



Letter to IPPS Members

December 2017

The Committee and members welcome you to another year of membership to IPPS Europe with some news for those who were unable to be involved in 2017.

IPPS Membership 2018

The membership is growing again and we are pleased to have welcomed delegates from the UK, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Belarus, Germany, Denmark, France, and Portugal.

This letter comes with an invitation to renew your annual subscription, (1 January – 31 December 2018). Please complete the process as soon as possible - we would ask that you pay by the end of January 2018 – if not received by then, we must assume you no longer wish to be a member and will be denied access to the website. The subscription charges for 2018 are:

Individual	£85
Primary membership	£85
1 st additional person	£55
2 nd additional person	£55
3 rd additional person	£55
4 th additional person	£55
Student	£10
Retired	£45

At the Annual General Meeting during the conference, new rates were agreed by all and the increase needs to account for less favourable currency rates for paying our way for the International office which maintains all of the proceedings of all Regions from their conferences and makes them available to all members online.

IPPS 50th Anniversary of European Region

2018 is the 50th year of our Region which started as Great Britain and Ireland.

Ben Gregory has already put a programme together for the conference from 10th to 12th October based in Breda in the Netherlands. If you have a subject or speaker you want to recommend, there is still time - please make contact with the Secretariat, who will forward the suggestion to the conference team.

We would like to see many events and workshops in your areas; ask Richard or myself for guidance if unsure how to set these up. In my area of the South East of the UK, IPPS join with our local growers club and have regular visits to nurseries, gardens and, this year, a vineyard. Already there are plans including a visit to one of the longest established breeders and grower of Dianthus - Allwoods.

In Scotland Peter MacDonald continues to offer workshops covering many aspects of plant propagation.

The International Tour and Conference

During the first two weeks of July, we hosted the International Tour and Conference to which delegates came from all regions of the USA, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia with members from our own region hosting and joining the group.

Peter MacDonald, our IPPS International President, organised the pre-conference tour of South East England, Belgium and into Holland, ably assisted by a team he brought together – thanks goes to our Secretariat Graham Bryant and Nina Mills for dealing with the bookings and payments.

Kees Eigenraam and his team, with Dick Verweij, led the conference which started on Monday 10th July. Visits to nurseries in the area of Lottum were enjoyed over the following three days, with access to the top business research centres in the Netherlands. This access is a privilege that is so often offered to the IPPS with its motto of 'Sharing Plant Production Knowledge'. Talks during the conference were typically varied and highly researched, ranging from 'Worldwide plant royalty management' to 'endogenous sugar level determining the state of juvenility and capability of cuttings to form adventitious roots'.

If you were at the conference, please tell your friends and colleagues all about your experience to encourage them to join in.

Also please write something about the conference that inspired you and send it to Nina, (Secretariat - admin@ippseurope.org), who will include in a newsletter.

IPPS Newsletter (two-weekly)

Our Newsletter is an excellent platform from which to promote any future events – all you have to do is contact the Secretariat, who will include in the next Newsletter, with any images you may have or documents you may wish to refer to – just email Nina (admin@ippseurope.org) and she will arrange for you. Also, look out for events as they appear.

We, the members, are each really important to the proper functioning of this society and all are valued whether old and experienced or just starting out.

Do please all contribute whether by meeting at shows, writing news, keeping in touch and do ask questions via the IPPS on LinkedIn or the Newsletter.

We wish you all good health and joy at this winter festive season.

Richard McKenna, President

Tim Lawrance-Owen, Past President