

Important General Information

**2006 IPS Biennial
Dominican Republic**

October 1-8, 2006

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Registration will close when the limit of 200 attendees is reached.

**Absolute Deadline
for Registration
is
August 15, 2006**

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at www.palms.org. See details under Registration Procedures. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2006 Biennial is included within the pages of this Supplement to *Palms*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. Registrants must be IPS members before registering.

Biennial Overview

The 2006 IPS Biennial is being sponsored by the International Palm Society with Leonel Mera as our local host in Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti and takes up the eastern two-thirds of the island. Its population is about 9 million people and Santo Domingo is the capital. Tourism is one of the biggest industries so the country is well set up to accommodate visitors.

The Biennial will begin and end in Santo Domingo. We will travel to the southwestern area of the country and stay in the city of Barahona during the middle of the trip. We will visit the National Botanical Garden as well as go to many habitats of native and endemic palms. We complete the tour by returning to Santo Domingo, where we will get a chance to experience the culture of the country. A farewell dinner will bring the tour to its close.

Presentations will be given by leading palm experts from the Caribbean, Latin America and Europe. Some of the speakers will be appearing at an IPS Biennial for the first time.

**Biennial details begin on the next page.
Registration form is on pages 5 and 6.**

Affiliate News begins on page 8!

**Elections for IPS Directors
2006 – 2010 Term
Ballot Enclosed – Vote Now!**

Your tear-out **Election Ballot** is on the last page (rear cover) of this March 2006 *Supplement to Palms*. You must use this original ballot for your vote to be counted. Please tear it out now and vote! Candidate bios begin on page 16.

Election results will be published in the June 2006 *Supplement*.

Any questions or comments concerning the election process should be sent to Faith Bishock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee; or Libby Besse, Administrative Secretary. E-mail messages are preferred.

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**A Riverboat Tour to
See the Palms of the Amazon**

Only a few places left!

Once again The New York Botanical Garden will offer a *Palm Tour of the Amazon*. This tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora of the Amazon. The tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden.

The 10-day trip is planned for 8-18th October 2006, immediately following the IPS biennial.

For information and booking form go to: www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/, the tour web site

For additional information contact Andrew Henderson at ahenderson@nybg.org, by phone at 718 817-8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

Biennial 2006

General Information: Please note that a maximum of 200 attendees can participate in the Biennial 2006. Registration will close when we reach this number. All prices quoted throughout are in US Dollars.

Key Dates:

September 30 – Early arrivals and Members of the IPS Board of Directors arrive.

October 1 – Board of Directors Meeting., Attendees arrive for the Welcome Dinner.

October 7 – The Farewell Dinner.

October 8 – Transition day following Biennial

It is advisable for regular attendees attending from great distances to arrive by Saturday, September 30, to comfortably adjust from jet lag. However, it is imperative that Directors and Officers arrive by Saturday, September 30, to attend the Board Meeting to be held on Sunday morning, October 1st.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures: Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. IPS room rates for designated hotels will apply immediately before and after the Biennial and are available **only** through our special representatives, Felix Nicolás and Thelma Martinez of Marketing Plus in the Dominican Republic. For details see **Contacts for Information**. Charges for these extended stays are not included in the registration fee and must be paid separately by the attendee. The registration fee only covers those accommodations described in the itinerary.

The IPS cannot book extra days of lodging or airline flights.

Biennial Location: The Biennial will begin and end in the capital city of Santo Domingo. Attendees are advised to make airline reservations early. The IPS cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely.

Biennial Registration Form with Payment Information is included as a “tear-out” in the middle of this *supplement of Palms*.

Cost of Biennial (October 1 through 8): US\$1,450 per person double occupancy, and US\$1,900 single occupancy. This includes: seven nights hotel accommodations, all meals except for 2 dinners while in Santo Domingo, tours, a helicopter ride to the habitat of *Pseudophoenix ekmanii*, guides, incoming airport transfer from Las Americas Airport and some baggage

handling. Not included are personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, other meals, trip insurance, flights and airport charges for all flights to and from the Dominican Republic.

Hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (September 30 or earlier) or those staying the night of October 8 or later are **not** included in the Biennial registration fee.

Hotels: We have selected the highest quality hotels available that offer the best value for the money, while providing accommodations and meeting facilities in a common location. Attendees will stay at the following hotels:

- **October 1, 2, 6, & 7:** Hotel Occidental El Embajador in Santo Domingo
- **October 3, 4, & 5:** Hotel Costa Larimar in Barahona

Our contacts for all hotels are Felix Nicolás and Thelma Martinez: see **Contacts for Information**. Room upgrades should be available to early registrants, but such upgrades are at the expense of attendees and must be made through Felix or Thelma. Less expensive rooms are not available. Arrangements have been made for all attendees to stay at the same hotel in each city on the tour.

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 unavailable and no reduced rate for partial registration is being 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. All others will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations.

Airfare To and From Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own round trip flights to Santo Domingo. It is suggested you book your tickets early to get the best fares. It is also suggested you book your flights before you register for the biennial. Please note that there are other airports in the island, transportation is only included from “Las Americas Airport”

Book now! Be prepared for very strict, time consuming security inspections at all airports for all flights. Be sure to have a valid passport and avoid carry-on baggage to facilitate inspection.

Biennial Itinerary:

Breakfast buffet is included in the cost of each night's Biennial accommodations.

Sunday, October 1: We shall meet at the Hotel Occidental El Embajador in Santo Domingo. The first activity will be a welcome cocktail followed by dinner, which will formally initiate the 2006 Biennial.

Monday, October 2: We shall have our first contact with native and exotic palms grown in the splendid Botanical Garden of Dr. Rafael Ma. Moscoso in Santo Domingo (www.jbn-sdq.org/). In the Santo Domingo central square we shall see impressive specimens of *Sabal domingensis*, *Roystonea borinquena*, *Coccothrinax argentea*, *Bactris plumeriana*, *Calyptrotrichia rivalis* and *Pseudophoenix vinifera*, as well as the magnificent Haitian *Attalea crassispatha*. At noon we shall leave the city toward the east to visit a golf course where hundreds of adult *Acrocomia aculeata* were transplanted. See www.guavaberry.org/index.html. We shall eat lunch in that spectacular landscape while enjoying the native flora of the Caribbean coast set off by landscape architect Rosángela Bobea.

Tuesday, October 3: We shall set off for the southeast region of the country to Barrera, Azua, where we shall enjoy a population of thousands of *Coccothrinax boschiana* practically emerging from the Caribbean Sea to the mountains of Martín García. After eating lunch by the sea we shall continue to the Hotel Costa Larimar, in Barahona (<http://hotelcostalarimar.com/>).

Wednesday, October 4: We shall travel to Pedernales, on the Haitian border. On the way, we shall stop to see a population of *Coccothrinax ekmanii*, then continue to the high altitude Sierra de Bahoruco National Park (www.geocities.com/falco67_99/pnsb), where *Coccothrinax scoparia* grows at 1000 m and within pine forests. We shall also see this small, resilient palm in small populations on the way to Hoyo de Pelempito (<http://members.aol.com/aperez11/pelempito.html>), an impressive depression in which we shall contemplate the palms as we eat lunch at the lookout constructed by the park authorities.

Thursday, October 5: We shall have the opportunity to visit the Jaragua National Park, where helicopters will be waiting to take us to visit populations of *Pseudophoenix ekmanii*, without a doubt the most charismatic palm of the

Dominican Republic. It will be a unique opportunity to view thousands of specimens of this spectacular palm from the sky as well as to be able to walk among them.

Friday, October 6: We shall travel back to Santo Domingo, visiting populations of *Pseudophoenix vinifera* and *Copernicia berteroana* in Azua, as well as the spectacular "belly palms" of Baní, *Coccothrinax spissa*.

Saturday, October 7: Back in Santo Domingo there will be several options – tours of the historic center of the colonial city (<http://www.sdq.com/colonial/>), shopping at craft bazaars, or lunch at the Vivero Inmaculada. At night we shall have a farewell dinner, which will include a colorful Caribbean show.

Sunday, October 8: The biennial will conclude. Attendees will be taken to the airport to return home or continue their travel to other destinations. Those members who wish to see other palms in the Caribbean before turning home should contact Leonel Mera <palmera@codetel.net.do> for recommendations.

We have chosen the month of October because it is after the area's main hurricane season of August and September. Each evening after dinner, we shall hear lectures by specialists from various countries who will discuss the palms of the Antilles and South America, along with the latest advances in palm biology and landscape uses of palms. In Barahona, we shall enjoy presentations of the local culture.

Throughout our travels, we shall be in modern air conditioned buses. Breakfasts will be included, as well as lunches and dinners, except for the two nights in Santo Domingo. The official language will be English, and we shall have at all times guides who speak English, French and Spanish. This is the first time that the IPS has held its biennial within the Caribbean, and we shall surely take back great memories of the Caribbean sun, color and Latin flavor, as well as its palms.

REGISTER NOW

online at

<http://www.palms.org>

You can also join the IPS via the website if not already a member.

Biennial Speakers:

Speakers chosen for this biennial are primarily from Latin America. Confirmed speakers are:

- **León Morales (Colombia)** is a forest engineer, author of several books on palms. He will speak on "Palms of Colombia."
 - **Santiago Orts (Spain)** will discuss "Gourmet Dates"
 - **Fernando Roca (Perú)** will speak on "Traditional knowledge and palms of the Amazonian Rainforest in Peru".
 - **Raúl Verdecia (Cuba)** will provide "An update on Cuban palms, the more important genera and species."
 - **Franco Simonetti (Chile)** will update attendees on the Chilean natural distribution of *Jubaea chilensis*.
 - **Ricardo García (Dominican Republic)** "Palms of the Dominican Republic".
 - **Elena Beare (Uruguay)** will speak on "Blue *Butia* in Uruguay."
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Special needs/Handicap services:

Attention will be given to attendees with special needs or who are physically challenged. However, please be aware that certain inconveniences or limitations may arise from the physical nature of these events and difficult travel conditions.

Disclaimer, Itinerary Changes: Leonel Mera, Marketing Plus, and members of the IPS have worked for more than one and a half years developing the framework for the 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 IPS nor Marketing Plus 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.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS:

Attendee (or attending spouse / partner) must be an IPS Member before registering for Biennial Events. You can join via the IPS website if you are not already a member.

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!

On-line Registration will be available from April 2006 through a link on the IPS website: www.palms.org. On the IPS website, select "2006 Biennial Registration" link.

Mail-in or Faxed Registration:

Attendees need to fully complete both sides of the enclosed Registration Form (attached as an insert in this Supplement to *Palms*) and mail or fax with payment to Paul Craft.

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:

IPS Website: In April 2006, the IPS website, www.palms.org will display 2006 Biennial and a link to **on-line Registration**. Additional links to sites of the 2006 Biennial will be added.

Registration and Payment.

Registration is available **on-line**. For on-line registration and payment, visit www.palms.org and select the Biennial Registration link.

If you do not use on-line registration, mail or fax your forms and payment to:

Mail Address:

Paul Craft
166745 W. Epson Drive
Loxahatchee, FL. 33470 USA

Fax: +1 561-514-1837

For additional information on registration, payment and refunds, contact Paul Craft at:

Email: Licuala@bellsouth.net

Phone: +1 561-644-1796

Fax: +1 561-514-1837

Specific questions on the itinerary:

Felix Nicolás or Thelma Martinez of Marketing Plus, Biennial Tour Coordinators for 2006.

Email: marketingplus@internet.net.do

Phone: 1+ (809) 685-490, 1+ (809)-545-1517 or 1+ (809)-707-4865.

Website: marketingplusplanners.com

Extending accommodations at IPS rates before or after the Biennial must be managed by Felix Nicolás or Thelma Martinez of Marketing Plus, who will be the sole contacts for all hotels. Requests for **upgrades** must also be handled by Felix or Thelma. Contacts for them are given in the previous paragraph.

REGISTRATION FORM
IPS 2006 BIENNIAL DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**COMPLETE BOTH SIDES FULLY AND CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO:
SEE BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE; REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE WHEN LIMITS ARE MET;
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15, 2006.**

COMPLETE NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY _____ TELEPHONE _____

FAX (if available) _____ EMAIL _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE(S) _____

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2006 BIENNIAL AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

_____ PERSON(S) (give number)

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE _____

(Continued on reverse side. Complete both sides. If faxed, please send both front and back sections.)

REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars):

BIENNIAL US\$1,450 double occupancy X number of Attendees _____
 US\$1,900 single occupancy X number of Attendees _____

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid/to be billed to credit card) _____

Do not include payments for dues, books, etc. with registration fees; make them separately.

IPS membership is required prior to registration.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):

_____ I have enclosed a personal check* or cashiers check or money order (international money order outside the US) in US Dollars made payable to **The International Palm Society** for the total amount indicated above on this IPS Biennial/Post Tour Registration Form and have completed this form in its entirety.
(*Notice: Checks must be in US Dollars and on a US Bank)

(OR)

_____ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **The International Palm Society**, to my:
(circle selection) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (plainly) _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date _____ / _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: All attendees must sign.

I (we) am aware that during the 2006 IPS Biennial Tour and its excursions or other trips in which I am participating under the arrangements of the *International Palm Society* and/or the *Marketing Plus* and their agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in mountainous or jungle areas, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities, the forces of nature and travel by air, boat, automobile, or other conveyance. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in such trips or other activities, services and food arranged for me by the IPS and all persons connected thereof, *Marketing Plus* or their agents or associates, I have and do hereby assume all of the above risks and will hold them harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise of or in connection with my trip or participation in any other activities arranged for me by the entities named above. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, executors, and administrators and for all members of my family including any minors accompanying me. I have read and agree to the above conditions and release of liability and assumption of risk.

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE(S): _____ / _____ DATE _____

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE: ☐ I have a handicap condition or special dietary or other needs that may/will ?(circle one)? need attention. Please describe: _____

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE **REFUND POLICY** above as it will strictly apply.

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE SELECTION: Unless requested otherwise, random pairing of roommates will occur with double occupancy with same sex selection and attempts to match non-smokers with other non-smokers. Please make preference below:
I WISH TO SHARE A ROOM WITH (name of other Attendee) _____
I AM A ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker I understand that information packets will be forwarded after August 15, 2006. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any health and accident or other insurance needed for these events.

MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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It is strongly suggested that credit card information not be sent via regular e-mail.

See more information on
“HOW TO PAY REGISTRATION FEE”,
“REGISTRATION DEADLINE”
“REFUND POLICY”
and
“CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION”
on the next page.

HOW TO PAY 2006 BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEES

- **On-line registration:** MasterCard or Visa - Confirmation will be provided to registrants by email.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living within the United States:** personal check, cashiers check, or money order made out to the International Palm Society; or Visa or MasterCard.
- **Mail-in registration for attendees living outside of the United States:** personal check in US funds (with US counterpart Bank; i.e. cashiers check), international money order, Visa or MasterCard.
- **Fax registration:** MasterCard or Visa

Attendees may telephone or email Paul Craft to confirm that the IPS has received your registration material. (See **Contacts for Information.**)

For more, see Contacts for Information below.

BIENNIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

All registration forms and payments must be received by August 15, 2006 at the latest. If the number of registrants reaches the limit of 200, registration will close at that time. **No registrations will be accepted after this date or limit is reached!**

BIENNIAL REFUND POLICY: We must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the 2006 Biennial. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extended lodging booked separately by Attendee (outside of the IPS Registration process). For the latter, check with your travel agent for refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before August 15, 2006: Full refund minus \$150 administrative fee.
- Refunds requested after August 15, 2006 through August 31, 2006: 60% refund of amount paid.
- Absolutely no refunds allowed after August 31, 2006

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION ON THE 2006 BIENNIAL:

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NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, when such information on local branch activities has been provided to the *Supplement* editor. PACSOA has the following branches:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Sunshine Coast Branch
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Soc.
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia

The former Rockhampton Palm and Cycad Society Branch of PACSOA recently ceased operation due declining membership.

For information on PACSOA or the *Palms and Cycads* magazine write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or e-mail <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au>. Also be sure to visit the PACSOA website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

For information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society branch of PACSOA, write Secretary, PACSOA - BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or e-mail Mark Wuschke <mark@hubbub.com.au> or Hugh Kunze <hugh.kunze@uq.net.au>.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, (PACSOM), PACSOA Branch

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Farleigh Mill Clubhouse, unless an alternate venue and/or time is specified. For more information, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or send an e-mail to Margaret Bazley, PACSOM Newsletter Editor, <bazley@m@dodo.com.au>.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

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

Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society, Branch is Closed

The Rockhampton Palm and Cycad Society closed in December 2005, due to declining membership.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

At the January 24th meeting of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, Brian Gerhard gave an interesting talk and demonstration about Australian native orchids and the exciting results of hybridization.

At the November 22nd meeting, Norma and Ian Edwards gave a slide presentation on a trip by sea along the Kimberly Coast, from Broome to Darwin. Members also celebrated Christmas with an extended refreshment break at this meeting, in lieu of a member-hosted party.

The Society held a gardens visit day on February 26th to the Central Coast, visiting Paul Anderson's Impact Plant Nursery and garden – with its new cafe at Empire Bay, and then on to Dot and Graham Camp's garden at Toomey's Road, Mt. Elliot.

The next color magazine "Tropica", will be published in March, with two main themes:

- heliconia – those that can grow – or might grow, in the Sydney area.
- palms – two of our natives, *Wodyetia bifurcata* and *Normanbya normanbyi*, plus the hybrid *Wodyetia* × *Veitchia* which is starting to make an appearance in the area.

Membership in the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney (Incorporating the Palm and Cycad Society) costs A\$20.00 per year (or A\$25 for family membership). If you wish a membership form or additional Society information, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@ozemail.com.au> or contact Paul Anderson (Secretary), Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, P. O. Box 2, Empire Bay, NSW 2257. Ph. (02) 4369-1422 after hours.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

At the January 2006 general meeting, PACSOWA general meeting, Bill Gaynor provided an informative and in-depth tour of a number of the cycad species in the eleven Cycad genera – *Bowenia*, *Chigua*, *Ceratozamia*, *Cycas*, *Dioon*, *Encephalartos*, *Lepidozamia*, *Macrozamia*, *Microcycas*, *Stangeria* and *Zamia*.

At the February 2006 PACSOWA general meeting, Phil Loffman gave a talk on the Andean Wax Palm, *Ceroxylon quindiuense*, which grows to be one of the tallest palms in the world in its native Colombia.

PACSOWA plans a bus trip on April 23rd to include visits to the Gardens of Faye Arcaro and John Banasiewicz in Jandakot and Reg and Dale Lysle's Premier Palms nursery in High Wycombe. There may be other stops as well. Barry Shelton and Faye Arcaro have organized the tour and John Banasiewicz.

"Busy Bees" were held in Gascoyne Park on January 22nd and February 26th. The next will be March 26th. The January 22nd busy bee included John Banasiewicz, Ken and Joy Lee, Linda Therkelsen, Tony Bowyer and George Sevastos.

PalmsWest Subscription fees are A\$20 for single membership and A\$25 for families. There is a once-off joining fee of A\$5 for new members. On payment of fees, members will receive a membership card from the Treasurer.

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), see www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest or e-mail to Gary Pike at < gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au >

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The December meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society was well attended, including some new faces. General business was brief and covered the success of the Ellerslie Flower show stand. It was also announced that John Pettit was made an honorary member of the society. The auction was the main event of the evening and there were many palms available. A large number of *Chamaedorea* and *Dypsis* species were auctioned. As usual, Alan Booth brought some rare specimens which went quickly. There were 47 plants sold at the auction for a total of NZ\$4,605 (just under NZ\$100 per plant). The previous year 40 plants were sold for a total of NZ\$2,865, so the average price was significantly higher this year.

At the February 7th meeting, 30-40 members heard Bill Pepperell speak about his recent trip to South Africa, with a focus on Cycads. Some of the *Encephalartos* in private gardens must be 100s of years old based on their trunk size. There were *E. woodii* plants for sale and while expensive, they were priced much cheaper than seen on the net. Rare species like *E. heenanii* and *E. hirsutus* were available within the province Bill visited. There were nurseries growing many seedlings of these

rarer species. He also showed slides from a garden with all female plants.

There was much heated discussion about the proposed ARC ban on planting the three palms, *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, *Phoenix canariensis*, and *Trachycarpus fortunei*. John Pettit and others stressed the importance of individuals putting in their objections and making sure ARC know you oppose the banning.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society or its quarterly magazine, e-mail Gary at the above e-mail or to President John Lok < john.lok@xtra.co.nz >.

Most of the above NZP&CS news items about meetings and events were extracted from original internet postings by Gary Coleman < aries@splurge.net.nz > and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe to this group, send an e-mail to < nzpalmscycad-subscribe@yahoo.com >. The remainder of the news was taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine*.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) has scheduled several events for 2006.

The general meeting at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver Monday March 27th will feature a talk and slideshow by well-known Vancouver horticulturist Thomas Hobbs. Thomas has been a big supporter of our club and exotic gardening generally for many years. His flamboyant style usually draws a large crowd. His subject this time will be "*The Beautiful Eye – Garden Inspiration Put to Use*". The meeting begins at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

The May 29th general meeting at Van Dusen will feature the return to the podium of Society member and North Shore garden writer Roy Jonsson. Roy will discuss the plants and places he visited on his recent visit to southern Australia and will feature slides of the newly discovered *Wollemia nobilis* (Pine), *Dicksonia antarctica*, and of course, palms.

In addition, this meeting will feature the sale of a new book on hardy palms called Betrock's Cold Hardy Palms. We will also be selling selected back issues of *Hardy Palm International* (HPI) at substantially reduced, one-time-only prices – available at general meetings only.

Other PNWP&EPS meetings planned for 2006 at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver are:

- September 29th
- November 27th

The Society annual spring plant sale will once again be held at Lansdowne Mall on #3 Rd in Richmond BC May 20-22. Hundreds of palms and hard-to-find exotics will be available for sale. For further details contact Frank Hunaus at 604-271-9524 or e-mail malvolio@zis.net

A garden tour of Westminster Quay has been tentatively scheduled for June 25. More details will be provided in the Club's spring flyer and on the website.

Nick Parker

For additional information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society or its full color journal, *Hardy Palm International*, see <http://www.hardypalm.com/> or e-mail Nick Parker, <parkern@douglas.bc.ca>.

South African Palm Society

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact Secretary Louise van Rensen <vrengen@lantic.net>.

Palmeraie-Union, the Reunion Palm Society

For information on Palmeraie-Union, please send an email to palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr. You may also contact either Vice President Nicole Ludwig or President Thierry Hubert.

European Palm Society

Chamaerops is published (both as a printed journal and on-line) with many full color pictures. Visitors can download selected articles from *Chamaerops* without cost to check out the on-line journal. Membership and on-line upgrades are available on the EPS website www.palmsociety.org/join/english1.shtml. See the public area of the EPS website for full index of the issue #51. It is also possible to download an earlier edition (#42) to get a flavor of the on-line journal version

Tobias Spanner (Germany) is editor of *Chamaerops*. Tony King (United Kingdom) continues as Membership Organizer. Yann Corbel (France) is the French translator; Jörg Witticke (Germany) is the German translator. Lauri Coulombe (USA) is Language Editor.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

For more information about *Fous de Palmiers*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr> or check out the Fous website at www.fousdepalmiers.fr.

Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia

Contact Secretary Jean-Pierre CANEL <jpcan@canl.nc> or President Jean PIERSON <pierson@socatrans.nc> for more information on *Association Chambeyronia*.

"Palmenfreunde" in Germany

Palmenfreunde publishes a journal entitled *Palmen und Mehr* (in German) of about twenty A5-sized pages with many palms photographs in color. Membership is 22 Euros per year. E-mail Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com>

Hawaii Island Palm Society

For information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Jenny Johnson <johnsons@hawaii.rr.com>, Secretary Rich Rawlinson <bjrriich@ilhawaii.net> or Membership Chair Grace Kissell <kf@interpac.net>.

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).

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 e-mail 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 e-mail address. We hold regularly scheduled meetings and auctions at local gardens and at our Palmetum. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at www.fremontica.com/palms.

Palm Society of Southern California

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) Annual Banquet was held on January 28, 2006, at the Catamaran Resort & Hotel on Mission Bay in San Diego. Speaker for the event was Gregg Hamann from El Cajon, CA, who gave an exciting presentation on "The Palms of Myanmar (Burma)". Known for his worldwide travels in the pursuit of palms, Gregg and his wife, Debbie, have traveled to all corners of the world. Their recent trip to Myanmar produced spectacular photographs of species that are seldom seen. The PSSC has toured Gregg and Debbie's garden several times over the years. It is evident that his passion goes beyond his garden and leads him worldwide to visit tropical habitats.

The March PSSC meeting featured visits to three members' outstanding gardens in the Mission Bay area of San Diego. The first garden visited was that of Gary Michaelis. Gary started his garden in about 1998 and presently offers many juvenile and near mature plants of specimens seldom seen. His collection includes many large rare *Dypsis* such as *D. affinis*, *D. ankaizinesis*, a particularly gorgeous *D. psammophila*, perhaps the largest *D. saintelucei* in California and a nice smaller *D. albofarinosa*. His New Caledonia collection is also impressive with large *Burretio kentia*, *Cyphophoenix elegans*, *Actinokentia divaricata*, *Chambeyronia* 'watermelon', a very large *C. sp* "houailou", and a small but happy *Cyphosperma balansae*. There are many other palms of note. The overall affect is wonderful in Gary's Asian tropics theme, developed with much thought and very beautiful woodwork. He also labels his plants with the name, origin and size & date of planting.

The next garden on the tour was the well established and mature garden of Jim Wright and Lise Rasmussen – one of the most popular gardens in San Diego. This garden of more than 40 years is very impressive because of the sheer size of the palms, especially the *Euterpe edulis*, *Rhopalostylis*, *Hedyscepe*, *Veitchia*, *Kentiopsis oliviformis*, *Ptychosperma* and many others. Some appear to be over 50' tall. Jim has created a dense canopy with smaller palms shaded beneath, including many species of *Linospadix*, *Lytocaryum*, *Rhapis*, *Pinanga*, a huge collection of *Chamaedorea* (including a hybrid named after him) and some unusual *Dypsis* spp. Other rare specimens include *Linospadix palmeriana*, *Geonoma schottiana* and a *Ptychosperma burretianum*.

Last stop was the garden of Leland Fletcher. Fletch started his garden about twelve years ago and he has a wide selection of unusual palms. As you enter the rear garden, you are transported to Hawaii. Waterfalls and brooks babble and your eyes follow a winding path up a hill that the average Southern California homeowner would have "iceplanted". During the past twelve years Fletch has created a vertical landscape that allows the palms to be seen at eye level. The garden is planted so that you have space to breath and move around the grass lounging area and can step back to view his hillside full of palms. He has a large collection of healthy palms including many *Coccothrinax* and *Pritchardia* as well as other nice specimens such as *Hyphorbe lagenicaulis*, *Dictyosperma album*, *Dypsis lastelliana*, *D. cabadae* and *Zombia*.

In general, meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every other month in the following order of rotation:

- May 2006: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2006: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2006: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2006: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Jan. 2007: Annual Banquet
- March 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- May 2007: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- July 2007: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Sept. 2007: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Nov. 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties

For more information on the Southern California Palm Society, visit the PSSC website at <http://www.palmssc.org>.

The above PSSC news items were extracted from original postings on the PSSC website visit the PSSC website at <http://www.palmssc.org>.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact chapter President, Thomas G. Mignerey, 3947 Hwy 297 A, Cantonment, FL 32533 or via e-mail at <temignerey@aol.com>. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

South Florida Palm Society News

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, write Secretary Adrienne Gricius by e-mail to <palmgod@earthlink.net> or see their website at www.plantapalm.com/southfl/.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The PBP&CS regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the main building auditorium, except for the annual picnic in September. The *Palm & Cycad Times* is now quarterly, with issues in February, May, August and November.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Kitty Philips <kitty.philips@fnf.com>, Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net> or Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com>.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The CFPACS Seed Bank continues to provide palm and cycad seed via their on-line service. If you are not on the CFPACS Seed Bank distribution list and wish to be, please e-mail Claudia Walworth, at <orlbroke@aol.com>.

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com/, or contact Secretary Chuck Grieneisen <chuckfg@mpinet.net> or Membership Chair Karen Barresse <cfpacsmbrrship@aol.com>.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

For information regarding the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact Joe Baucum by e-mail at <theanchorage@worldnet.att.net> or by telephone at (504) 689-4243, or any of the officers listed below:

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<pivoron@yahoo.com>

ET CETERAS, the Louisiana Chapter newsletter, is 16-20 pages (5.5 inch by 8.5 inch size) published 4 times per year, devoted to both articles of interest to palm enthusiasts and the happenings of the local chapter. Subscription and membership fees may be paid by check (USA banks only) or by US Postal Service money order payable to "Louisiana Palm Society" and should be mailed to: Louisiana Palm Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047. Membership, open worldwide to everyone with an interest in palms, is \$15 per calendar year for an individual or \$20 per calendar year for a couple. Subscription to the newsletter is available outside

of Louisiana and Southern Mississippi for \$8 per calendar year.

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Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida

For more on the Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida, Inc. (PACSOF), contact Jody Haynes, Webmaster, <<http://www.plantapalm.com>>.

Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Ed Brown by e-mail at <edbrown_3@hotmail.com>

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, e-mail Geri Prall at <SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com>.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Winter 2006 Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) meeting was held February 25th at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (ABG). It had been half a decade since the Southeastern Palm Society last met there so it was a real treat to again visit the ABG, home of one of the best hardy palm collections in the Southeast. The garden waived its normal \$12 admission for SPS members and their families. The day featured our own Hayes Jackson as speaker. Hayes recounted his plant hunting adventures in Vietnam and Thailand, where he visited both tropical and cooler high-elevation areas that may contain plants with landscape potential for the Southeastern USA. Hayes saw plenty of fascinating palms on his expedition! We also held the traditional SEPS annual plant auction, renowned for its rare plants and occasionally outrageous bidding. There was also plenty of time for members and guests to appreciate the hardy palm plantings and other satisfying areas of the garden, such as the desert plants at the Granite Outcrop, subtropical conifers, camellias, broad-leaved evergreens, woodland collection, and the ever-popular Fuqua Conservatory and Fuqua Orchid Center.

Additional meetings for 2006 are:

- Spring: Saturday, April 22, Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens, Savannah, Georgia
- Summer: Saturday, July 22, Chattanooga, Apison & Athens, Tennessee (joint with the Chattanooga Cactus and Succulent Society)

- Fall: Saturday, October 7, Wilmington & Bald Head Island, North Carolina (joint meeting with the North Carolina Palm Society)

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is ***Southeastern Palms*** (formerly ***Rhapidophyllum***). The journal is included with membership. Publication dates are September, December, March and June.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds). Dues money received after October will be applied to the next year's membership unless applicant requests to apply it to the current year. For more information, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, at < tnpalmdude@aol.com >.

[Above information taken from SEPS website and Southeastern Palms journal by Supplement Editor]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

For information on the Houston Chapter, see www.palms.org/houston/ or e-mail local president, Paul Norris, < poollovers@pdq.net >.

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The January meeting of the Palm Society of South Texas was held at Wally and Lilly Winters wholesale nursery/farm. A recap of John Volk's online meeting summary follows. The hosts went out of their way to accommodate our members and provide some beautiful palms for our auction. For lunch Wally and Lilly provided the brisket main course, complemented by side dishes and desserts from other members. After the delicious meal, we had a quick business meeting where the 'Luau' being planned for May at the Port Royal Resort in Port Aransas was also discussed. The meeting was followed by the palm auction, with some beautiful palms for our members.

Romeo & Linda Montalvo hosted the March 18th meeting at their home in Brownsville. They have many palms and other tropical plants on their property, located on a beautiful *resaca*. At the May 2005 meeting, Romeo, Robert Robles and Scott Pajeski talked about the proposed Brownsville Botanical Gardens. At the March 2006 meeting, members walked across the street and reserved the plot for the future palm garden.

Additional meetings planned for early 2005 included:

- April 8, 2006 -- Elizabeth Burns in Santa Elena
- May 6, 2006 -- Luau at the Port Royal Ocean Resort on Mustang Island

The PSST has its own domain name, <http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/>. Be sure and check there for upcoming meeting news.

[Above PSSC information taken from John Volk's on-line meeting summaries on the PSST website. Appreciation to John for the use of this information.]

La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to ***Espadice***, e-mail Santiago Orts, < sorts@huertodelcura.com >.

Asociacion 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 >.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas AVEPALMAS

AVEPALMAS, the only palm association to date in South America, has its own website, <http://www.avepalmas.org/>. The current officers of AVEPALMAS are listed on www.avepalmas.org/directorio.htm:

- President: Sr. Sven Nehlin
- Vice President: Dr. Omar Dominguez
- Secretary: Sr. Rafael Paris
- Treasurer: Arq. Francisco Monaldi

Editor of the Avepalmas Journal is Sven Nehlin < sven@avepalmas.org >.

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COMPENDIUM OF ORNAMENTAL PALM DISEASES AND DISORDERS (Elliot, Broschat, et al, 2004, 69pp., 238 color photos, soft cover). This guide covers a wide array of palm pathogens and deficiencies. Invaluable for hobbyist or commercial growers..... **\$ 50.00**

EVOLUTION AND ECOLOGY OF PALMS (Henderson, 2002, 259pp., 79 black and white photos, some illustrations, soft cover) In this work Henderson does an extraordinary job of bringing together and analyzing the relevant literature and data in an attempt to understand the evolution and ecology of the palm family..... **\$ 35.00**

FLORA DE PALMERAS DE BOLIVIA (Moraes Ramirez, 2004, 262pp., some color photos, many illustrations, hard cover, in Spanish). This new publication, underwritten by the IPS, is the definitive word on the palms of this diverse country. Beautifully done! **\$ 40.00**

LAS PALMAS CULTIVADAS en ciudades elevadas de la parte andina de America del Sur (Braun, 64pp., 31 color photos, soft cover, in Spanish) This little jewel was written by the late great August Braun maybe 15 years ago (The book gives no publication date). A great resource for those interested in the palms of the cool highlands of South America **\$ 5.00**

PALM TREES - A STORY IN PHOTOGRAPHS (Leaser, 2005, 144pp., 135 full-color photos, hard cover) The first ever coffee-table book produced on palms. Simply mouth-watering photography! **\$ 40.00**

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WORLD CHECKLIST OF PALMS (Govaerts and Dransfield, 2005, 223pp., soft cover) This invaluable new release lists all palm names ever published and all accepted species with their geographical distribution. Also includes a full synonymy. Finally a single source guide to the correct names of all palms !!..... **\$ 40.00**

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BETROCK'S GUIDE TO LANDSCAPE PALMS (Meerow, 1992, 153pp., color photos, hard cover) **\$30.00**

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FLORES DES MASCAREIGNES (Antoine, Bosser and Brenan, 1984, 31pp., in French) **\$ 8.00**

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GROWING PALMS (THE DIAMOND LANE GUIDE) (Tollefson, 1997, 2nd Edition), 151pp., 8 color photos, spiral-bound with plastic cover) Practical horticultural information..... **\$ 30.00**

IDENTIFYING PALMS (Gibbons, 1993, 80pp., 126 color photos, hard cover) A basic, compact and practical introduction to palms. **\$ 10.00**

LAS PALMAS DE LAS SABANAS DE VENEZUELA (Braun, 1995, 63pp., more than 40 color photos, in Spanish)..... **\$ 10.00**

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PALMS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE (3rd Ed., Osborne, Reynoso & Stein, 2000, 44 pp., soft cover) Valuable cultural information on 350+ palm species... **\$ 10.00**

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**Biographical Information on Candidates
for IPS Board of Directors Positions
2006-2010**

Elena Beare from Uruguay, South America, has been an IPS member since 1994, and with her husband George, has attended four IPS Biennials. She has owned a floral design business which she later expanded into a landscaping business. As a member and past President of the Garden Clubs of Uruguay, she has lectured throughout her country. In the early 1990's Elena's love of palms drove her to buy a farm for palm production where she now grows two-acres with more than 2000 butias, queens and washingtonias. Elena's aim is to start a Uruguay palm society affiliate and to help preserve the world's largest natural stand of *Butia capitata* in Rocha, Uruguay.

Norman Bezona is a University of Hawaii Agricultural Extension agent with responsibilities in ornamental horticulture, forestry, and environmental studies. He has been a member of the IPS since 1961 and was active in the Society in Florida before moving to the "Volcano Island" of Hawaii where he lives on 60 acres of montane cloud forest. His gardens serve as a classroom for local students, residents and tourist groups who wish to learn about native and exotic plant species. He writes many articles about palms for newspapers and publications. Norm is one of the founders of the Hawaii Island Palm Society and remains an active member.

Faith Fessenden Bishock fell in love with palms after buying her first house in Coral Gables, Florida, from a palm grower. She then joined Fairchild Tropical Garden and began her study of palms. She joined the IPS in 1980 and remains an active member in the South Florida Chapter. Faith and her husband John moved to Sarasota in 1992 where she joined the Central Florida Chapter and also became a founding member of the Southwest Chapter. She has been a member of the Boards of both groups; her expertise in finance and knowledge of tax liability has been particularly helpful. Faith is especially interested in palm species and habitat conservation.

Lawrence L. Davis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is a board certified tax attorney and CPA. His professional practice includes corporate and tax-exempt entities, estate planning and administration, and other financial matters. Larry is a Life Member and former Treasurer of the South Florida Palm Society, Inc., and a member of the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society. He helped organize PalmFest 2005 in Fort Lauderdale for a weekend of palms and people in association with the Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida (PACSOFF). In addition to the International Palm Society, Mr. Davis is also a member of The Cycad Society, the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, and is a student judge in the Bromeliad Society International. Larry spends his weekends mowing the lawn and replacing palms lost in the hurricanes of South Florida.

Ray Hernandez, a native Floridian, was 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 and satellite components. He first took an avid interest in palms upon seeing the Thomas Edison Home's royal palms in Ft. Myers, Florida. Eleven years later, he now grows over 300 species of palms in 120 genera, and his passion for palms is as strong as ever. Ray was President of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society and has penned many cultivation articles for the CFPACS quarterly *Palmateer*. While his work is drastically different from his hobby, he has taken advantage of business trips to South America and Asia to see various palm species in their native habitat. Ray has been instrumental in organizing many CFPACS events and could assist the IPS in the organization of future Biennials.

Horace Hobbs leads the Houston-based business strategy practice for a global energy consulting firm. He is a chemical engineer by training and has spent most of his career as a consultant. He has served on the IPS Board of Directors since 1994. He was elected IPS President at the New Caledonian Biennial meeting in 2000 after serving two terms as Vice President. Horace has been active in the Houston Texas Area Chapter of the IPS where he served as president for several years. He and his wife Cynthia maintain a palm garden in Houston and travel extensively in search of palms and other tropical plants.

Don Kurth: My dad was one of those rare persons who possessed an uncanny understanding of all living things and, as a young boy, I learned from him the joy of propagating and growing plants. Later I became a landscape contractor and owned a florist and nursery in New Jersey. I moved to California in 1980, bought my first palm trees, and my love affair began! Joining the International Palm Society opened up a new world for me. I love the inspiration of strolling through a well-tended palm garden or greenhouse and losing myself in the humid warmth and the smell of rich earth and growing plants. I have been honored to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of both the International Palm Society and the Palm Society of Southern California for many years. You may have read one of my many articles in *Palms* or in the *Palm Journal*. If elected again to the Board, I promise to keep our business meetings short so we all have more time to stroll through our beautiful gardens and enjoy the palms we love so much!

Bo-Göran Lundkvist has held a general interest in palms and other tropical plants for all his life. Bo joined the IPS and the Southern California chapter in 1991 and served as the Editor of the chapter's *Palm Journal* from 1993-1994. He has served on the IPS Board of Directors since June 1994 and has been Vice President of the IPS since May 2004. In 1995, Bo moved from Southern California to the island of Hawaii. He was Vice President of the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) from 1997-1998, and President of HIPS in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Currently he is busy maintaining his five acres of palms along with setting up a small palm nursery.

Gérald Martinez (but you can call me Jerry; that is what my mother, who is English, and my close friends call me). I am 56 and live in Nice on the French Riviera, am divorced with two kids 26 and 18, and I work as an executive for the French Post Office. I am the Treasurer of Fous de Palmiers (the French chapter of IPS) and of course I am very much involved in what concerns plants in general and palm trees in particular. I recently (November 2005) organized for the Fous a trip to Cuba and the US; we were greatly helped by IPS member Raul Verdecia of Cuba and by Leonel Mera, the organizer of the next Biennial in the Dominican Republic.

Randy Moore is a retired software company executive whose life's passion is tropical plants. He is in the unique position of having the youth, time, resources and background to make a significant contribution to the IPS. Since retiring, his interests revolve around gardening, traveling, photography and tennis. He is currently the Treasurer of the IPS and the Horticultural Editor of *Palms*. In 2005, he climbed Mt. Roraima in Venezuela, worked with the Kuna Indians in Panama on coconut cultivation, and went on a palm expedition in southern Belize. He will visit Juan Fernandez Island in Chile, the Yanomamo in the Venezuelan Amazon, the La Selva biological research station in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic in 2006.

Santiago Orts of Alicante, Spain, received a Degree in Biology Sciences at the University of Murcia. From 1999-2005 he was General Manager of Viveros Huerto del Cura S.A., formerly Jardineria Huerto del Cura, a palm nursery family business that has been a member of the IPS since 1988. From 1996- 2005 he served as Technical Director of Huerto del Cura (declared a National Historical Garden in 1964), a palm botanical garden owned by his family for four generations which is visited by 125,000 people a year. He has written nearly fifty palm articles that have been published in garden magazines, and from 2003-2005 was the Chief Editor of *Espadice*, the official publication of the Spanish IPS chapter: Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmeras. He has attended palm symposiums in Brazil and in Tenerife, Spain, and also the IPS Biennial meetings in Hawaii, Thailand and France (for which he organized the post-tour trip in Spain).

Jeanne Price was born in the UK and developed a love of palms during a two and a half year tour of work in Fiji. She moved to Brisbane, Australia and joined the Palm and Cycad Association of Australia (PACSOA) in 1988. She attended the 1988 Biennial in N. Queensland as a visitor. In 1990 Jeanne and her husband John joined the IPS and attended the biennials in Thailand and New Caledonia. She assists her husband with acquiring and editing articles for *Palms and Cycads* and has co-authored several articles for the magazine. She has been a director of PACSOA since 1993 and is currently Secretary of the Sunshine Coast branch of PACSOA.

Fernando Roca (Padre Paco): I have a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from La Sorbonne, Paris, in ethnobotany. My doctoral thesis described the Botanical Classification System of the indigenous Jivaro Group in the North Amazonian rainforest of Peru. I chose two botanical groups, palms (very well classified and named) and orchids (very poorly classified) and over 15 years developed an ethnobotanical garden in the area of Santa Maria de Nieva, Province Condorcanqui, Department Amazonas, Peru; this is probably the best palmetum of the Peruvian Amazonian rainforest. At present I am engaged in establishing another garden in the South Peruvian Amazonian rainforest in the Department of Madre de Dios, Manu-Tambopata, the richest area for palms in the Amazonian rainforest and home of the Inkaterra group. I also teach at the university in Peru and am planning with Luis Bello (another member) to publish botanical guides for Lima; the first one will be about Lima's palm trees. Finally, I am a member of the Fairchild Botanical Garden, the Fous de Palmiers and the European Palm Society. I wrote an article for a recent issue of *Espadice* (published by the Spanish Palm Group, Huerto del Cura-Elche, Alicante), and am writing one for *Le Palmier* and another for *Palms*. At the University I am member of a new commission that will be responsible for the campus plantings and hope that the entire campus will soon become a botanical garden; palms seeds that I have brought from many places are now growing in the university's nursery.

Toby Spanner has been an avid collector of palms since 1987, and made his first plant expedition to China in 1991. Since then he has traveled throughout the world in search of rare and little-known palms. Toby has been a member of the IPS since the late 1980s and heads the German chapter of the European Palm Society. He has published a handbook for growing palms in German, *Das Palmen Kulturhandbuch*, which focuses on his specialization, cold-hardy palms. Toby has also authored and co-authored numerous articles in *Principes* (now *Palms*), *The Palm Journal*, and *Chamaerops*, and has been featured in radio and television interviews, and in several German gardening magazines. Toby owns a nursery in Munich, Germany, and distributes seeds to more than 75 countries.

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The IPS has fourteen (14) positions available for Directors serving the 2006-2010 term, divided into appropriate groups in order to approximately maintain a desired geographic distribution. Each IPS member, regardless of residence location, should vote for his/her choice of these directors apportioned in accordance with the geographical groups given below. See accompanying biographical data on each candidate.

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

(Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.)

_____ Jeanne Price, Sunshine Coast, Australia

INDIA, ASIA, NORTHERN PACIFIC

(No candidates in this election. There is one returning director serving for term 2004-2008 from this geographical grouping.)

AFRICA and MIDDLE EAST

(No candidates in this election.)

EUROPE

(Vote for three (3) candidates in this group)

_____ Gerald Martinez, France

_____ Santiago Orts, Spain

_____ Toby Spanner, Germany

CANADA & NORTHWEST USA

(No candidates in this election.)

NORTHEAST USA

(No candidates in this election.)

SOUTHWESTERN USA

(Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.)

_____ Don Kurth, Southern California

_____ Randy Moore, Southern California

HAWAII and US ISLANDS

(Vote for **two (2)** candidates in this group.)

_____ Bo-Göran Lundqvist,

Island of Hawaii, Hawaii

_____ Norman Bezona,

Island of Hawaii, Hawaii

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_____ Faith Bishock, Central Florida Chapter
& South Florida Chapter

_____ Ray Hernandez, Central Florida Chapter

_____ Larry Davis, South Florida Chapter

SOUTHCENTRAL USA

(Vote for **one (1)** candidate in this group.)

_____ Horace Hobbs, Houston Area Chapter,
Texas

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_____ Elena Beare, Uruguay

_____ Fernando Roca (Padre Paco), Peru

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