving as President of PACSOF (Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida) has now been elected President of the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society. Later in 2001, CFPACS will sponsor the PACSOF PalmFest.

For more information on CFPACS, check the website at <http://cfpacs.freesevers.com>, email Dave Witt <bizmark@mindspring.com> or Neil Yorio <neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov>.

Florida First Coast Chapter News

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email Chapter Secretary Dug Howk at his new email address of <dhowk@mediatone.net>.

News from the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

The SW FL Chapter was scheduled to meet Saturday, February 24th, at the office of the Naples Botanical Garden. Elections for 2001 officers were also on the agenda.

Paul Craft on behalf of the International Palm Society, has organized a Chapter Relations Committee. Geri Prall is the chapter representative for the SW FL Chapter. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to relay to IPS, please email Geri with your comments. Her email is <PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com>.

The *Supplement to Palms (formerly Principes)* is always looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world – whether members of local chapters simply individuals or not associated local IPS affiliates exist. Items can be on any subject that will be of interest to members of the IPS. If you would like to contribute anything about palms or palm activities in your area (or elsewhere), email Jim Cain at <palm_dude@pobox.com> or send information by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

Louisiana Chapter News

At their Fall 2000 meeting, the Louisiana Chapter amended their by-laws to change the organization name to the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society.

The society met on November 26th at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. Member Shawn Ardoin, zoo horticulturalist, gave a tour of the new Tea Room, the newly planted palm area surrounding it and the newly refurbished "Monkey Hill", one of the highest topographic points in New Orleans. Congratulations also to Tran Asprodites in his promotion from Director of Horticulture at the Audubon Zoo to Director of Facilities. Tran is still responsible for horticulture, but the promotion gives him many other responsibilities as well.

The Louisiana chapter had fifteen new members join in the two months following the September 2000 meeting.

On December 15th, the Louisiana society hosted a reception for its members and their guests at the Garden Study Center in

Botanical Garden, New Orleans. Entry into the garden were free to those attending the reception. Thanks to Richard Barnes for making this reception possible.

For more information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, contact Joe Baucum, < theanchorage@worldnet.att.net > or by telephone at (504) 689-4243.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) met on February 24th at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens, Savannah, Georgia. The meeting kicked off with a mid-morning business meeting, followed by the Annual Auction and lunch. Scheduled speakers were Dr. Kyle Brown, Tom McClendon and Joe LeVert (Hardy Citrus). These were to be followed by a tour of the palm collection, which has grown to over thirty-five palm species.

Further proposed meetings include

- April 21, Madison, GA, tentatively at the home of SPEPS member George Phillips
- July (Date not yet confirmed), Orlando, FL, Leu Gardens
- October 13, Waynesboro/Burke Co., GA, Homes of SPEPS members Donald Coleman and Chuck Mooney

Please email Tom McClendon at tmccclendon@hotmail.com or visit the SPEPS web site at www.speps.net for more SPEPS meeting plans and a wealth of cold hardy palm information and beautiful palm pictures.

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

Lloyd van Epps ("Van") and Paul Holloway graciously hosted the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) November meeting in McAllen. Van, also interested in cacti, succulents, and bromeliads, is one of our more dedicated members. The Sommerfruchts brought an abundant supply of starfruit fresh from their trees at Bayview to accompany the delicious potluck. For the auction, Gary Meiser donated a *Rhapis excelsa* 'Koban' that generated a lively competition. A diverse group of items were available, including *Veitchia merrelli*, *Zamia furfuracea*, bananas, *Acoelorrapphe wrightii*, and more. The McLendons shared an ample supply of *Sabal* seeds that they collected in

Corpus Christi. Seeds (*Bismarckia nobilis* and *Syagrus* sp.) from the Montgomery Botanical Center in Florida were also available for distribution. We had a special treat when we toured Bill Madsen's garden. People up north may not consider our winters very cold, but coconuts disagree. Bill is one of the few people willing to attempt to grow a mature coconut outdoors in south Texas. He also has many other unique palms for this area.

December 9th was the PSST Christmas party at Ed Ladd and John Dillard's home in Corpus Christi with traditional gift exchange of palm-related gifts, good food and excellent company. T-shirts were available for sale. California members John and Christine Ingwersen have donated a generous supply of *Chamaedorea hooperiana* seeds from their Prime Palm nursery. The south Texas climate is suitable for growing *C. hooperiana* outdoors. They also make great houseplants. See www.palmcollector.com/palms/chamaedorea_hooperiana.htm for more information.

The February 24th meeting was hosted by Jim & Evelyn Sommerfrucht at their lovely home in Bayview, near Los Fresnos. The Sommerfrucht home is on the shore of a lovely "Resaca" (a long closed-off oxbow lake residual from old bends in the Rio Grande River). In addition to his palms, Jim has cultivated an astounding variety of citrus, as well as other tropical fruits.

Additional 2001 meetings scheduled so far include:

- March 2001 - Jim McHaney in Victoria
- April 2001 - Jason and Mary Ann Swafford in Hobson
- May 2001 - Gunter and Gaby Schmidt in Ingleside on the Bay
- June 2001 - Romeo & Linda Montalvo in Brownsville

For more information on the above, visit <http://www.raingardens.com/psst.htm>. The site has photos of each meeting, dates of upcoming meetings and information about membership and PSST T-shirts.

Jana Meiser

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter

News

The Houston Area Chapter did not meet during the winter months. The last meeting of 2000 was held in November at Dr. Rex Moyer's place in Alvin and was covered in the last *Supplement*.

Chapter events in the spring will kick off with Gordon Hintz' lecture on "Palms for Houston" at Mercer Arboretum on April 8th.

For information on the Houston Chapter, visit the chapter's website at www.palms.org/houston/index.htm or email:

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Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

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June 8 - 18, 2001 - Sarawak Tour, An eleven-day tour to Sarawak is planned from Sydney, Australia. This tour is sponsored by the Sydney Palm and Cycad Society and space is limited. Cost per person is \$A1932 twin share or triple room \$A1862, with single supplement \$A504. The initial (\$A200) deposit was to be paid prior to February 16th, with final payment to be made by May 1st. If you are interested in joining this tour, contact Ian Edwards to see whether or not it is still open and to obtain further details on the itinerary and what is included in the price. If you have any questions, phone Ian Edwards in Cronulla, NSW, at 61+2+9523 6696 or email: ianse@ozemail.com.au.

October, 2001 - Fous de Palmier Tour to California, USA. The Fous de Palmier plans a major excursion to California in October of 2001. If interested in participating, please contact Steve Swinscoe, *Fous de Palmiers* President, telephone 33+(0)5 62 08 91 at <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

November 8-30, 2001: South America. Manureva is putting together a long trip to South America for November. A few palms to be visited include *Euterpe edulis*, *Acrocomia aculeata*, *Butia microspadix*, *B. eriospatha*, *Allagoptera campestris*, *Bactris setosa* and several *Geonoma* species (including *G. elegans* and *G. gamiova*). If you wish to receive more information about this trip, please contact René Coativy via fax

33+ (04) 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <manurevah@aol.com>.

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September 20-28, 2002: IPS Biennial in France, The year 2002 Biennial meeting of the International Palm Society will be hosted by Fous de Palmier in the south of France. The itinerary is given in detail on the Biennial webpage of the Fous at <http://www.chez.com/palmiers/ebiennale.php> for details in English. In French, see <http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php> that also includes maps. Full details will also be published in the next issue *Supplement*.

September 20 - October 5, 2002: IPS Biennial Post-Tour: Gardens of the Northern Mediterranean, The 2002 Biennial IPS post-tour is also being organized by Fous de Palmier. It will start off in Barcelona, then segue through Blanès, Alicante, and Malaga before moving over to Italy to see gardens in Palermo, Napoli and Rome. After returning to Nice on October 3rd, there will be a visit to the Hanbury Gardens in San Remo and the final evening banquet. Everyone will be free to return home on Saturday, October 5th. The Fous websites mentioned above also have details of the post-tour.

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Dates undetermined - IPS Biennial in Hawaii and Post-Tour to Fiji: The IPS Biennial 2004 will be hosted by the Island of Hawaii chapter, who will also organize a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. For early information on these Biennial events, contact **HIPS Chapter** President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <flyg@ilhawaii.net>) More information will be provided in future supplements as well as on the IPS website, www.palms.org.

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Please look over the enclosed *Membership Roster* and let us know if there are any errors in your entries. This *Membership Roster* will be provided to all paid members for year 2000 and/or year 2001.

CALENDAR:

Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

It was suggested by several IPS Directors that we provide a feature in the *Supplement* to *PALMS* so that members can easily keep track of planned tours and field trips being arranged or conducted by various IPS affiliates and chapters around the world. Obviously, this will only work if sufficient notice is received of such trips. Here are several French, South African and Australian events, as well as the next two Biennials. Tell us what you think about the column and please inform us about your own upcoming events, so we list them.

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February 25 – March 4, 2001 – Morocco Tour. A one-week tour was recently conducted by Fous de Palmiers of France to study the palms and indigenous plants of Morocco, as well as to enjoy the country's ambiance. The tour included the palmarium of the Jardin des Plantes as well as a visit to the collection of Grand Blottereau. Attendance was limited because of privacy considerations at some of the gardens to be visited. Although already completed, the trip is listed here to give readers an idea of the type of excursions we are trying to cover in this column. We will endeavor in the future to list excursions of the Fous de Palmier, Manureva, the U.S. chapters and others in sufficient time for interested persons to join.

April 26-29, 2001 – South African Palm Society Congress 2001. It is probably too late for this notice to garner new attendees, but will post for general interest. The South African Palm Society will hold its 2001 Congress in Pretoria at the V&A Lodge, Hartbeespoort. The meeting will include quite a few garden visits, raffles, presentations and lectures, etc. Registration costs are R 50 per family. Accommodations (per person) are R 330.00 (incl VAT) for 3 nights, with an additional R 345.00 (incl VAT) for all meals. Booking: NOT LATER THAN 30TH MARCH 2001. If interested, contact booking telephone 27+ (0)12 376 27 33 or email to <vrensen@lantic.net>. You may also email to contact Peter Wunderlin at <pmdes@iafrica.com>.

April 27 – May 1, 2001 – General Assembly of the Fous de Palmiers Association (and the Festival des Jardins Sud in Uzès. The Fous continues their decentralized assemblies by holding this one in association with the Festival des Jardins Sud in Uzès. Members and guests interested in attend should contact Yves and Colette PIA, telephone 33+ (0)4 66 03 19 or you may email to Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

May 5-12, 2001 – Sicily Tour. The Fous de Palmier will join the Italian association, Beccariana for a one-week tour of Sicily. Interested parties please contact Danilo Bitetti, Président of Beccariana, telephone at 39+(0)6 61 66 08 28 after 9 a.m. or send him an email <danilo.bitetti@libero.it>.

May 24-June 4, 2001: Mascarene Islands. This event is being jointly sponsored by Manureva and the IPS Chapter Palmeraie-Union of La Réunion. If you wish more information, contact René Coativy via fax 33+ (04) 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <manurevah@aol.com>.

May 30 – mid-June 2001 – Darwin Australia Tour. A driving tour from Sydney organized by Alan Collins from the Sydney Branch Chapter. Alan and Jill will be driving the 4,000 kms (each way), but others can fly and join them in Darwin if appropriate. They will depart Sydney on May 30, planning to drive 575-676 km per day with arrival in Darwin on June 5th. They will stay about a week, timing the visit to coincide with the Northern Territory Palm and Cycad Society meeting date. If interested, it is essential that Darwin accommodations be booked very soon, since June is peak season in Darwin. [A good contact for information is the Darwin Region Tourism association, 33 Smith Street Mall, Darwin NT 0800. Phone 61+089 814 300.] For anyone flying in, cars of course could be hired or maybe the intrepid drivers would make room in their cars for the out of town trips. If you are interested in participating, contact Alan Collins a: 61+(0)2-9403-1731, or send an Email to <collins@tech2u.com.au> for any other information.

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