

## “Propagation in Other Parts of the World” Question-Answer Period

**DICK BIR:** Could you speculate on the hardiness of the *Podocarpus* you showed?

**ROBERT APPLETON:** My particular covenant is at about 200 m. There is an alpine species that goes right to the bush line. We could easily find *Podocarpus* that would go right to the bush line. I don't know what zone that is, but it is pretty northern. You would be talking about a frost period for every month of the year. One of the advantages for that type of plant is that it is very small and would have a great deal of ornamental value in gardens.

**ARDA BERRYHILL:** David, how do you, as an extension officer, fit into that scheme and is it open entry?

**DAVID HUTCHINSON:** I fit in by helping each nursery get a program focused on the business side of doing the code of practice. That is, get the staff together and go through the training programs to see that they can meet their commitment. I do that on a contractual basis with each company. I do not do the actual inspections; that's left to a third party.

**BRUCE MACDONALD:** Did your crape myrtle plants from tissue culture flower at a much shorter height and has your work been developed into the greenhouse industry in Japan?

**TOMOHide YAMAMOTO:** Yes, to both of your questions.

**BRUCE BRIGGS:** How can we encourage people to be better plants people and better propagators?

**DAVID HUTCHINSON:** I think, as an I.P.P.S. member, it's up to all of us. We're always in contact with people. We, as employers, are always outward going in recruitment. It's up to us to make sure it's not only a job or work, but that it is enjoyable. This is an important question since qualified propagators are in demand today.

**BARBARA COE:** Have you been micropropagating other crape myrtles besides *L. indica* 'Little Chief'?

**TOMOHide YAMAMOTO:** No.

**BRUCE MACDONALD:** How is your liner association funded?

**DAVID HUTCHINSON:** The association is supported by fees collected for its services. Basically, there is a flat rate fee to join. In addition to that, sponsorships are obtained from certain companies as well to help finance some of the running of the association. The actual fees for inspection are paid by new members and by each member each year.