

2010 IPS Biennial Meeting, Brazil

The 2010 International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 17–23, 2010.

Biennial registration and itinerary details are provided on www.palms.org and in the September 2009 *Supplement B* to *Palms*.

Late Registration Fees are in effect after December 15, 2009. No exceptions!

Also see the IPS website for modified registration and payment information for the optional post-tour in Brazil.

Elections for IPS Directors

2010 – 2014 Term

Ballot Enclosed – Vote Now!

The tear-out **Election Ballot** is on page 15 (inside rear cover) of this December 2009 *Supplement* to *Palms*. You must use this original ballot for your vote to be counted. Tear it out and vote now! See page 10 for candidate bios.

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2010, to be counted. Election results will be announced on the IPS website in early April. Results will also be published in the June 2010 *Supplement to Palms*.

Directors for the 2010 – 2014 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in April 2010 at the time of the Brazil Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Faith Bishock, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election comprises Faith Bishock, Sue Rowlands, John DeMott, and Jeanne Price.

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at

<http://www.palms.org>

2010 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31st, 2009, for consideration of a 2010 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2010 grants will be awarded in April 2010 at the IPS Biennial meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain prior to December 31, 2009. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to jim.cain@cain-barnes.com. If the documents exceed 9MB in size, please send them to jimmydcain@aol.com with a note to jim.cain@cain-barnes.com advising that this was done. E-mails totaling up to 16MB (including attachments) will be accepted at that address.

Proposals should include the following information, along with any other information that applicants think might increase their chances for favorable review of their proposals:

- A Narrative Proposal Section, with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate detail for independent scientific reviewers to assess the feasibility and desirability of the project work. This should also address the desired project timetable in a general way, again to provide clarity to the reviewers.
- A clear and readable budget for the full project, as well as how much of the funding is requested from the IPS and how much of the total project funding is expected to be obtained from other sources. Please also state whether or not “partial funding” of the IPS amount would be acceptable (and still allow the project to be undertaken)
- To maximize the impact of these grants, the IPS asks that the grant proposers request funding only for direct project costs. The IPS asks that grants not be used to pay any

indirect costs charged by the grant applicants' institutions: money to cover general G&A and/or any other "overhead" expenses are not to be included in the applicants' Requests for Funding. The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients' institutions, upon request.

- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the application [postal address, e-mail address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- A statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual's university or employee, etc. The applicant should provide clear payment instructions (including payee address).

If there are questions on the above, please contact Jim Cain via mobile telephone at +1 (832) 215-5551 or at the given e-mail addresses.

The IPS usually grants about US\$20,000 of awards in a given year if suitable applications are received requiring this amount. Typically individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants are sometimes awarded if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of "partial funding." Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Send comments, corrections and other events to:
Jim Cain, Supplement Editor for Palms,
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Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies.

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
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia

- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

Key contact information is:

- For *Palms and Cycads* magazine or for information about the P.A.C.S.O.A. Bookstore: E-mail Tom Turner at <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>
- For P.A.C.S.O.A. Seed Bank, e-mail Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at <pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au>
Membership or general inquiries: Greg Cuffe <pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au>

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 send an appropriate e-mail to <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au> or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The Sydney Society met on October 17th, with 36 members and 8 guests gathering at Impact Plants, a beautifully presented nursery, café and gardens to celebrate the Society's 30th anniversary. Thanks to Paul and Anne for sharing their garden.

The Society's Special Christmas Supper was held on November 24th this year. Many different plates were brought by members. There was no lecture, just a short digital presentation. The meeting was followed by the usual raffle and auction.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, e-mail to Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.com.au> or to <sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au>, the generic information e-mail address for the society.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay celebrated its 22nd anniversary in 2009. Life member Margaret Brown was given the honor of cutting the birthday cake at the celebration.

The PACSOM November 22nd meeting featured a tour of Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens to review plantings and make decisions about planting new palms, replacing lost palms and installing new palm name posts. The Annual Dinner at the Farview Tavern followed.

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>, the new President of PACSOM for 2009.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

Meetings of the Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society are typically conducted 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, in the Brisbane suburb of Toowong.

Members and guests are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss cultivation and hear guest speaker present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads both in the wild and in the garden. Last year, members saw presentations of palms & cycads in habitat from members' travels to diverse places including Darwin, Borneo, Peru and Ecuador. We heard Dr. John Dowe speak of his latest palm research on *Archontophoenix*, *Sabal* and *Livistona*. We also had a special bromeliad night.

Each meeting concludes with our very popular \$1 plant raffle where you can win rare and unusual plants especially purchased by the society as well as plants donated by members. Meetings run about 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; or a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where unusual plants can be purchased.

Brisbane Group members receive the monthly newsletter which is two to four A4 pages covering past and upcoming events.

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

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Sunshine Coast branch of PACSOA has faded away due to lack of support. We always kept hoping for one or two new members, but this has not happened. There seem to be too many other demands on people's time and their gardening interests have moved on. If any of you have renewed interest in the Sunshine Coast Branch, please e-mail to Jeanne Price at <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia conducts monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the South Perth Rotary Club in Sandgate Street, Como. Meetings start at 7:30pm. At the meetings, members discuss palms and cycads and other related issues. There are guest speakers and slide presentations covering a variety of subjects. Rare and unusual plants are on raffle and the "bring and buy" bench offers a range of plants for sale at outstanding prices. Tea, coffee and supper is provided after the nights activities.

The PACSOWA Annual Bus Trip was on Sunday, October 25th, leaving from Rotary Hall at 9:30am, for a tour of the southern suburbs. The first stop was the John Banasiewicz garden in Jandakot, we then moved on to Les Matthew's at Kelmscott. The tour next visited Gary and Ann Pike's at Willetton for lunch in their beautiful garden, followed by Palms Galore in Wattleup for more plant viewings and an afternoon tea.

The Cannington Annual Show was held at the Cannington Exhibition Centre on Saturday and Sunday, November 28th and 29th, 2009. Entry is free and, as always, it was well attended by the general public. People admired the palms and cycads on display and had the opportunity to buy some rare and exotic plants. Definitely a good day out!

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), send an e-mail to President Gary Pike <thepikes@powerdsl.com.au> or just visit the new website www.pacsowa.com.au.

South Australia Branch, PACSOA

For information on the South Australia Branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society – South Australia Branch, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The November 3rd, 2009, meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) provided a presentation about the trip to Borneo by a group of local tropical plant enthusiasts this past winter. Philip Miller, former Vice President of the NZP&CS, was in this group and spoke about the trip – the food, the plants, the weather.

The December 2009 Auction and Christmas get-together will be held on December 6th at Landsend in Parker Road, Oratia. The day will include guided walks and refreshments will be provided.

For more, visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.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.co.uk>. Additional news is taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* as appropriate.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

At the November 23rd PNWP&EPS meeting, Society member Stuart Bronson gave a presentation on garden ponds. Stuart's professional presentation illustrated the types of plants needed for a healthy pond and tips for producing a combination that is aesthetically pleasing without resulting in a "green goo" effect.

PNWP&EPS Executives selected at the November meeting for 2010 are:

- Nick Parker, President
- Jeff St. Gelais, VP – Vancouver Island
- (vacant), VP – Oregon
- (vacant), VP – Washington
- Jay Rowland, Secretary
- Frank Hunaus, Treasurer & Subscriptions
- John Brimacombe, HPI Editor – Production
- John Brimacombe, Webmaster
- Dan Uzmirski, Librarian

General Meetings are planned for 2010 on March 22nd, May 24th, September 27th and November 22nd, with details to follow later.

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

European Palm Society

Go to the NEW European Palm Society website, www.palmsociety.org.uk for details on the EPS. The new site, www.palmsociety.org.uk,

is free to sign up to, though you must register for an account to gain access to the EPS forum of over 420 members from all over the world. The site has a donation facility.

The latest issue of *Chamaerops* (Issue 55) is now available online, with a South American flavor to it. Please visit the *Chamaerops* area of the website and look it over.

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

This year, three major excursions have been planned by *Fous de Palmiers*. These have already occurred, but detailed descriptions of the events are not in hand. Hopefully these will be in the next *Supplement*.

- Sept. 30–Oct. 13, 2009: La Réunion
Tour to the "Intense Isle" of de La Réunion, France of the tropics, at the heart of the Indian Ocean. Organized in conjunction with Palmeraie-Union, the IPS Réunion affiliate. Places are limited so sign up early if you are interested in attending. The tour is reserved exclusively for members of the *Fous*. Contact: Patrick MARTY, telephone: +33-05 62 08 98 20
- October 25–28, 2009: Elche, Spain
Save these dates to see the grand Palmeraie d'Elche (to the south of the Alicante) with some 100,000 date palms planted. Explore the hypothetical ancestor of the Date Palm, *Phoenix "iberica,"* and visit the small island of Tabarca. For those who have more than four days, visit the suite of marvelous gardens of Grenada and the "vallée des fruits tropicaux d'Almunécar" (a little to the south). There is some flexibility in the itinerary dates. Contact: Gérard DORIN, telephone: +33-05 53 29 40 29.
- December 4–6, 2009: San Remo, Italy
The next European Biennial of Palms will be held in San Remo. The theme for this year will be about insects useful and harmful to palms. Contact: Claudio LITTARDI, telephone: +33-0183 999 011

Info above taken from
Fous de Palmiers website
<http://palmiers.chez.com/>

In order to receive a free, complimentary copy of the magazine, contact the editor and correspondent for IPS, Steve SWINSCOE.

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South African Palm Society

The South African Palm Society (SAPS) Annual Congress was held on April 24-27, 2009 at Hoedspruit. Although this event occurred early in 2009, the Congress write-up was only recently received by the *Supplement* Editor, so is included here for your interest. Thanks to Neels van Niekerk for supplying this.

Members attending the Congress arrived at Amafu Forest Lodge situated at Kampersrust on April 24th. The lodge is one of member Steve Trollip's latest developments nested on the northern slopes of the Drakensberg mountain range, with an awesome view over the low lying areas below. The vegetation is strictly indigenous *bushveld* with a small palm garden that Steve developed at the entrance to the lodge. After settling in, all joined together for drinks and a delicious dinner. It was quite pleasant to have Bernard Fischer in attendance, as he had missed a few congresses due to other obligations.

The next morning (April 25th), all visited Steve's palm and cycad nursery at Kampersrust and also his new palm garden still in its infancy, but nonetheless with a number of very interesting rare palm species. The Congress then moved to Hoedspruit to attend the "sustainable living" festival – a very interesting event held annually with emphasis on conservation, waste recycling, products made from recycled material, natural plant products with an organic base and, last but not least, a beer garden. Late in the afternoon, the group returned to Amafu Lodge for the palm raffle. After another delicious dinner, Johan van Rensen presented a slide show on palms.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the morning of April 26th, and afterwards set off for Buckawayo, Steve's farm situated near Letsitele. This was a revisit after about 3 years, but the development that has taken place in that time was very evident. Some of the juvenile trees observed three years ago were now on the brink of maturity – something that usually takes a little longer in the Pretoria climate. A personal highlight to Neels van Niekerk was to again observe Steve's mature specimen of *Syagrus vermicularis* – one of the

prettier species in the genus. An article on Steve's collection is planned by the SAPS. After lunch, the event moved to Andre Topham's garden just outside Hoedspruit. This large garden is situated on his citrus farm developed around the main farm house. He started the garden by planting both indigenous trees and non-endemic palm trees approximately sixteen years ago. It is no longer a dainty garden, but now is a forest of mature trees, the most impressive manmade home garden forest ever observed by Neels in South Africa to date. This is indeed a garden with unique characteristics and a wide variety of palm and other plant species. Apart from the general collectors' palms, amongst the largest specimens of *Dypsis madagascariensis* and *Pritchardia pacifica* in South Africa were observed. A few different *Chamaedorea* species grow in large numbers in the understory growth of the forest. Very impressive were multi-stem *C. tepejilote*, *C. elatior* climbing all over the garden, *C. adscendens* that lends a velvety ambiance, and Andre's hybrid of a split leaf *C. ernesti-augusti*. Species of *Ptychosperma*, *Johannesteijsmannia*, *Areca* and the rare *Kerriodoxa elegans* were also seen. There were just too many different palm and other plant species to mention in this brief recollection of the weekend. Following the visit to this wonderful garden, all returned to Amafu Lodge. On Monday, April 27th, all returned home after a memorable weekend.

Thanks again to Steve Trollip who made the Congress very special for all his hospitality, all the arrangements to make it a successful event and the more than significant contribution he makes to the South African Palm Society.

*Above taken from a narrative
provided by Neels van Niekerk.
President, 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

The Hawaii Island Palm Society met on August 28th for a presentation by Scott Nelson, Ph.D., on "Palm Diseases and Pests of Hawaii." Scott is a specialist in Plant Pathology with the University of Hawaii, and is responsible for plant disease education and research programs throughout the state of Hawaii. See more about him on www.plant-doctor.net.

HIPS traveling President, Don Hemmes, Professor Emeritus at University of Hawaii, Hilo, has just returned from an extended trip to the mainland. On December 4th, Don opened the meeting with an illustrated talk on the palms and cycads he saw while visiting Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and the Montgomery Botanical Center in Miami, Florida. In addition, following the recent HIPS theme of focusing on a single genus, Don led a discussion on *Calyptrocalyx*, a palm genus with many species ideally suited for Hawaiian landscaping. This genus, with most of its species native to the rainforest of New Guinea, has several species with colorful new leaves opening red, orange or purple. A variety of *Calyptrocalyx* palms were given away as door prizes. Several large specimens and a rare *C. micholitzii* were offered in a silent auction.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, or Tiffany Rippa <tiffanyrippa@gmail.com> (Membership.)

Also note new e-mail addresses for HIPS Secretary Patty Ferrazi <pferazzi@gmail.com> and HIPS Treasurer Mike Merritt <merrittm00132@yahoo.com>

Palm Society of Southern California

The November 21st Riverside / Orange County meeting began with a visit to Dave and Kathy Doubravsky's home. Dave and Kathy have about 150 palms of 51 species – from *Beccariophoenix* to *Wodyetia*. The meeting then shifted to the pot luck meal and meeting at the Sims Tree Health Specialists gardens and facility where Mike Maxson works. Our host was Mike Maxson, a long time Palm Society member and an ISA Certified Arborist. The Sims family are collectors of all persuasions. In addition to the palm collection, there are many other items of interest, such as car collections, insect collections, horses, fossils, etc. The girth of one of their *Phoenix canariensis* (Canary Island Date) planted in the early 1990s was huge. Members and guests were also treated to palms which are too tropical to grow outdoors. These are in a climate-controlled conservatory, well landscaped with tropical plants and a pond.

The PSSC Annual Banquet will be held on January 16, 2010, at the Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island, San Diego. The guest speaker will be René Coativy from France. René will speak on "Palms of the Seychelles and of Cuba." As always, there will be a great buffet menu, with a ticket price of US\$43 per member. Contact Don Martin, P. O. Box 1307, Valley Center, CA 92082.

In general, PSSC meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every other month in rotation. Additional meetings planned for 2010 include:

- 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. 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

For more 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.com > or President Nick Argys < argyfam@msn.com >. An alternate contact is Mark Kiah < Tikil@cox.net >.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their **Fan & Feather** newsletter, contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail 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

On September 5th, 2009, the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society Annual Picnic was held along with a spectacular auction.

The October 7th monthly meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden featured "Madagascar Palms, Part II" by Jeff Marcus, the owner of Floribunda Palms & Exotics.

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 > or visit them at <http://www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/>

South Florida Palm Society News

The South Florida Garden Society Tour was held on October 24th. The tour included visits to Action Theory Nursery, the Tropical Education Research Center, John DeMott's garden, and RF Orchids. There was no cost to members, but non-members paid \$10.00. A box lunch was served.

The South Florida Fall Palm Show and Sale was held on November 7th and 8th, at Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami. This is always a fantastic event – not to be missed.

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 of 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 Sgueros at < nickelsonk@bellsouth.net >.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) maintains a vigorous online seed bank. To obtain instructions on how 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, with seed donations helping to fund CFPACS grants and other outreach in Central Florida. If you have seeds to donate, please contact John Green (Florida east coast) or Lucinda McCartney (Florida west coast).

Thanks goes to Christian Faulkner for running the CFPACS seed bank for the past several few months. CFPACS is in the process of expanding operation of the seed bank from one person to a team. Mike Dahme and John Green have agreed to represent the seed bank on the Florida east coast, and Lucinda McCartney has agreed to be the Florida west coast seed bank representative. A recent seed list included the following, all donated by CFPACS members:

Bactris gracilior
Chamaedorea pinnatifrons
Coccothrinax crinita
Phoenix acaulis
Socratea exorrhiza
Satakentia liukuensis
Zombia antillarum.

CFPACS initiated an E-News 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).

Additional meetings of interest to CFPACS members this fall included:

- October 10-11, USF Fall Sale, USF Botanical Garden, Tampa – CFPACS participating

- October 10-11, Fall Plant Sale & Orchid Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville
- October 17, Boktoberfest Plant Sale, Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales – CFPACS participating
- October 24, 2nd Annual Festival of Palms, FIT Botanical Garden, Melbourne – CFPACS event
- November 21-22, Annual Garden Festival, Heathcote Botanical Gardens, Fort Pierce
- December 12, CFPACS Holiday Social, Faith Bishock's, Old Myakka

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, < southlands.tropicals@yahoo.com > or Kathryn Ostadal, < kathryn_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

The Fall 2009 SEPS meeting was held on September 19th, at the University of Tennessee Gardens in Knoxville. While Knoxville may not often be thought of as a palm destination, Bert Williams, Michael Cartwright

and Frank Glavy, hosts for this meeting went out of their way to change that impression. The base for the day was the University of Tennessee Gardens, located on the banks of the Tennessee River and home to 1,400 types of herbaceous and woody plants, including many palms and sub-tropicals. The day's events began with the traditional plant sale within the Gardens. After lunch, participants were provided with a three-hour private excursion by bus to some of Knoxville's best palm sites. Included were the gardens of Bert Williamson, Michael Cartwright, the former garden of Dr. Joel Lubar, and the garden of the late Dr. Frank Galyon – where the city's best and oldest palms could be seen. These included a massive needle palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) that survived a -24°F (-31°C) freeze in 1985. Dr. Galyon was a famed Magnolia breeder, who selected and registered *Magnolia grandiflora* "24 Below," another of the city's remarkable cold weather survivors.

SEPS also participated in and was a sponsor for the Southeastern Citrus Expo that was held at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina, on November 21, 2009

SEPS has scheduled their first 2010 meeting as follows:

- February 27, 2010, Winter Meeting, to be held at the University of North Carolina Botanical Garden, Charlotte, North 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 US\$20 for one calendar year (US\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico.) 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 September 19th, 2009, PSST meeting was at the home of Glenn and Rose Mary Head of Arroyo City, Texas, with 65 PSST members and guests in attendance. The hosts have a beautiful year-and-a-half year old home with impressive landscaping. Members enjoyed touring the lovely garden filled with palms and

other tropicals. The manicured back yard abuts the Arroyo Colorado. After lunch and a very short business meeting, the program was turned over to Dr. Juan Anciso from the Texas A&M Extension Service, who presented an informative slide show concerning three main threats to palms. He first discussed trunk rot which occurs near the tops of palms which have undergone a long period of drought followed by rain. Then he discussed the well-known lethal yellowing problem and its local impacts. The final topic was about the relatively new Texas appearance of the Florida tortoise beetle, which strips the green from palm leaves. After visiting and viewing the landscape again, the meeting ended and members began their journeys home.

The October 24th PSST meeting was hosted at Jerry's Jungle in Houston by Jerry Seymore. Jerry and his family and friends put on a fantastic luau-style meeting in perfect weather. Members had ample time to socialize and tour the extensive garden prior to lunch. After the meal and a short society meeting, all enjoyed traditional Hawaiian dancing, followed by the raffle. Jerry surprised everyone when it was discovered that every raffle ticket would win a prize. Members were asked to choose a raffle plant when their raffle ticket was called.

The November 14th meeting was hosted by Bob and Sandra Tumberlinson of San Benito. Details of this meeting will appear in the next *Supplement*.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled in South Texas locations are:

- December 12, 2009 – Annual Christmas Party – hosted by Romeo and Linda Montalvo of Brownsville.
- March 2010 – Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai – Brownsville
- April 2010 – Romeo & Linda Montalvo – Brownsville
- May 2010 – Jon & Suzie Watson – Corpus Christi – On the Island
- June 2010 – Chris Homrighaus – Galveston
- October 2010 – John Volk – San Antonio
- November 2010 – Jack and Linn Keller – Bayview

Future meeting details will be on the website.

The PSST journal, provided to all PSST members, 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.

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

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*, send an e-mail to the society President 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>.

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.

On September 2nd, Ti-Palm members visited the magnificent garden on Thierry Moulun in Saint François, Guadeloupe, with more than 50 species of palms.

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>

Bio Notes for each candidate follow, listed alphabetically by surname.

**Biographical Information on Candidates
for IPS Board of Directors Positions
2010-2014**

No. 1 ELENA BEARE

Elena Beare, from Uruguay, South America, has been an IPS member since 1994, and with husband George, has attended six Biennials. She has owned a floral design business, which later expanded into a Landscaping business. As a member and past President of the Montevideo Garden Club of Uruguay she has lectured throughout her country. In the early 1990s, Elena's love of palms drove her to buy a farm for palm field production, where she grows two-acres of cold hardy palms for ornamental uses. She aims to start a Uruguay palm society affiliate and to help preserve the world's largest natural stand of *Butia capitata* in Rocha, Uruguay, where she has organized the Pre Tour of the 2010 Brazil Biennial.

No. 2 NORM BEZONA

I am a professor emeritus University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Not retired but considered as retread since I still volunteer to assist with Master Gardener Program and write a weekly column of tropical gardening for the West Hawaii Today and Hawaii Tribune Herald. I am advisor for the Hawaii Chapter of the American Bamboo Society and the Kona Outdoor Circle. I have done several horticultural projects supported by USAID through NGO's and Peace Corps since retirement. I am also the head trustee for Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary, a 75-acre family reserve dedicated to living forest friendly (see www.konacloudforest.com) where we have a great collection of montane palms and bamboos. I have been a member of the IPS since 1961 and started the Hawaii Chapter in 1973. At 71, I am still healthy and look forward to serving as director if selected.

No. 3 FAITH BISHOCK

Faith Fessenden Bishock has been an active member of the IPS since 1980 and a prolific grower in the central and southern areas of Florida for over thirty years. Her IPS memberships include the South Florida Chapter 1987, Central Florida Chapter 1992. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the IPS (Finance, Chapter Relations), and is also Chair of the IPS Nominations Committee. Faith is also serving on the Board of Directors of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Her expertise in financial management and Trust & Estate Issues has been an asset to the IPS for many years. Her interest in palms and habitat conservation has inspired her to travel to remote areas all over the world both with scientific expeditions and as a casual traveler.

No. 4 KIMBERLEY CYR

Kim Cyr joined the Palm Society of Southern California in 2006 and contributes articles and photographs to the Society's *Palm Journal*. An International Palm Society member since 2008, she is a regular participant on PalmTalk, the interactive online forum of the IPS, contributing photographs from gardens and palm habitats both locally and as distant as Madagascar.

A native Californian, married to co-adventurer Steve Cyr, with two children, she is employed full-time in financial services and grows palms in coastal San Diego. Other interests include hiking, travel, languages, surfing, diving, and playing the violin. As an enthusiastic gardener and plant collector, Kim supports efforts to increase education, awareness, and preservation of the world's rich array of palms. Kim experienced her first IPS Biennial in Costa Rica in 2008, and is committed to an active contribution of her time and effort toward the international growth and continued success of the IPS.

No. 5 LARRY DAVIS

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 (PACSOF). 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 an accredited judge in the Bromeliad Society International. Over the years he has also been involved in numerous hibiscus, fern, native plant and other tropical plant societies. Recently, he has completed post baccalaureate full semester courses at the University of Florida in irrigation, and turfgrass biology and maintenance. Larry spends his weekends riding his bicycle, mowing the lawn and growing palms in South Florida.

No. 6 RAY HERNANDEZ

Ray Hernandez is a native Floridian, 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, missile and satellite components. He first took an avid interest in palms upon seeing Thomas Edison's Royal Palms in Ft. Myers, Florida. While his work is drastically different from his hobby, he has taken advantage of business trips to South America, Australia and Asia to see various palm species in their native habitat. Fifteen years later, he grows over 300 species of palms in 130 genera and his passion for palms is stronger than ever. Ray has served on the IPS board since 2006 and was President of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society. As a CFPACS board member, he penned many cultivation articles for the *Palmateer* quarterly. Ray is looking forward to serving the IPS for another successful term.

No. 7 HORACE HOBBS

Horace O. Hobbs, Jr. is a life member of the International Palm Society and has been regularly engaged in the society's activities at a local and international level for three decades. He has been an IPS director since 1994 and has served as Vice President, President, and, currently serves as Corresponding Secretary. He is excited to assist the society in expanding its membership and services.

Mr. Hobbs is an avid gardener in Houston, Texas, where he is a partner in a small consulting firm assisting energy companies with strategy and finance. He leads many of the firm's renewable energy activities. He is a licensed chemical engineer.

No. 8 BO-GÖRAN LUNDKVIST

Bo-Göran has been interested in palms all his life, actually, ever since he grew up in Sweden many years ago. He, and his wife Karolyn, moved from the San Diego area to Leilani Estates, south of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawai'i in 1995, where they have a five acre garden

with thousands of palms, all of which have been planted since they acquired the property. Bo-Göran has been active in the PSSC (Palm Society of Southern California), where he was Editor of the Palm Journal in the early 1990s, as well as HIPS (Hawaii Island Palm Society) where he was Vice President for two years and President for three years. This is in addition to being on the IPS Board since 1994, and serving as an IPS V.P. for four years and President of the IPS since the Biennial in Costa Rica in May 2008. Bo-Göran and Karolyn are also life members of the IPS, HIPS and PSSC. Bo-Göran's primary goal is to get more people interested in, and enthusiastic about, palms. As part of this effort, he has started up a small nursery in Leilani Estates with the primary intention of introducing some of the more unusual palms into cultivation on the Big Island. As President of the IPS, Bo-Göran is interested in expanding the membership globally.

No. 9 DON MARTIN

Don Martin lives in Valley Center, California, and he has been a member of the International Palm Society for over 30 years. He is the current President of the Palm Society of Southern California and its past Treasurer. He has also held various offices in the Association of Agricultural Teachers of Southern California. He is owner of palm nursery, Don's Palms, and had been an ornamental horticulture instructor for 28 years, from which he is now retired. He has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Nebraska and a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from the California Poly University along with additional teaching credentials. He is an active member of his community, involved in the Rotary, school board, Boys and Girls club, swim club and parks board. He has received awards for his teaching excellence, agricultural skills and as a model citizen.

No. 10 SANTIAGO ORTS

Santiago Orts is from Spain and has been a member of IPS since 1988. He graduated from the University of Murcia (Spain) in 1990 with a degree in botany and worked for the Viveros Huerto del Cura S.A. (formerly Jardineria Huerto del Cura S.A.), a second generation family palm nursery business until 2005. His job there included Head of Production, Technical Advisor and General Manager. He has attended numerous congresses and symposia and has published nearly 50 palm articles in different Spanish garden magazines. From 2003-2008, he was editor of *Espadice*, the official publication of the Spanish IPS Chapter, formerly Asociación Española de Amigos las Palmeras, now ABEPYC. Currently he is working on developing a bio control for the red palm weevil, a serious palm pest, with the University of Alicante.

No. 11 FERNANDO ROCA – ALCAZAR

He was born in Lima, Peru in 1955. He has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the EHESS-Paris, France (High School of Social Sciences Studies), ethnobotanist, with a thesis about the botanical taxonomy of the Aguaruna-Huambisa Jivaro people in northern Peru, the care of Palms and Orchids. He has many years of fieldwork living in the Amazonian rainforest (principally in Peru but also Brazil). He is now associate professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) and Director of Students Affairs at the same university. He also teaches at the Pacific University at Lima (UP). He is also a member of the IDEA-PUCP (PUCP's Institute for Environmental Studies), Catholic priest member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) religious order, he has a Master in Theology from the Centre Sèvres, Paris, France. Also he is a member of the CPO (Peruvian Club of Orchids). In 2008, he found a palm genus new for Peru, *Parajubaea cocoides*, in the Tabaconas area (northern Peru.) See a forthcoming

article in **PALMS** for more on this new generic record. He likes to do fieldwork, working in the Paramo area in Peru doing botanical surveys (there are some *Ceroxylon* species and others still not identified). Last but not least, he has been a member of the IPS since 1998 and has attended all the Biennials since 2000.

No. 12 TOBY SPANNER

Tobias Spanner became seriously interested in palm trees in 1987 and joined the International Palm Society soon after. In 2002, Toby was elected to the IPS board of directors and currently holds one of the two offices of Vice President. Toby has also been a member of the European Palm Society since its formation and served as editor of the EPS's journal for several years.

Toby is the author of *Das Palmen Kulturhandbuch* (1992), a handbook for growing palms, and co-author of the 320 page *Winterharte Palmen* (2007), which focuses on his specialization, cold-hardy palms. Additionally, Toby has published numerous articles in *Principes* (now *Palms*), *The Palm Journal*, *Chamaerops* and in various German gardening magazines, and has been featured in multiple television and radio gardening programs and in over 30 magazines in Germany.

Toby made his first palm expedition, to China, in 1991, and has since traveled all over the world to destinations such as India, Burma, Pakistan, Mexico, Ecuador and Vietnam in search of rare and little-known palms. Although Toby says his foremost goal on these trips is to see as many palms in their natural habitats as he can, these expeditions also allow him to gather specimens for study as well as collect seeds for cultivation. His most important expedition, taken with Martin Gibbons to The Sudan in 1995, led to the rediscovery of *Medemia argun* – a palm that was believed to be extinct. The pair have also scientifically described four new species of *Trachycarpus* and rediscovered several others.

Toby is from Munich, Germany, where he lives with his wife, Dr. Lauri Coulombe, and runs a palm seed business, a mail-order plant nursery, and a small publishing company.

No. 13 DAVID TANSWELL

When I was in my mid-20's, I moved to Brisbane, Australia having lived and worked in the West Indies. To lessen the culture shock, my mother gave me a palm and a packet of palm seed. That was the start of my adventure with palms that has lasted for more than 30 years. Palms have given me the opportunity to run societies, produce magazines, learn desktop publishing, publish books, organise conventions and tours, and to indulge in my favourite pastimes of photography and travel.

I soon joined the society and I later became part of the executive board of the Australian Palm and Cycad Society (now PACSOA) in 1983 and have been continuously involved ever since holding the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Director. In 1988, I was the lead in planning and hosting the first Palm Society biennial meeting held outside the USA in North Queensland. Two years later I had the privilege of leading an IPS group on a Malaysian post tour.

Through my work as an architect I have been lucky to travel and search for palms in habitat. Rosemarie and I spent our honeymoon palm hunting in the jungles of Malaysia! With a group of like minded adventurers I have made many trips in search of what has become an obsession, the palms of Borneo. Attending the last two biennial meetings has been the 'light at the end of the tunnel'. What a way to forget life's pressures and catch up with friends and acquaintances while immersed in palm culture. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute by serving as a Director of the board of the IPS.

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Ballot for IPS Directors (Term 2010-2014)

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All active IPS members, worldwide, should vote for the indicated number of nominees in each of the geographic groups by placing a check by the candidates of choice for the given geographical category. *You should vote for the instructed number of candidates in each geographic grouping category.*

In addition to the Director position automatically filled by John Dransfield (Co-Editor of **PALMS**), the IPS has thirteen (13) positions in this election for IPS Directors serving the 2010-2014 term, divided into appropriate groups to maintain desired geographic distribution as shown below. Each IPS member, regardless of residence area, should vote for his/her choice of these directors nominated 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.)

There is also one returning Director in this geographical area serving for 2008 – 2012.

_____ David Tanswell, Brisbane, Australia

ASIA, INDIA and NORTHERN PACIFIC

(No candidates in this election.)

There is one returning director serving for 2008 – 2012 from this geographical grouping.

AFRICA and MIDDLE EAST

(No candidates in this election.)

EUROPE

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

There is one returning director from this geographical area, who is one of editors of *Palms*.)

_____ Santiago Orts, Spain

_____ Toby Spanner, Germany

CANADA and NORTHWESTERN USA

(No candidates in this election.)

SOUTHWESTERN USA

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

There are six returning directors serving for term 2008 – 2012 from this geographical area.

_____ Kimberley Cyr, Southern California

_____ Don Martin, Southern California

HAWAII and US ISLANDS

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

There is also one returning Director in this geographical area serving for 2008 – 2012.

_____ Norm Bezona, Isle of Hawaii

_____ Bo-Göran Lundkvist, Isle of Hawaii

NORTHEAST USA

(No candidates in this election.)

SOUTHEASTERN USA

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

There are also three returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2008 – 2012.

_____ Faith Bishock, Sarasota, Florida

_____ Larry Davis, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

_____ Ray Hernandez, Tampa, Florida

CENTRAL USA

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

There are also three returning Directors in this geographical area serving for 2008 – 2012.

_____ Horace Hobbs, Houston, Texas

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

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

There is one returning director from this geographical grouping for 2008 – 2012.

_____ Elena Beare, Uruguay

_____ Fra. Fernando Roca-Alcazar, Peru

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Original Ballots (not photocopies) must be returned to IPS Nominations Committee Chair, Faith Bishock, at the address indicated below and postmarked no later than March 15, 2010. Election results will be announced in advance of the 2010 Biennial to be held in Brazil in April 2010.

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