

be seed germination enhancement by the low level of 2 oz of para formaldehyde per cu ft of soil. Further work should be done with this to determine how soil moisture might affect this and whether there were ramifications of soil temperature as well.

The objective of this study was to determine an effective dosage for the control of the germination of weed seed. It is clear the 8 oz at the very least is quite effective at achieving this goal, but other parameters have been opened up by this initial investigation and many new questions have presented themselves that will require further work.

#### LITERATURE CITED

- Ashworth, S.** 1989. Soil sterilization for outdoor seedling production. *Comb. Proc. Intl. Plant Prop. Soc.* 39:211- 212.
- Kains, M.G.** and **L.M. McQuesten.** 1950. Propagation of plants. Orange Judd Pub., New York, New York.
- Mahlsteade, J.P.** and **E.S. Haber.** 1957. Plant propagation. John Wiley and Sons. New York, New York.
- Shugert, R.** 1988. Basamid —update. *Comb. Proc. Intl. Plant Prop. Soc.* 38:525-526.

---

## East Meets South in Baltimore!®

### Howard W. Barnes

Lorax Farms, 2319 Evergreen Ave., Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976 U.S.A.

The Eastern Region, North American of the International Plant Propagators Society is looking forward to the joint meeting with her sister Society from the Southern Region. The meeting dates are 29 Sept. 2002 to 2 Oct. 2002.

It is anticipated that this meeting will be unprecedented with the combined attendance from both regions expected to be close to 700 people.

The local site committee, headed by Dick Marshall from the Southern Region and co-chairs of Steve Castorani and Bill Barnes from the Eastern Region, North American, has been actively pursuing a meeting to be remembered. Program chairs for next year's meeting are Jim Johnson for the Eastern Region, North American, and Randy Jacobs for the Southern Region and I am sure they will want to hear from YOU about giving a talk for the 2002 meeting. Alan Jones will be the poster chair for our contingent and Donna Fare will be bird dogging the Southern Region. The Southern Region is also looking for likely participants. So don't be bashful, introduce yourself to these fine people and get on board! Lou Marshall from the Southern Region is putting together a spouse's tour with cultural attractions.

Originally the site was planned to be in the Wilmington, Delaware area but a hotel suitable to accommodate the combined memberships could not be found. A rather lengthy search of Baltimore City also failed to turn up a hotel that was suitable. Nevertheless the local committee persevered and settled upon the Marriott at Hunt Valley, (Cockeysville, Maryland) just a short hop from downtown Baltimore. In addition there is a mall across the street from the hotel and there are numerous restaurants and activities in the area. Steve Castorani, man about town, will give us an update on the whole affair during this year's Eastern Region meeting here in Kentucky.

The hotel can easily accommodate our large attendance and offers ample parking (900 cars) as well as first class accommodation. The grounds of the hotel are immaculately landscaped and have a strong horticultural orientation. Access is easy by car and from the area airports.

The actual meeting areas are exceptionally large and can accommodate both a joint meeting between the two regions as well as being adjustable so that each region can hold their own separate activities. We made a point of insuring that the auxiliary meeting spaces such as bars and the like are also adequate for our purposes.

Margot Bridgen, Eastern Region, North America Executive Secretary, and David Morgan Southern Region Executive Secretary, have been very active in making sure that the "extras" we have come to expect at a yearly meeting are in order. There will be a welcoming reception open to attendees of both regions in attendance with an assortment of hot and cold finger foods and libation available.

Of course there will be an evening social and banquet scheduled as well as the much anticipated plant auction. The 2002 auction should be something exciting considering that there will be plant material from as far South as Florida and as far north as Maine and Minnesota; you just never know what you might find. We will be honored with the likes of Dr. Michael Dirr and Colonel Wilbur Mull as auctioneers. The dynamic dual has made many a dog and pony show for the Southern Region and they will bring their extraordinary road show to this meeting. Wilbur always wears an orange cummerbund.

Those who are interested in bringing a plant for the auction in 2002 should talk with professional trouble makers Teresa Ford of Yadkin Valley Nursery in Yadkinville, North Carolina (Eastern Region), or David Nizinski from Mobjack Nurseries (Southern Region). So here is your chance to help the Society raise money for horticultural research through the HRI and to have a good time as well. You are all encouraged to bring something special and unique.

The Baltimore area offers a vast assortment of nurseries and gardens for the tours. Preconference tours will be an "A" or "B" affair with tour "A" being nursery orientated with stops at The Conard-Pyle Nursery, Moon Nursery, and Angelica Nursery. For those looking for culture and landscapes with a difference, a separate tour will be booked for Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Wilmington, Delaware, and Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Both of these tours will be all-day affairs.

Later on during the week we will again have split tours, but this time you can take tour "A" and then the next day take tour "B" or vice versa. These will be half-day tours with caterers in action to provide a first class lunch at our 1st stop. Tour "A" stops will be Manor View Farm of Monkton, Maryland, and Foxborough Nursery of Street, Maryland, liner producers and large woody plant growers.

On the burner for Tour B is Babikow Greenhouse (perennials and interesting annuals) and Marshy Point Nursery (azaleas and rhododendrons and selected shrubs). A special effort was made to provide both a stimulating tour as well as limiting the distances traveled so that more can be seen. Remember the more there is the more there is.

In addition to the tours, the actual bus rides should not be overlooked. The Monkton area of Maryland is quite scenic and is known as "Steeplechase Country"; it certainly is a far cry from a noisy crowded city. The countryside alone is worth the visit.

Make your plans now for the most memorable meeting for years to come.