

IPS Directors Elected (2008-2012)

The International Palm Society has elected the following IPS Directors to serve for the Directors term 2008 through 2012.

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IPS Officers Elected for 2008 – 2010

At the IPS Board Meeting in May 2008, the following International Palm Society officers were elected for the term beginning in May 2008 and ending at the Biennial in 2010.

- President: Bo-Göran Lundkvist
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- Vice President: Toby Spanner
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- Treasurer, Kathryn Ostadal
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2008 IPS Endowment Grants

Endowment Applications received by December 31st of 2007 were reviewed by the IPS Endowment Committee and grants was made at their May 2008 meeting in Costa Rica. A total of US\$22,200 in 2008 grants were approved by the IPS Endowment Committee – of a total of US\$53,595 that was requested.

The next Supplement will have a detailed write-up and description on each of the grants awarded by the IPS.

New IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

At the May 2008 IPS Biennial, “Ti-Palm” which means “Little Palm” in French Créole was adopted as an official IPS Affiliate. Ti-Palm covers the French territories of Tropical America, including the French Antilles (Guadeloupe archipelago, Martinique island, the French part of St Martin island, St Barthélémy island) and French Guiana in South America, the total of three French overseas “departments” with more than one million inhabitants. Ti-Palms was born as an official society in December 2007.

Ti-Palm Board members are:

- Président: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO (contact@tipalm.fr)
- Vice-Président: Georges PASTEL (jgpastel2@wanadoo.fr)
- Vice-Président: Monique BA-EPAILLY (baepapha@wanadoo.fr)
- Secretary: Fabrice GHISALBERTI (fabrice.ghisalberti@wanadoo.fr)

Local correspondents are:

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- Guyane correspondent: Jean-Marie PREVOTEAU (guyane@tipalm.fr)
- Martinique correspondent: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO (martinique@tipalm.fr)
- Webmaster: Olivier REILHES (guadeloupe@tipalm.fr)
- IPS correspondent: Andy PETER (palmettonursery@hotmail.com)
- Publication: no paper journal, but a website (www.tipalm.fr) with a member restricted area.
- Information about the activities of Ti-Palm is sent to members via e-mailings (in French.) We also have a chat, housed in the "Fous de Palmiers" website (log on <http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>)
- Membership fee: 10€ . Register form can be download at the following address: <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, whenever information on local branch activities is provided. PACSOA branches are:

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

For information on PACSOA or the *Palms and Cycads* magazine write to Palm & Cycad

Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064, e-mail <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au> or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

On May 27th, 2008, the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney met to hear Gordon Chivers talk on *Begonias*. He brought plants for demonstration and also had some for sale. For the last four years Gordon has been a horticultural volunteer at the Royal Botanic Gardens, working in the *Begonia* beds which were featured recently on *Gardening Australia* recently. There are now about 160 species of *begonias* and approximately 70 cultivars in the garden beds, glasshouses and the Tropical Centre. The idea of the plantings is to show how *begonias* can be used as landscape garden plants. Gordon has also been working with the *Begonia* Society's collection.

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.) Included with memberships is the bi-monthly color magazine *Tropica*, which averages some 20 pages of articles and color photographs. If you wish to have a membership form or additional information, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.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.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

For information on PACSOM write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or e-mail Margaret Bazley, <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>.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society meets at 7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Meetings are held at the auditorium of the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Members and guests are most welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss cultivation and hear guest speakers present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads both in the wild and in the garden. In 2007 we had presentations on Palms of New Caledonia; the Cycads and Succulents of Baja Mexico; and the Cycads of Far North Queensland. Each meeting concludes with our very popular plant raffle where you can win rare and unusual plants especially purchased by the society along with plants donated by members. Meetings run for approximately 2 hours and are a great place to share information and socialize with others who are fascinated by palms and cycads.

Field Trips are organized for April, June, August, and October. Outings could be a visit to a national park to view palms or cycads in habitat; a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where unusual plants can be purchased.

For more information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, contact President Mark Wuschke or e-mail cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOA), see www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest or e-mail to Editor Gary Pike at gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au or Pres. Ralph Coppola raffy1@iinet.net.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) current officers are:

- President: Terry Behersing
- Vice President: Mike McCorquindale
- Secretary: Lynn Norris
- Treasurer: Richard Hayward
- Editor: John Prince

Mike McCorquindale also serves as the Society's webmaster, with Gary Coleman continuing as Seed Bank director.

The New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society April meeting featured Michael Budd who gave a slide presentation on "Cycads in Australia" (not just cycads of Australia), showing many fine photographs from Australian gardens. The raffle prize was a *Dypsis decipiens*, an amazing

Madagascan palm that would make a great addition to any palm garden. Available for sale at the meeting were small seedlings of *Dypsis ambostrae*, *Archontophoenix maxima*, and *Hyophorbe verschaffeltii* x *lagenicaulis* (spindle x bottle.)

The Palm and Cycad Society of New Zealand (well, the palm side of it anyway) is 25 years old this year. To celebrate the first magazine of the Palm Society in June 1983 (there were 2 issues previous to this but they were known as 'A Palm Newsletter for New Zealand') the P&CSNZ held a get-together for all past, present and possible future members of the society at Landsend on June 1st. There were drinks, snacks, walks around the gardens, and entertainment for all.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, visit the new website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Gary Coleman <aries@splurge.net.nz> and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <nzpalmcycad-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) held an Exotic Plant Sale on May 17th and 18th. Phoenix Perennials has generously provided sale space for us at their Richmond location. For palm and exotic plant folks, this was the sale of the year.

A General Meeting was held on May 26th. The Club again featured a "hands-on" demonstration format with the theme of early planting of exotics to achieve a tropical explosion by summer. This format proved most popular last fall when winterizing techniques were discussed. Members were encouraged to "bring your questions and ask the experts."

More details will be posted on the website when available about the following meetings:

- Summer Garden Tour, Sunday, August 10th. A tour of exotic gardens on southern Vancouver is planned. There will be bus transportation for mainland members.

- Summer Barbeque (August date TBA)
- General Meeting, September 29th.
- General Meeting, November 24th.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, e-mail Nick Parker, <parkern@douglas.bc.ca> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

South African Palm Society

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

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.

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 information about the French Palm Society, Fous de Palmiers, or their journal *Le Palmier*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr> or check out the Fous website at www.fousdepalmiers.fr.

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 € per year. E-mail Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com>.

Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm or contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel <jpcan@canl.nc> or President Jean Pierson <pierson@socatrans.nc> for more information on *Association Chambeyronia*.

The Palm Society of Maui

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

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For information on Palmeraie Union, contact Thierry Hubert at palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr or e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr.

Hawaii Island Palm Society

The Hawaii Island Palm Society held a Garden Tour to Opihikao on Sunday, April 6th. The host and owner of the garden, Davis Dalbok, is also the owner of Living Green, an interior and exterior landscape design company in San Francisco, California. To see photos of this attractive Opihikao garden, go to www.livinggreen.com and click on portfolio. Davis invited HIPS to tour his garden and enjoy the afternoon on his spacious deck with its ocean view. The initial plantings of palms in this garden occurred in the 1950s, so many are well established, including a huge, fruiting *Metroxylon amicarum* and a large *Cyrtostachys renda*. Although the garden was so overgrown when Davis first visited the property in 1991 that he couldn't get the rental car down the long, curving driveway, he saw the potential beauty of the grounds. Since purchasing the property, he has added palms and many other plants to develop his "dream garden." Some of his favorite palms include *Licuala grandis* (he has planted over a dozen), *Licuala ramsayi*, *Verschaffeltia splendida*, *Bismarckia nobilis* and the beautiful, large-leafed *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*. Being a true landscape "artist," Davis has added bromeliads, ti, orchids and other colorful tropical foliage. He also makes use of timber bamboos and various cycad genera including *Cycas*, *Encephalartos* and *Zamia*. To add further interest, stone sculptures and world cultural elements are placed throughout the garden.

For information on the *Hawaii Island Palm Society*, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, Secretary Rich Rawlinson <bjrrich@hawaii.rr.com> or Grace Kissell <kf@interpac.net> (Membership Chair.)

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. Regularly scheduled meetings and auctions are held at local gardens and at the Lakeside Palmetum. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

Palm Society of Southern California

On May 31st, PSSC held their annual Palm and Cycad Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, CA. About eight different nurseries were selling their rare and unusual plants. Co-sponsored by the Palm Society of Southern California and Quail Botanical Gardens, this is a favorite event for palm and cycad enthusiasts in the area.

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

- July 2007: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Sept. 2007: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Nov. 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Jan. 2008: Annual Banquet
- March 2008: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- May 2008: Orange/Riverside Counties
- July 2008: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Sept. 2008: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Nov. 2008: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Jan 2009: Annual Banquet

The above PSSC news items were extracted from postings on the website www.palmssc.org.

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

Some upcoming events planned the society for 2008 and 2009 include presentations by:

- Australian and California cycad experts Bruce and Susan Ironmonger
- International cycad expert Jeff Chemnick
- Amazon adventurer Max Wertzell "Amazon Max"

- Arizona palm expert Scott Walkowicz
- Arizona palm expert Robert Claesgnes
- International cycad expert Robert Chumley
- Arizona palm and cycad expert Leo Martin

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

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS met on June 1st at the home of Dr. Tom Mignerie in Cantonment, Florida. Tours of the grounds were offered as well as information about the many beautiful palms that Tom has propagated.

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their *Fan & Feather* newsletter, see the chapter website at www.gulfcoastpalms.com or contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail to Ann Adams at <Annierick7@aol.com>. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society met on March 5th. John Kennedy spoke on "Palms for Interiors and Patios."

The May Ramble hosted by Ann and Norm Moody in West Palm Beach featured over 400 palm species growing amongst orchids, bamboos and begonias. The 5 acres of jungle vegetation featured rare palms such as *Reinhardtia paiewonskiana*, large clumps of *Rhapis humilis*, 4 species of *Roystonea*, a *Kerriodoxa elegans*, numerous species of *Ptychosperma*, *Veitchia* and many others.

The June 4th meeting featured Jeff Hutchinson's talk "Mounting Orchids and Bromeliads onto Palms."

PSBP&CS held their Annual Palm and Cycad Spring Sale on April 12 & 13 at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach.

The Society 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.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or e-mail Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com> or Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net>

South Florida Palm Society News

The South Florida Palm Society current 2008 officers are:

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- Rec. Sec.: John DeMott,
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- Corresp. Sec.: Lou Sgueros,
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Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings held throughout the year, as well as their periodic field trips to interesting palm gardens and habitats. The meetings are free and open to the public, with regular meetings held in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm. on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Information about our meetings and other events can also be received free of charge. To request placement on our regular mailing list, send an e-mail with your snail mail address to President Billy Olson at geo@yahoo.com.

For e-mail updates, you may also want to consider joining the South Florida Palm Society Yahoo e-mail group at www.yahogroups.com/group/southfloridapalmsociety.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) is meeting on June 14th at Borassic Park in Grant, southern Brevard County. Mike Dahme, proprietor of an 8.5 acre garden, concentrated for some years on growing *Borassus* palms – the property boasts at least forty *Borassus* (*B. aethiopum*, *B. flabellifer* and an impressive hybrid.) In addition to the *Borassus*, there are some 500 species of palms planted on the property.

Don Hodel will give a presentation "What's New in Chamaedorea?" on Sunday, July 20th at Leu Gardens, Orlando. Don's appearance is co-sponsored by CFPACS and Leu Gardens. This will take place in the Orchid Room of the

Garden House, at 1:30 pm. Hodel's talk is free and open to the public.

CFPACS maintains a vigorous online seed bank. If you are not receiving seed lists and wish to do so, please send requests for more additional information (including individual seed prices) or to order seeds send an e-mail to seedbank@cfpacs.org, minimum order is \$5 plus postage. Note that *Hyphaene* and *Wodyetia* are large seeds and may incur additional postage. All seeds are donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified, as far as is known. All proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter treasury.

[The above information was extracted from the CFPACS website, CFPACS e-mails and the *Palmateer* journal by the Supplement Editor]

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

For information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact any of the officers:

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- Scott Hoxie, Secretary/Treasurer,
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The Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society's annual activities include four meetings at public and private area gardens, an educational exhibit and plant sale at the Spring and Fall Garden Shows in the New Orleans Botanical Garden; and several out of state excursions to attend meetings of other Societies or to visit wholesale nurseries and botanical gardens.

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to *ET CETERAS*, the Society's quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to palm and cycad enthusiasts and the activities of the local Society. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society" and should be mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

Florida First Coast Chapter

David Casella <dc_palm@msn.com> is the current President of the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS. Bruce Latimer has volunteered to serve as the contact / liaison person between the chapter and the IPS and other IPS affiliates and chapters.

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Bruce by e-mail at <latz2@comcast.net >.

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

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

Southeastern Palm Society (North of Florida)

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) plans the following additional meetings in 2008.

- Summer Meeting, August 2, 2008. Norfolk Botanical Garden, Norfolk, Virginia
- Fall Meeting, October 11, 2008. The garden of Chuck and Barbara Mooney, Midville, Georgia
- Southeastern Citrus Exposition, November 15, 2008. Conference Center, University of Georgia, Tifton, Georgia

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms* (formerly *Rhapidophyllum*.) The journal is included with membership.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds.) For more information, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, <tnpalmdude@aol.com >.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) Meetings has elected a new Chairman, Jon Watson <drjtw@stx.rr.com> of Padre Island, serving since June 2008. The other PSST officers remain unchanged.

- The Coastal Bend Vice Chairman is Ed Ladd of Corpus Christi, serving since 2003.
- The Rio Grande Valley Vice Chairman is Mary Barkkari of Harlingen, serving since 2004.
- The society Treasurer is John Dillard of Corpus Christi, serving since 1999.

Jon and Suzi Watson of Padre Island hosted the May 2008 PSST meeting at their home and garden. Jon's Padre Island garden is unique with its variety of palms growing along a shoreline homestead. A recent addition to the property enabled the installation of a pool and additional side garden area. Using a re-enforced dock area two planters were created near the water line of the property. One of those planters quickly became home to a prized coconut palm. The micro-climate created by the water should give the palm a chance for long term survival. After members viewed the gardens and enjoyed a catered luncheon, society business was conducted. PSST efforts toward the Brownsville Botanical Garden project were discussed along with regular business topics. A farewell speech was given by outgoing Chairman John "JV" Volk, who thanked members for the great support he had received during his nearly seven years of Chairmanship. Member support highlighted included Ed Ladd and Mary Barkkari for their Co-Chairman duties scheduling meeting venues; John Dillard for his duty as the society treasurer; Jana Whalen was for the years that she served as PSST web host; RL Frasier for his getting the PSST bulletins out to the members and, lastly but not least, Richard Travis for his fabulous efforts on our bulletins. New Chairman, Jon Watson announced goals for future meetings and his excitement of taking on this new role.

PSST meetings are scheduled for 2008 in various South Texas locations as follows:

- June 21, 2008 - Elizabeth Burns - Santa Elena
- July 12, 2008 - Leo Perez - San Antonio
- August 2008 - Randy & Cathy Smith - Austin
- September 13, 2008 - John Volk - San Antonio
- October 2008 - Luke and Marian Oliver - San Benito
- November 2008 - Ed and Mary Ayers - Brownsville

- December 2008 - Santa Claus - TBD

The PSST journal is published three times a year by editor Richard Travis of San Antonio, who has served in this post since 1998. His book *Palms for South Texas* is available at lulu.com.

The PSST web hostess is Jana Whalen of Corpus Christi, serving since 1997.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) please send your check, in U.S. funds, for \$20.00, made payable to "John Dillard – PSST." Send the payment to John at 7317 Pepper Ridge Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. See the on-line membership form for more information.

Check out www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org for further details.

[Above PSST information was taken from John Volk's on-line meeting summaries and other information on the PSST website, with appreciation to John and the PSST for the use of this information for other IPS members.]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

For information on the Houston Chapter, e-mail local president, Paul Norris, <poollovers@comcast.net.>

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

Following from Avepalmas President Sven Nehlin is reprinted for all IPS members:

Dear Palm Friends, Avepalmas Centro Unesco has not previously advertised one of the best palm books ever written. It was published in 2001, has 424 pages in full color illustrating 406 different palms *Palmas en Venezuela*. Authors: Dr. Jesús Hoyos and August Braun Publisher: Sociedad de Ciencias Naturales La Salle Language: Spanish ISBN 980-235-036-2

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Greetings from Caracas, Venezuela
Sven Nehlin
President, AVEPALMAS
CENTRO UNESCO

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

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