



History, Education, Endowment & Awards Programs

Southern Region of North America, International Plant Propagators' Society (SR-IPPS)

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THE IPPS: SHARING PLANT PRODUCTION KNOWLEDGE GLOBALLY

The IPPS is an international association of plant production professionals, including those involved in horticultural research and education.

The *IPPS Vision* is: To Seek and Share Plant Production Knowledge Globally.

The *Mission of IPPS*, with a focus on the global community of those involved in horticultural production, is to share knowledge, information, and skill; to provide guidance and support lifelong career achievements; to increase recognition of the profession; and to maximize the integration of research, education and horticultural knowledge.

The primary *IPPS Audience* includes: plant producers (including propagators), managers of the production process, horticultural educators and students, plant breeders, explorers, collectors, conservationists, etc. The audience also includes suppliers to the horticultural industry, those involved in administration of plant production facilities, and those involved in retail, landscape design, and landscape installation.

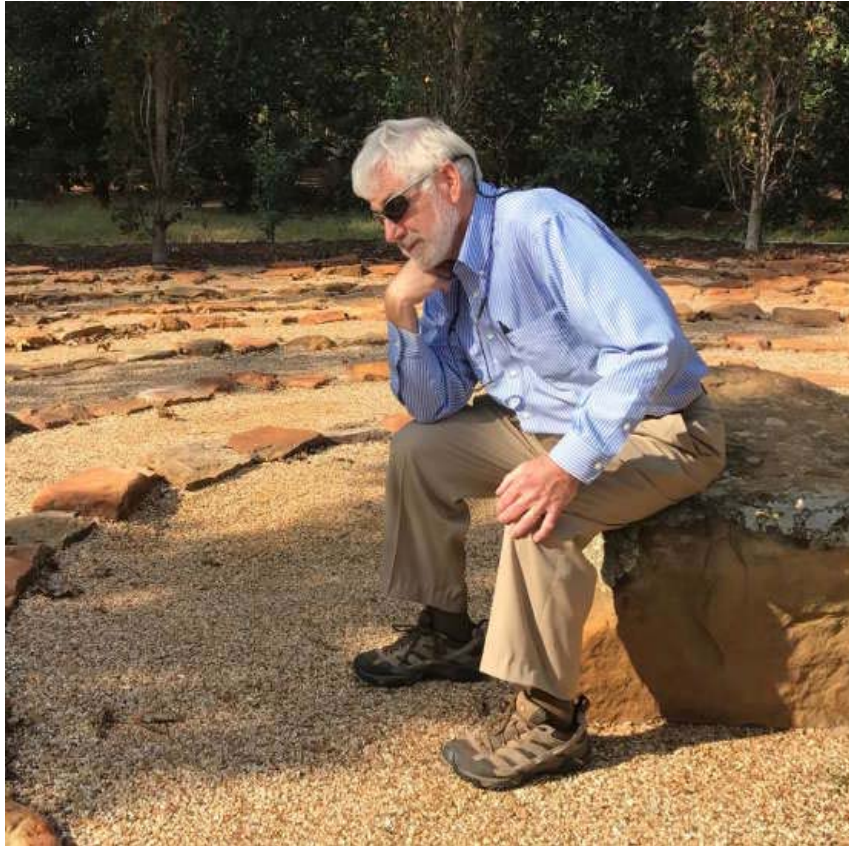
Uniqueness of IPPS:

- IPPS is global in its interest, audience, and knowledge base.
- IPPS is an organization of individuals – some may be associated with companies, but membership is individuals within those companies, not the companies themselves.
- IPPS provides education not only through traditional methods, but also through extensive use of tours, field days, and hands-on workshops as an opportunity to facilitate learning through observation and participation.
- IPPS support includes graduate student research awards programs - and the opportunity to give presentations at the annual conference, student horticultural professional scholarship programs – and the opportunity to participate at the annual conference, and the early-career professional international exchange program – and the opportunity to travel abroad and learn about international horticulture.
- IPPS encourages interaction among growers, researchers, educators, and other horticultural professionals to improve our knowledge and skills.
- IPPS is an apolitical organization, not involved in issues of legislation, regulation, and representation.
- IPPS has a focus on application of knowledge and skills in plant production and other aspects of horticulture and the green industry - regardless of the type of plant.

Expectations of Membership. As part of “Seek and Share” – members are asked to give back to the IPPS through the exchange & sharing of one’s knowledge, helping, mentoring, volunteering, giving talks and regularly attending annual meetings.

How the IPPS Began. The IPPS was founded in 1951, when Jim Wells organized a meeting of 70 propagators in Cleveland, Ohio. Wells was an Englishman who owned a nursery in New Jersey. He was a trusted mentor who wrote an important book on propagation. Wells was non-traditional and went against the grain. Back then, the British were tight-lipped. In Britain, propagators and nurserymen did not give away production information - which was considered to be “trade secrets”. Wells broke with tradition. Jim realized that ***you only get better by exchanging and sharing cutting-edge information.*** Not only did he help found the Eastern Region and become its first president, but he later organized the British-Irish (now European) Region, and planted the seed for new international regions to be formed. Today the IPPS is truly international, with 8 regions around world, including three regions in US. While plant propagation is an important component, current IPPS topics also encompass other critical areas of horticulture and the green industry.

THE IPPS SOUTHERN REGION +25 YEARS AGO: HOW WE GOT STARTED! (1976!)



The IPPS Southern Region +25 Years Ago: How We Got Started! (1976!)[©]

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The following is my recollection of how the I.P.P.S. Southern Region of North America came into being. In preparing this piece, I found a few notes, but mostly it comes from memory.

IN THE BEGINNING

A name you want to remember is John Roller. John was the propagator at Cartwright Nursery Co., Collierville, Tennessee, and was a Past I.P.P.S.-Eastern Region, North America and International President. Mr. Roller attended the 1975 Southern Nurserymen's Association (SNA) Research Conference, on behalf of the I.P.P.S. Eastern Region, North America (E.R.N.A.) Board. The E.R.N.A Board felt that their annual meeting was getting too large and they wanted to explore the possibility of a Southern I.P.P.S. Chapter. A Chapter under the

existing constitution and by-laws did not have a vote on international affairs. Instead, the Chapter was under the guidance of the sponsor region, i.e. the Eastern Region, North America. The idea was circulated among several E.R.N.A. members and many liked the idea. To name a few — Don Shadow, Dick Ammon, Sidney Meadows, Bryson James, John Machen, Jake Tinga, and Ray Self ... said: “not a bad idea”.

The 1975 E.R.N.A. meeting was held in Tallahassee, Florida in December. Under some very unusual circumstances the E.R.N.A. Vice-President was unable to put together a program. The E.R.N.A. President, Larry Carville, called upon several of the Southern members to help out at the last minute with speakers and moderators. The International Board met prior to the E.R.N.A. meeting.

During the meeting about 25 folks got together and after some long conversation decided to try for a meeting of southern plant propagators.

Now, the 1976 E.R.N.A. meeting was held during the last week of August at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. This left the traditional E.R.N.A. December annual meeting date open, and the decision was made to have the first Southern meeting in Mobile, Alabama. A group served as the program committee. The responsibility to put the program together fell to me, and the program was finalized around Easter of 1976 for the December meeting.

MOBILE, ALABAMA, DECEMBER 7-9, 1976

We held a great 1st meeting in Mobile. Mr. Sidney Meadows planned the tours. The important thing was a few new folks caught the SPIRIT of I.P.P.S. and we were off and running. Drs. Richard Stadtherr and Vivian Munday were elected, respectively, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor. The I.P.P.S.-New Zealand region then had 83 members after 5 years and going into the 1st meeting I was hoping for the following new potential members: Alabama-5, Arkansas-2, Florida-10, Georgia-3, Louisiana- 1, Maryland-4, Mississippi-3, North Carolina-7, Tennessee-3, Texas-1, and Virginia-11, for a total of 52 members.

The potential new membership numbers were actually a little greater — and I think the final tally was around 89. We could not vote on membership applications, and had to defer to the approval of the E.R.N.A. which would not meet until after our 2nd meeting. A petition was prepared to seek membership in the International I.P.P.S. as a FULL REGION not as a Chapter-at-Large, based on our potential membership.

THE BIG HURDLE

Two steps remained. Affirmative votes were needed by the International Board of Directors and the majority of all active members attending their respective Regional annual meetings.

MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE, 29 NOV.-1 DEC. 1977

Dr. Bryson James was the site chairman. The meeting was held under a plastic lean-to shelter constructed on the side of our motel. The folks that ran the place were great. They had two daughters that entertained us nightly with some superb singing. Tour buses, contracted from a local church, didn't work out so Johnny Wight of Wight's Nursery took nursery tape and marked a caravan of about 30 cars for the tour. Overall we had a super meeting. More applications for membership were accepted, and we had about 120 members, pending and active, at the conclusion of the meeting.

One significant participant was Mr. George Oki, the International President, who attended the entire meeting. Johnny Wight worked on George about the potential of the Southern Region and helped add a degree of credibility to our merry little group.

COLUMBUS, OHIO: EASTERN REGION 5-8 DEC. 1977, INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING 4 DEC. 1977

George Oki, Hunter Boulo, Bill Curtis (Western Region), and I traveled by auto to Columbus. The Western, Australian, Great Britain and Ireland Regions had voted to accept the Southern Region — but we awaited the Eastern vote.

We did not know, until we arrived in Columbus, that the E.R.N.A. Board had voted to deny acceptance of the Southern “Upstarts” full regional status. They thought our program content was weak, screening of applicants was slipshod, and felt that we needed more time to mature. They instructed the E.R.N.A. International Delegate, Mr. Richard Bosley, to vote “no” on regional status, but to admit us under the Chapter-at-Large membership, thus we would remain under the wing of the E.R.N.A.

At this point George Oki, fresh from his experience in Tennessee, went into action. He made sure I had a chance to meet and discuss the Southern Region with all of the International Delegates and Officers, except for Mr. Bosley.

Going into the International Board meeting it appeared we were tied on the International vote for Regional membership. In favor were delegates: Dillon (Western), Peterson (Australia), Hartmann (International Editor), and Oki (International President); opposed were delegates: Bosley (E.R.N.A.), Evison (GB&I), Snyder (International Secretary-Treasurer), and Carville (International Vice-President).

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 4 DEC. 1977, IT STARTED TO SNOW...SNOW...SNOW

The meeting was about to begin and frantic phone calls were made to Mr. Bosley in Mentor, Ohio. He was snowed in 100 miles away, and would be late for the meeting. All of the international business was concluded around lunch time, but the BIG vote was delayed pending Mr. Bosley’s arrival. After lunch the stall became obvious and Mr. Dillon along with Mr. Peterson pushed for a vote on the Southern Region. The vote was taken and I believe everyone voted “Yes”.

The only hurdle was the E.R.N.A. Annual Business meeting whose members would have to vote approval of the Southern Region. At the meeting there was an eloquent speech by George Oki, extolling our outstanding meeting in Manchester. Mr. Bruce Briggs discussed some of the difficult, formative meetings of the Western Region there were others who spoke on our behalf. Finally the membership voted. The tally was 302 for, and 2 opposed. The rest is history!

Editor’s Note: Charles H. Parkerson was the first President of the Southern Region, now the I.P.P.S.-Southern Region of North America. He later became President of the International Board, was a recipient of the Meadows Award and the International Award of Merit.

HISTORY OF THE GAVEL



The Gavel

The first gavel was constructed by the Western Region's Jolly Batcheler, a Professor at Cal Poly Pomona, for the 25th anniversary of the IPPS in 1976; there were five world regions at that time. The second gavel was given to the IPPS-SRNA in 1999 from Dennis Fordham of the GB & I Region. Jim Wells' signature is on the side as well as the symbol of the IPPS. At that time, there were eight woods representing the different world regions – Eastern Region of North America, Western Region of North America, European, Australia, Southern Region of North America, New Zealand, Japan Region and Scandinavian Region. The SRNA EC Board decided to have the two previous gavels mounted on a plaque and award each year to the outgoing President (starting with the 2001 annual meeting). From 2008 and all subsequent meetings, the retired gavel plaque is presented to the recipient of the Meadows Award to display and keep until the next annual meeting.

The current gavel, made by Peter Waugh of New Zealand, is the third one used by the Southern Region. First used at the annual meeting in 2007, it was a result of the new Southern African Region, and the loss of the Scandinavian Region. There are eight woods in the gavel, representing the different world regions.

Gavel: Our Symbol of Unity

In handling this gavel it should remind us that we are a truly international Society that has spread around the globe with one objective in mind – that of seeking and sharing our knowledge for the benefit of all.

Each gavel is made from the same pieces of wood, symbolic and of historical importance.

The gavel's knock should remind us that we are an International body bound by one simple, important objective – Seeking and Sharing Knowledge for the Benefit of all.

Hearing the sound we should be reminded of the beauty of the trees from which the woods have been chosen. We as propagators and plant professionals - have an unparalleled vocation raising plants so that these beautify our world to conserve and promote our botanical heritage.

May the durability of these timbers encourage us to pursue these aims with steadfast confidence and integrity.

JAMES WELLS

You will notice the signature of Jim Wells inscribed on the gavel. This is in recognition of Jim's farsighted vision, many years' service and contribution to helping establish the first IPPS Region and the Society and in 1951 his election as the inaugural President.



WOODS IN THE GAVEL

The woods of this gavel are placed in the order in which the Regions were established starting at the top face of the gavel.

EASTERN REGION of NORTH AMERICA

The founding Eastern region was established in 1951. The Red maple (*Acer rubrum*), was selected because it is free-growing and ultimately becomes a large tree with palmate leaves that turn flaming reds and scarlet in autumn. The wood is white to light brown and the species grows throughout the region.

WESTERN REGION of NORTH AMERICA

Established in 1960, the Western region is represented by the Coastal redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), an evergreen conifer reaching a massive 300 feet or more high and 20 feet plus in diameter. Californian redwood is claimed to be the world's tallest tree and the diameter is usually measured 10 – 15 feet above the ground. A wavy piece of timber has been selected for these gavels.

EUROPEAN REGION

Established in 1968, the European Region [formerly Great Britain and Ireland Region (GB&I) region] is represented by the famous English oak (*Quercus robur*). Many of the largest trees are believed to date from the Saxon times and were once worshiped. The species is widely distributed throughout the UK, develops a broad head of rugged branches and grows a very distinctive round-crown shape. The light to dark brown wood is very durable. Oaks will reach 30 meters (100 feet) high and more than 4 meters (12.5 feet) in diameter and can live over 1,500 years.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand, which became a chapter at large (1972) then a Region (1984), has chosen to be represented by the kauri (*Agathis australis*). This very slow growing conifer occurs naturally only in the northern North Island. The timber is extremely durable, yellow brown, straight grained, knot free and easily worked. In early settlement days, kauri was felled for ships, spas, houses, furniture and joinery and by the native Maori people to make canoes. Large natural stands of trees are now rare.

AUSTRALIAN REGION

Australia became a chapter at large (1973) and a Region in 1975. Wood representing this Region is Crow's Ash (*Flindersia schottiana*), a rare species found only in east coast rainforests. Its indigenous name is Cudgerie. Crow's Ash grows tall to over 30 meters and has spreading foliage. It produces small, white, fragrant flowers and hard, seed pods which are sought-after for floral arrangements. The honey colored wood is straight grained, hard, strong, and the color intensifies with age.

SOUTHERN REGION of NORTH AMERICA

Established in 1978, the Southern Region has selected the evergreen Southern Magnolia or bullbay (*Magnolia grandiflora*) which reaches 30 meters, often higher and spreads up to 18 meters. The spectacular flowers are 15-23 cm across, creamy white and very fragrant. No other tree is more identified with the South than Southern Magnolia. The wood is white to light brown.

JAPAN REGION

Approved as a Region in 1997, wood from the Sakura or Japanese cherry (*Prunus yedoensis*), the country's national flower and most popular tree has been selected for IPPS gavels. Sakura is deciduous, grows 15 meters high and has a 10-12 meter diameter. The white blossom has pale red accents. It grows in the central and southern Japan around Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku. The wood is yellow to red-brown, very durable, easily worked and is used widely for furniture and musical instruments. The Ainu tribe decorates their bows and sheaths with its purple-brown bark.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION

The newest Southern African region was approved in 2006 and has chosen the Kiaat or Bloodwood, (*Pterocarpus angolensis*) a deciduous, spreading, slightly flat-crowned species that grows to about 15 meters high with a dark bark. It has brilliant red sap and the wood is similar to teak. The kiaat grows in frost free bushveld and woodland in Zimbabwe, northern Botswana, Mozambique and Namibia and other northern parts of Africa where the rainfall exceeds 500 mm pa.

PRESENTATION OF THE BELL TO SR-IPPS



Annual Business Meeting October 1, 2002 Hunt Valley Maryland

I have noted that our program chairman has been using a cowbell to notify our members to assemble in the meeting hall. The original Plant Propagators' society used to have a real brass bell used for this purpose.

Thirty-nine years ago, my spouse, Phyllis, found an old brass bell in the well house of one of the Ozark Nurseries farm dwellings where we lived at the time. As some of you know, this nursery was founded by my grandfather and operated by my family.

The bell was very old at that time and very beat up (it had several dings in it) and it had no handle. Recently Phyllis and I decided that with a little work, it would be suitable to present to the IPPS-SRNA for our program chairman to use.

An old friend of mine from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Louis Trapp, owns a machine shop and he very kindly made a nice brass handle for the bell. My good friend Nick Hand also assisted us in getting this done. Phyllis and I then had the bell polished and inscribed to present to the Society in memory of J. Edward Davis, Sr., my father, and Ben F. Davis, III, our son. My father joined the Plant Propagators' Society in 1956, I believe, and was a member of it and the subsequent Eastern Region until he semi-retired. Our son, Ben III, was, as many of you know, a member of the Southern Region until his untimely death in 1997.

I would like to read the inscription of the bell and without further ado, present it to our current program chairman, Stewart Chandler.

Sincerely, Ben Davis, II

**SR-IPPS SUPPORT OF HRI – HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR
THE GREEN INDUSTRY**



<https://www.hriresearch.org/giving/endowment-donors>

- Gold Circle: **Southern Region IPPS Research Fund**
\$50,000

- Gold Circle: **Southern Region IPPS Education Endowment**
Fund \$70,057 (1/2/2020)

HRI manages the SR-IPPS Education Endowment Fund. This is a non-restricted endowment with flexibility to spend directly from both the corpus and interest.

SR-IPPS EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND, MANAGED BY HRI

The goal of the SR-IPPS Education Endowment Fund is to have a long-term funding source to support educational activities and educational out-reach of the SR-IPPS. The SR-IPPS Educational Endowment is part of a long history of distinguished educational programs – to enhance our members and the green industry. One of the SR-IPPS exceptional strengths is supporting and cultivating the next generation of green industry professionals and leaders. While the SR-IPPS educational programs are a great return of investment – benefiting the general membership and developing the next generation of green industry leaders, teachers and researchers – it currently survives on annual donations.

In 2017, an anonymous donor contributed \$20,000 to initiate the Educational Endowment under HRI management. While the initial goal is to establish a \$200,000 Endowment, future educational needs will dictate that funding be increased. This is a non-restricted endowment with flexibility to spend directly from both the corpus and interest. While we anticipate an annual 4% withdrawal from the corpus/ principal, based on growth, the SR-IPPS through its Board of Directors and recommendations of the SR-IPPS Education Endowment Committee, with final approval of HRI - could make adjustments on annual withdrawal levels.

Money from the silent and live auction at the annual conference is currently earmarked for the Education Endowment. *The EC Board annually votes at the mid-year EC Board meeting to continue or redirect auction money towards the Endowment, based on the financial needs of the SR.* Plans are to also promote individuals contributing at a later date, including as part of one's estate towards the endowment.

In October 2018 at the annual meeting in Chattanooga, the SR spent a minimum of **\$10,250** on educational activities that supported 12 individuals, including the: 1) Early Career Professional International Exchange program, 2) The Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program “four-pack”, and 3) Charlie Parkerson IPPS Student Research Competition. Also budgeted was \$500 towards a SR member hosting/touring the European Exchange Professional – visiting SR nurseries – prior to the annual conference. The SR has developed multiple educational opportunities that other organizations do not offer. Monies have previously been taken from the general funds for maintaining the educational program. Our goal is to take money directly from the Education Endowment in future years. The Education Endowment gives the SR more flexibility to continue supporting educational programs, while reducing the annual education support cost to the general membership. *This helps keep the annual registration costs under a \$500 threshold limit.*

As of 1 January 2020, The SR-IPPS Education Endowment balance was **\$70,057** with contributions made at the auction and through additional contributions to the base donation of \$20,000. There is a goal of \$100,000 within the next 2 years. Once the \$100K goal is reached – it will be increased to \$200k goal.

Former President, Kevin Gantt, is helping to lead the Endowment fund program.

SIDNEY B. MEADOWS AWARD OF MERIT

Sidney Meadows was a distinguished nurseryman, honored horticultural leader, humanitarian – and one of the founders of the SR-IPPS. He was a long-time nursery ambassador, and avid supporter of education, research, and the green industry. In 1976, at the 1st SR-IPPS meeting in mobile, Alabama – Sidney Meadows planned the nursery tours. Meadows was a frequent speaker at IPPS conferences, highly respected, a great mentor – and exemplified the IPPS motto: To Seek and Share.

Purpose of the Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit

- To honor and recognize outstanding individuals for their contributions to the nursery industry and to plant propagation in the Southern Region of North America.
- This is the highest honor bestowed upon a member.

Criteria

- Must have been a member of the Southern Region IPPS.
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the IPPS, plant propagation and the green industry.
- Dedication to the ideals of the society to “seek and share”.
- Award cannot be presented to an individual more than once.

Past Recipients of the SR Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit

- **Charles H. Parkerson**, Suffolk, Virginia, 1990
- **David Byers**, Huntsville, Alabama, 1991
- **Dr. Vivian Munday***, Watkinsville, Georgia, 1992
- **Dr. Bryson James**, McMinnville, Tennessee, 1993
- **Dr. Fred T. Davies, Jr.**, College Station, Texas, 1994
- **Bill Barr**, Houston, Texas, 1995
- **James Berry**, Loxley, Alabama, 1996
- **Dr. J.C. Raulston***, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1997
- **Richard Marshall**, Salisbury, Maryland, 1998
- **John Machen, Sr.**, Mobjack, Virginia, 1999
- **Dr. Carl E. Whitcomb**, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 2000
- **Dr. Michael A. Dirr**, Athens, Georgia, 2001
- **James Gilbert**, Tryon, North Carolina, 2002
- **Dr. David Morgan**, Bedford, Texas, 2003
- **Fred Garrett**, Southern Pines, North Carolina, 2004
- **Dr. Charles Gilliam**, Auburn, Alabama, 2005
- **Dr. Donna Fare**, McMinnville, Tennessee, 2006
- **Buddy Martin**, Semmes, Alabama, 2007
- **Tom Yeager**, Gainesville, Florida, 2008
- **Dr. David Creech**, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2009
- **Dr. Ted Bilderback**, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2010.
- **Ms. Margie Jenkins**, Amite, Louisiana, 2011
- **Don Covan**, Montecello, Florida, 2012
- **Stewart Chandler**, Cairo, Georgia, 2013
- **Rick Crowder**, Hickory, North Carolina, 2014
- **Eelco Tinga Jr.**, Castle Hayne, North Carolina, 2015

- **Dr. Mack Thetford**, Milton, Florida, 2016
- **Dr. Patricia Knight**, Biloxi, Mississippi, 2017
- **Robert "Buddy" Lee**, Independence, Louisiana 2018
- **Robert Black**, Suffolk, Virginia 2019

FELLOWS AWARD

Purpose of the Fellows

- To honor and recognize outstanding individuals for their contributions to the nursery industry and to plant propagation in the Southern Region.
- To serve as a forum for fellowship and potential information exchange among long-term IPPS members who may no longer directly participate on the Southern Region IPPS Board.
- At the discretion of the current board of directors, to be used as a potential sounding board for current and long-term issues, strategic planning and future direction of the Southern Region IPPS.
- Fellows meet yearly at the annual conference to be briefed and give input on SR-IPPS strategic issues.

Past Fellows Recipients

John Machen, Sr., 1993
Charles Parkerson, 1993
Dr. Carl Whitcomb, 1993
Ron Copeland, 1994
Fred W. Garrett, 1994
Peter van der Giessen*, 1995
Judd Germany*, 1995
David Byers, 1996
Dr. Michael A. Dirr, 1997
Dr. Bryson L. James, 1998
James Berry, 1999
Buddy Martin, 1999
Richard Marshall, 2000
Ben Davis II, 2000
Wayne Sawyer*, 2001
James Gilbert, 2002
Dr. David Morgan, 2003
Bill Barr, 2004
Doug Torn, 2004
Don A. Covan, 2005
Randy Jacobs, 2005
Margie Y. Jenkins, 2005
Dr. Charles Gilliam, 2006
Dr. Fred T. Davies, 2006
Eelco Tinga, Jr., 2007
Bob Smart, 2007
Stewart Chandler, 2008
Dr. Ted Bilderback, 2008
Bill Turk, 2009
Dr. Patricia Knight, 2010
Dr. Tom Yeager, 2010
Hugh Gramling, 2011
Kay Phelps, 2012
Dr. Gary Knox, 2013

Dr. Mack Thetford, 2014

Robert Black, 2015

Tom Saunders, 2015

Dr. John Ruter, 2016

Buddy Lee, 2017

Dr. Sandra Wilson, 2018

Dennis Niemeyer, 2018

Dr. Donna Fare, 2019

Dr. Allen Owings, 2019

CHARLIE PARKERSON SR-IPPS STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM

This program was begun, in 1985, with the objectives to: 1) stimulate student research and career interest in the propagation & production of landscape plants, and the green industry and 2) raise the quality of educational programs through student participation and interaction with the membership at annual meetings of the SR-IPPS. Awards are 1st-\$1000, 2nd- \$500, 3rd- \$250, plus a \$500 travel stipend /awardee. In 2007, the program began supporting up to 4 graduate poster presenters at \$500 travel stipend/awardee. In some years, as many as 12-15 students have applied to compete (paper and oral presentation). There is a Scholarship & Awards Committee composed of industry and academia who evaluate and rank student research papers. Students with the top-ranked papers are invited to make oral presentations at the annual meeting - from which the final selection is made; remaining students are encouraged to give poster presentations. In 2016, the SR-IPPS Student Research Awards program was named: *Charlie Parkerson SR-IPPS Student Research Awards Program*.

Past Recipients

An ● indicates students who joined the IPPS; Competition Place: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Cal Froberg, Texas A&M University, 1985, 1st
 ●Mack Thetford, Auburn University, 1988, 1st
 Chris Martin, University of Florida, 1989, 1st
 ●Sven Svenson, Texas A&M University, 1989, 2nd
 John Watkins, University of Tennessee, 1990, 1st
 Jesse Reeder, Auburn University, 1991, 1st
 ●Phil Flanagan, University of Tennessee, 1991, 2nd
 ●Patricia Knight, Auburn University, 1992, 1st
 Hao-Ching Wang, Mississippi State University, 1992, 2nd
 ●Laura Jull, North Carolina State University, 1993, 1st
 Chris Wilson, Clemson University, 1993, 2nd
 Cynthia Crossan, Auburn University, 1994, 1st
 ●Jeff Sibley, Auburn University, 1994, 2nd
 James Garner, Auburn University, 1995, 1st
 Andrea Southworth, University of Georgia, 1995, 2nd
 James Garner, Auburn University, 1996, 1st
 ●Bradley Rowe, North Carolina State University, 1996, 2nd
 ●Mark Arena, University of Tennessee, 1997, 1st
 Dee Smith, Auburn University, 1997, 2nd
 ●James Altland Auburn University, 1998, 1st
 Christine Hayes, Auburn University, 1998, 2nd
 ●Jean-Jaques Dubois, North Carolina State University, 1999, 1st
 Laura Bruner, Auburn University, 1999, 2nd
 ●James E. Altland, Auburn University, 2000, 1st
 ●Glenn B. Fain, Auburn University, 2000, 2nd
 ●James E. Altland, Auburn University, 2001, 1st
 ●Glenn B. Fain, Auburn University, 2001, 2nd
 ●Gene Blythe, Auburn University, 2002, 1st

David Cole, Auburn University, 2002, 2nd
 •Gene Blythe, Auburn University, 2003, 1st
 Carey Simpson, Auburn University, 2003, 2nd
 •Richard T. Olsen, North Carolina State University, 2004, 1st
 Carmen Valero-Aracama, University of Florida, 2004, 2nd
 •Adam F. Newby, Auburn University, 2005, 1st
 Ben M. Richardson, Auburn University, 2005, 2nd
 •Cheryl R. Boyer, Auburn University, 2006, 1st
 •Diana R. Cochran, Auburn University, 2006, 2nd
 John M. Wooldridge, North Carolina State University, 2007, 1st
 •Diana R. Cochran, Auburn University, 2007, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 •Cheryl Boyer, Auburn University, 2007
 James (Jay) Spiers, Texas A&M University, 2007
 •Brian Jackson, Virginia Tech University, 2007
 Daniel Norden, North Carolina State University, 2007
 Jeff Jones, North Carolina State University, 2007
 Félix R. Arguedas, University of Maryland, 2007
 Michelle McElhannon, Auburn University, 2008, 1st
 •Chris Marble, Auburn University, 2008, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 Albert J. Van Hoogmoed, Auburn University, 2008
 Dinum Perera, Mississippi State University, 2008
 Adam Lowder, North Carolina State University, 2008
 •Brian Jackson, Virginia Tech University, 2008
 Celina Gomez Vargas, University of Arkansas, 2009, 1st
 Micah Stevens, University of Kentucky, 2009, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 •Anna-Marie Murphy, Auburn University, 2009
 •Anthony L. Witcher, University of Southern Mississippi, 2009
 Whitney N. Griffin, Auburn University, 2009
 •S. Chris. Marble, Auburn University, 2009
 Tyler Weldon, Auburn University, 2010, 1st
 Brenda Michelle Morales, Kansas State University, 2010, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 •Anna-Marie Murphy, Auburn University, 2010
 •Chris Marble, Auburn University, 2010
 •Diana Cochran, Mississippi State University, 2010,
 Zachariah Star, Kansas State University, 2010
 Taylor Vandiver, Auburn University, 2011, 1st
 Qian Yang (Julie) Auburn University, 2011, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 •Chris Marble, Auburn University, 2011
 •Elizabeth Riley, North Carolina State University, 2011
 •Anthony Witcher, University of Southern Mississippi, 2011
 Tyler Weldon, Auburn University, 2011
 W. Garrett Owen, North Carolina State University, 2012, 1st
 •Judson S. LeCompte, Auburn University, 2012, 2nd
Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):
 Jessica R. Bowerman, Auburn University, 2012

- Lesley A. Judd, North Carolina State University, 2012
- Taylor A. Vandiver, Auburn University, 2012
- Christopher Marble, Auburn University, 2012
- Amanda Bayer, University of Georgia, 2013, 1st
- Tyler Hoskins, Virginia Tech University, 2013, 2nd
- Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):*
- Zhao Bing, University of Georgia, 2013
- Fanghua Niu, University of Georgia, 2013
- Andrew Baker, Auburn University, 2013
- Elizabeth D. Riley, North Carolina State University, 2013
- Paul Bartley III, Auburn University, 2014, 1st
- Lesley A. Judd, North Carolina State University, 2014, 2nd
- Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):*
- Ted C. Yap, North Carolina State University, 2014
- Ronald C. Stephenson, Mississippi State University, 2014
- Alex Rajewski, University of Georgia, 2014
- He Li, Central South University of Forestry and Technology, University of Georgia, 2014
- Matthew W. Burrows, Auburn University, 2015, 1st
- Mary Theresa Williams, North Carolina State University, 2015, 2nd
- Student Poster Presentations subsidized (\$500 travel):*
- Anthony T. Bowden, Auburn University, 2015
- Paul Bartley, Auburn University, 2015
- Laura E. Kaderabek, North Carolina State University, 2016, 1st
- Debalina Saha, University of Florida, 2016, 2nd
- Evan Janes, University of Kentucky, 2016, 3rd
- Debalina Saha, University of Florida, 2017, 1st
- Haijie Dou, Texas A&M University, 2017, 2nd
- James (Tim) Ray, Mississippi State University, 2017, 3rd
- Shea A. Keene, University of Florida, 2018 1st
- Gabriel Campbell Martínez, University of Florida, 2018, 2nd
- Debalina Saha, University of Florida, 2018, 3rd
- Jenny B. Ryals, Mississippi State University, 2019, 1st
- Ping Yu, Texas A&M University, 2019, 2nd
- Yuvraj Khamare, University of Florida, 2019, 3rd
- Heather J. Gladfelter, University of Georgia, 2019, 4th

VIVIAN MUNDAY SR-IPPS YOUNG HORTICULTURAL PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WORK PROGRAM

This program was begun in 1997, as the Vivian Munday Undergraduate Awards program - in memory of Dr. Vivian Munday, Professor of Horticulture, University of Georgia. Dr. Munday was passionate about: undergraduate students, all flora and fauna, the SR-IPPS, and her job as editor for 18 years. The scholarship work program is to support worthy undergraduate students and introduce them to the SR-IPPS and the green industry. A requirement of the award is that applicants be full-time students in two or four year programs. The students are required to be at the meetings to introduce them to this great organization and reach out to them and hopefully attract them as new members. The scholarships were \$1000 with a \$500 travel stipend per student. Some 3 to 5 students majoring in horticulture/ agriculture were chosen each year

In 2013, the program was reorganized as the *Vivian Munday Young Horticultural Professional Scholarship Work Program*. It includes students in horticulture/ agriculture with a career interest in the green industry/ plant propagation. The program is geared to introduce students to career opportunities in the green industry, horticulture and plant propagation. Awardees actively participate at the annual meeting – helping with and attending the educational sessions, nursery tours, and general assistance with running the conference. A goal is to enhance educational interaction with the students and green industry professionals. Through greater engagement / participation between students and professionals - awardees are encouraged to become future members of the society. There are four individuals (4-pack) selected. In 2019, the number of students supported will be increased. The awardees receive free registration, banquet ticket and tours, and co-share a hotel room at the conference for an equivalent value of \$500. The Vivian Munday Young Horticultural Professional Scholarship Work Program Selection Committee is composed of the four most recent SR-IPPS Fellows.

Past Recipients

Phillip Hamilton, University of Florida, 1997
 Sallie Slora, University of Florida, 1997
 April Herring, Texas A&M University, 1998
 Correy Taylor, Oklahoma State, 1998
 Brian Bohlen, Texas Tech, 1998
 Kelby Fife, University of Georgia, 1999,
 Robert Duck, Auburn University, 1999
 Donny Spears, Auburn University, 1999
 William VanBeber, University of Auburn, 1999
 Theresa Friday, University of Florida, 1999.
 Denita Hadziabdic, Tennessee Tech, 2000
 Sherry Roser, Virginia Tech University, 2000
 Maria Mauceri, Virginia Tech University
 Benjamin Moore, Tennessee Tech University, 2000
 Sarah Tater, University of Maryland, 2000
 Bruce Dunn, Oklahoma State University, 2001
 Michael Ryan Work, New Mexico State University, 2001
 Janet Hutson, Texas Tech University, 2001
 Lindsey Fox, Texas Tech University, 2001
 Abigail Jordan, Texas A&M University, 2001

Bradley David Thompson, University of Delaware, 2002
 Nichole LeeAnn McGee, West Virginia University, 2002
 Kelsey Overton, Texas Tech University, 2003
 Mickery Kleinhenz, Louisiana State University, 2003
 Nathan Uncleback, Stephen F. Austin University, 2003
 David J. Lavrinets, Southwest Texas State University, 2003
 Rasmey Mau Raymond, Southwest Texas State University, 2003
 Matthew Cousins, Clemson University, 2004
 Robin Colleen Kelly, Trident Tech, 2004
 Joseph Love, Spartanburg Tech, 2004
 Barry Dales Fisher, Jr., Sandhills Community College, 2004,
 Matthew W. Seader, University of Georgia, 2004
 Carrie Amanda Radcliffe, University of Georgia, 2005
 Kelly Bull, University of Georgia, 2005
 Loreal Brooks, Auburn University, 2005
 Benjamin Berry, Auburn University, 2005
 Matthew Goldey, Central Florida Community College, 2005
 Beke M. Lindsay, Catawba Valley Community College, 2006
 Muriel K. Hunter, Gwinnett Technical College, 2006
 Leah O'Rourke, Gwinnett Technical College, 2006
 Tracee Lund, Trident Technical College, 2006
 Allison Justice, Clemson University, 2006
 Cody Howard, University of Arkansas, 2007
 Crystal Morris, Virginia Tech, 2007
 Justin Phillips, Auburn University, 2007
 Thomas Saunders, Virginia Tech, 2007
 Katie Werneth, Auburn University, 2007

There were no Vivian Munday Scholarship Awards presented 2008-2012.

Ben Ford, University of Tennessee, 2013
 Seth Allen, Auburn University, 2013
 Diana Cochran, University of Tennessee 2013
 Jeremiah Devore, Auburn University, 2013
 Amny Rose, Stephen F. Austin University, 2014
 Ben Ford, University of Tennessee, 2014
 Jeremiah DeVore, Auburn University, 2014
 Amny Rose, Stephen F. Austin University, 2015 Local Site Chair, Shawn Steed
 •Judson LeCompte, Mississippi State University, 2015
 Jeremiah DeVore, Auburn University, 2015
 Connor Ryan, Auburn University, 2015
 Drew Payton, Georgia University, 2015
 •Judson LeCompte, Mississippi State University, 2016
 •Shea Keene, University of Florida, 2016
 Crystal Connor, University of Florida, 2016
 •Debaline Saha, University of Florida, 2016
 Alexis Anthony, Clemson University, 2017
 Connor Ryan, University of Georgia, 2017
 Carlee Steppe, University of Florida, 2017
 Madison Hindsley, North Carolina State University, 2017

George Grant, University of Florida, 2018
Kaitlin Barrios, University of Georgia, 2018
Nastaran Basiri Johromi, University of Tennessee, 2018
John Nix, North Carolina State University, 2018.
Yongjun Yue, University of Georgia, 2019
Julia Rycyna, University of Florida, 2019
Gabriel Campbell, University of Florida, 2019
Jordan Baylor, University of Georgia, 2019

EARLY-CAREER SR-IPPS PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In 2013, the SR-IPPS began to participate in the *Early-Career Propagator Exchange* program with the European (GBI) Region. This is an outreach program to attract and educate early career nursery/ green industry professionals. The goal was to interchange young nursery/ green industry professionals between international regions – and give an early career professional the opportunity to learn about the industry/ profession in another world region of the IPPS. The SR-IPPS awardee is currently hosted by the European Region – visiting regional nurseries and attending their annual conference. The international pays \$2,000 for travel & expenses on a rotating basis. In alternate years the SR-IPPS contributes \$2,000 towards the awardees travel (plane, other travel expenses), plus some reimbursement to help the local SR hosts cover some of their travel expenses in hosting the professional from the European region in their visit to US green industry. The SR-IPPS Board of Directors, in consultation with the membership, solicits and selects potential candidates.

Past Recipients

2013: SR-IPPS (Lancaster Farms) hosted Josie Leech from GB&I. Judson LeCompte from SR-IPPS traveled to Britain. Josie Leech gave a presentation on her SRNA experience at the SR-IPPS annual conference.

2014: SR-IPPS (Saunders Brothers Inc. and Hawksridge Nursery) hosted Colm O’Driscoll of Ireland from the IPPS-European region. Brie Arthur from SR-IPPS travelled to Denmark and Sweden, where she was hosted by Bent Jensen and Marianne Bauchman of European Region.

Both O’Driscoll and Arthur had an extremely rewarding experience. Judson LeCompte gave a presentation of his British experience at the 2014 SR-IPPS program.

2015: SR-IPPS hosted Ben Gregory from GB&I on the International Tour, hosted by the SR-IPPS); he toured with the International Board and other IPPS members. Adam Blalock of Tennessee traveled to Britain where he was hosted by the European region; he made a presentation of his experiences at the 2016 Virginia meeting. Brie Arthur from SR-IPPS gave a presentation of her 2014 experience in Denmark and Sweden at the 2015 SR-IPPS program.

2016: SR-IPPS (Brie Arthur) hosted Lance Russell from the European region. He was taken to many nurseries and gardens in the SR. Leanne Kenealy was selected from the SRNA to visit the industry in Europe. Kenealy gave a presentation of her experience at the 2017 SR-IPPS program.

2017: Lis Meyer was selected from the SRNA for the SR-IPPS Early-Career Exchange Program to visit the industry in Europe, and Sophie Lewis from the European Region, was hosted by Judson LeCompte and Charlie Parkerson in the reciprocal exchange. Meyer gave a presentation of her experience at the 2018 SR-IPPS program.

2018: Lindsay Day was selected from the SRNA for the SR-IPPS Early-Career Exchange Program to visit the European industry in 2018. In the reciprocal exchange, Jasper Schermer, from the European Region, was hosted by Judson LeCompte (J. Berry Nursery) from the SR.

2019: Shea Keene was selected from the SRNA for the SR-IPPS Early-Career Exchange Program to visit the European industry in 2019. In the reciprocal exchange, Vicki Enderby, from the European Region, was hosted by Christine Coker and Tricia Knight from the SR,

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