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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, whenever information on local branch activities is provided. PACSOA branches are:

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

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

The Tropical Garden Society of Sydney's January 27th meeting featured "*Chamaedorea Palms for Sydney – the best and the not so successful*," a talk by Ian Edwards. Ian is Editor of the Sydney society newsletter and magazine, having previously served as the local society

President, as well as an International Palm Society Director. It is interesting to note that ten species of *Chamaedorea* were sold during the November 2008 Break-Up Meeting.

The March 2009 issue of the Society's color magazine, *Tropica*, features:

- The popular bromeliad genus *Aechmea*
- The palm genus *Arenga*

Experiences in growing both are shared by Sydney society members.

For If you wish to have a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.com.au>.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The PACSOM typically holds six to eight meetings / garden visits each year. For example, in 2008, garden visits were held by the Society in July, August, September and October, with the AGM held in February.

- July 27: Garden Visit hosted by Keith and Ailsa Boyden in Farleigh
- August 24th: visit to Prosperpine
- September 28th: Garden Visit hosted by Henry and Juanita Duncan in North Mackay
- October 26th: Garden Visit hosted by Michael Butt and Reno Pace, Habana

The PACSOM held their Annual Breakup celebration at Joe and Heather Camilleri's residence in Finch Hattan on November 23rd.

For information on PACSOM and PACSOM events, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or e-mail Margaret Bazley, <bazleym@dodo.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 we hear guest speakers present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads

growing in the wild and in the garden. In 2007 we heard presentations on the 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 other enthusiasts.

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; or 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 <@yahoo.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 >.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) held their Annual Cannington Display and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23, 2008.

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), e-mail to President Ralph Coppola <raffy1@iinet.net.au > or Editor Gary Pike <thepikes@powerdsl.com.au > or just visit www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) meeting on February 1st at the Auckland Botanic gardens in Manuwera attracted over twenty members and all had a good day. The meeting featured a talk and tours by Jack Hobbs, who provided a history of the palm garden and its future plans. Jack pointed out the problems they are having with the *Parajubaea*. He also stated that the palm collection was the second largest collection in

the gardens with the New Zealand Native Plants being larger. Plant recording and labeling and the plantings' database were discussed at length. After Jack's talk members were free to roam the gardens.

The PACSONZ March 1st meeting was at the NZ Magazine Editor John Prince and Rosemary Steele's Nestlebrae Exotics property at South Head. The walkabout was attended by 25 to 30 people, with some new faces present. Members enjoyed John's tour, where he pointed out various species of palms and extensive varieties of unusual fruit trees. The gardens were looking really good. There were excellent examples of *Dypsis decipiens* and other *Dypsis* spp., various *Chamaedorea* including *C. plumosa*, *oblongata*, *metallica* and *linearis*, *Rhopalostylis* forms and a few cycads. John and Rosemary have group-planted many palms, making it convenient to compare growths side-by-side. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Thanks to John and Rosemary for their hospitality.

The Annual Sale will be held on Palm Sunday weekend, April 4-5, at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. In addition to sales, donations will also be solicited for future projects. Projects funded to date from such donations include money for growing of rare plants to sell back to members, for adding the cycad genus *Encephalartos* to the MAF list, and for funding the new PACSONZ website.

The North Shore Home and Garden Show will be April 17th, 18th and 19th. The Society will have a stand at this years show for selling palms, cycads, and membership. For more on this event, contact PACSONZ.

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

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Michael McCorquindale (PACSONZ President & Webmaster) <michaelmac@clear.net.nz >, 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 >. Additional news is taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* as appropriate.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) joined other garden clubs at the Garden Works 5th Annual Garden and Preparation Weekend on Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby, BC, on March 20-22. The event is to help usher in the new growing season with new services, free seminars and workshops.

PNWP&EPS held a general meeting on March 23rd that featured Lori Pickering from Sechelt on BC's Sunshine Coast. Lori is President of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden and owner of Jurassic Plant Nursery. Lori presented a slide show on her specialty and passion – cycads. She also had a limited number of these rare and hard-to-find plants for sale.

The Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16th (10:00 am-5:00 pm) at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond.

The next 2009 General Meeting is scheduled for May 25th in the Cedar Room at VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver. It will feature a presentation by former President Rudi Pinkowski on "Temperate South America."

Additional General Meetings are planned for September 28th and November 23rd, 2009, with details to follow later.

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/>

European Palm Society

Although the original European Palm Society website, www.palmsociety.org, advises that "currently no new members are accepted" and that "existing members should contact EPS by E-mail.", these statements are out of date.

Tony King of the EPS advises "Towards the end of 2007, I worked a handful of long standing members to start a new website for the society from scratch, and also with their help to try and produce issues of our journal again. This has happened and to date we have printed two issues of *Chamaerops* with a third about to go to press. Going forward it is likely we will issue the journal online rather than continuing to print, but that is something under consideration."

The new site, www.palmsociety.org.uk, is free to sign up to, though you must register there for an account to gain access to the EPS forum of over 420 members from all over the world.

There is a donation facility as the EPS needs money to keep the site going.

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

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

The 2009 officers for Fous de Palmier for are:

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- Steve SWINSCOE, Editor, *Le Palmier* <manatte32@yahoo.fr>

This year, at the end of May and the first of June, our chapter will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of *Fous de Palmiers* in Menton, on the French/Italian border. Members of IPS who can join us on the Riviera at that time are invited to join in the festivities.

Le Palmier, the journal of the French chapter of the IPS, *Fous de Palmiers*, appears four times a year, at the beginning of each season. *Le Palmier*, published in French, is modeled after *Palms* and is of comparable format. In French, it contains articles on various palm themes and subjects, and is accompanied by an information bulletin, *Coeur du Palmier*, with the calendar of activities and up-to-date news concerning the world of palms. The chapter also publishes a roster of its members.

Le Palmier (and the insert, *Coeur du Palmier*) are available through *Fous de Palmiers* chapter membership, open to all interested persons for an annual fee of 38€. In order to subscribe we invite you to visit our website at www.fousdepalmiers.fr.

In order to receive a free, complimentary copy of the magazine, contact the editor and correspondent for IPS, Steve SWINSCOE, <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

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South African Palm Society

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

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

Fernando Roco, an expert on the palms of Peru and an IPS director gave a presentation about "Palms of Peru" on January 16th to HIPS members and guests. Pacho's presentation took viewers from the high Andes country (where some *Bactris* species have adapted to the cold nights) to tropical Iquitos. He showed photographs of *Parajubaea cocoides* from a village in a northern Peruvian rain forest. Pacho thinks that this may be the natural habitat for these palms, since the plants predate the village at this location, with about thirty plants of the species located in the nearby forest. Pacho completed his Ph.D. in ethnobiology in Paris in 2004 and currently lives in his native Lima, teaching at the university and overseeing botanical projects in developing tourist eco-resorts.

The Hawaii Island Palm Society held their 2009 Annual BBQ and Rare Palm Auction on February 6th. Officers elected for 2009 are:

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Palm Society of Southern California

On January 24th, 2009, the Palm Society of Southern California held its 33rd Annual Banquet at the Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach, CA. The venue is an exclusive hotel with a beautifully landscaped garden featuring a wonderful collection of palms. The Hyatt's garden was planted many years ago, and is one of the best public examples of mature, rare palms in Orange County. Bill Dickenson gave a guided tour in the morning. Afterwards, Jeff Marcus, owner of a mail order palm nursery in Hawaii called Floribunda, gave a presentation on the palms of Madagascar. He and John Dransfield, the world-renowned botanist and co-author of *Palms of Madagascar*, recently traveled to Madagascar hunting for rare palms in places unavailable to most. The banquet, included a fabulous Pacific Rim lunch buffet, followed by auction and raffle.

The next PSSC meeting was March 21st at the Rainforest Garden of Ralph Velez in Westminster, followed by a visit to Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley, Orange County.

On May 23rd, the PSSC meeting will be combined with the annual Quail Garden Palm Sale at Quail Garden, Encinitas, California.

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

- July 2009: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Sept. 2009: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Nov. 2009: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Jan 2010: Annual Banquet
- March 2010: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- May 2010: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2010: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties

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

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/>.

Arizona Palm & Cycad Society

The Arizona Palm and Cycad Society met on April 26th, 2008, at a private garden in Phoenix. Arizona palm expert Scott Walkowicz gave a presentation on his recent trip to Santo Domingo. Refreshments and food were served. Palm and cycad seeds were distributed to all currently paid members of the association. Members brought palms and cycads for sale.

The APACS met again on October 18th, 2008, with palm expert Bob Claesgens hosting the meeting at his tropical paradise in South Phoenix. Examples of his cross of *Phoenix rupicola* and *P. reclinata* were of special interest. Bob states that *P. rupicola*, although a beautiful palm, is a very slow grower, but the cross of it and *P. reclinata* provides a faster-growing tree with all of the beauty of *P. rupicola*. There were also examples of

Acoelorrhaphe wrightii (formerly *Paurotis wrightii*), various *Sabal* palms and many cycads.

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

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

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 <Annerick7@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 January 7th meeting of the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society at Mounts Botanical Garden featured Michael Calonje speaking about "The Search for *Zamia prasina* in South Belize." Michael is a cycad biologist at the Montgomery Botanical Center.

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

Current 2009 officers and committee for the South Florida Palm Society are:

- Tim McKernan President
- John DeMott Vice-President
- George Alvarez Treasurer
- Louis Sgueros Corresponding Secretary
- Sandra Farwell Director
- Jeff Chait Director
- Linda Talbot Director
- Bill Olson Director
- Tim Blake Director
- Lenny Goldstein Director
- Claude Roatta Director
- Jody Haynes Director

The South Florida Palm Society's Spring Sale will take place on March 14-15 at the Montgomery Botanical Center on Old Cutler Road in Coral Gables. More about this sale in next issue.

The South Florida Palm Society will have a full day on Saturday, April 4th at the Montgomery Botanical Center, with a separate tour of a nearby five-acre private garden. The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) will be joining the SFPS in this joint meeting. Montgomery Botanical Center is the 120-acre former estate of Robert and Nell Montgomery, and during their lifetime, it became one of the largest and finest private collections of palms and cycads in the world. As a living tribute to her late husband, in 1959 Nell created The Montgomery Foundation, Inc. – later renamed the Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC) – as an independent, nonprofit institution devoted to advancing the science of tropical botany. The mission of MBC is to advance science, education, conservation, and horticultural knowledge of tropical plants, emphasizing palms and cycads, and to exemplify excellent botanical garden design.

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Send an e-mail with your snail mail address to Corresp. Secretary Louis Sguros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net>.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) leadership for 2009 is comprised of:

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CFPACS was a sponsor of this year's FIT Botanical Fest on Saturday, March 7th, on the FIT campus in Melbourne. CFPACS had a large selection of palms and cycads available for sale. In addition to CFPACS, vendors offered a wide variety of plants and garden supplies. There were also door prizes, kid's activities, and garden tours throughout the day.

FIT has a long association with palms and the Palm Society. FIT founding president Dr. Jerome Keuper was a palm enthusiast and served as president of both the International Palm Society and of the CFPACS. Soon after FIT occupied its present campus Dr. Keuper began planting palms. He quickly became friends with International Palm Society founder Dent Smith, and together they worked to make the FIT campus one of the "palmiest" anywhere. The FIT campus today is home to approximately 200 different palm species. The FIT Botanical Fest has become a premier garden event on the Florida East Coast.

CFPACS members will join with the South Florida Palm Society on Saturday, April 4th, for a day at both the Montgomery Botanical Center and at a private garden nearby. See full write-up under the South Florida Palm Society news.

Other sales and events of interest to CFPACS members include:

- March 14-15, South Florida Palm Society Spring Sale, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Coral Gables
- March 21-22, Spring Garden Festival, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville
- March 21-22, Spring Plant Sale, Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando
- March 21-22, Spring Plant and Garden Festival, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota
- April 11-12: USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Festival, Tampa and,
- April 25: CFPACS Spring Meeting, Ron's Palm Paradise, Valkaria (details coming in the March *Palmateer*)

CFPACS also maintains a vigorous online seed bank. To order seeds send an e-mail to seedbank@cfpacs.org. Minimum order is \$5 plus postage. All seeds are donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified, as far as is known. All proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter.

CFPACS has initiated an E-News, with the premiere issue in early March 2009! Future issues of this new CFPACS e-Publication will be sent to members in April, July and October (in-between *Palmateer* issues).

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com or e-mail CFPACS President Bob Johnson at < TropicalBob@earthlink.net >

Florida First Coast Chapter

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

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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 mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates < rodpgates@cs.com >, Vice President Jayanne Crawley, < southlandtropicals@yahoo.com > or Kathryn Ostadal, < kathyrn_o@cox.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

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The Winter 2008/2009 SEPS meeting was held on February 28th, 2009, at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Garden, Savannah, Georgia. The speaker was Richard Travis, Editor of the *Palm Society of South Texas Bulletin*.

In addition to the above February meeting, SEPS plans to hold the following additional meetings in 2009.

- April 25, 2009, Spring Meeting, at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC
- July 25, 2009, Summer Meeting: at the garden of Ed Bellinger, Fayetteville, GA, with visits

to Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville and the garden of Bill Huie in Tyrone

- September 19, 2009, Fall Meeting: University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, TN
- November 21, 2009, Southeastern Citrus Expo: Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina,

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is ***Southeastern Palms***. The journal is included with membership. A detailed membership roster was provided with the Winter 2008 issue (Vol. 16-4.)

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

The January 2009 PSST meeting was hosted by Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai of Brownsville. The February meeting was hosted by Tad and Jack Dyer of Weslaco. The March 7th, 2009 meeting was hosted by Robert and Perla Robles of Brownsville.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled for 2009 in South Texas locations are:

- April 18, 2009 – hosted by Morris and Amanda Clint of Brownsville. This is also the PSST Spring Palm Auction.
- May 16, 2009 – Port Royal Resort, Corpus Christi
- June 20, 2009 – Curtis and Martha Attaway, Aransas Pass
- July 2009 – Romeo and Linda Montalvo, Brownsville
- August 15, 2009 – Corpus Christi
- September 2009 – Glenn and Rose Mary Head, Arroyo City
- October 24, 2009 – Jerry Seymore, Houston
- November 2009 – Bob and Sandra Tumberlinson, San Benito

Details on meetings will be on the PSST website.

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.

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.

See also www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org.

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Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

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La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

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Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

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New IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

“Ti-Palm” (which means “Little Palm” in French Créole) is the latest 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 Barthélemy island) and French Guiana in South America.

Information about the activities of Ti-Palm is sent to members via e-mailings (in French.) There is a chat at “Fous de Palmiers” website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also e-mail Président: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO, <contact@tipalm.fr>

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