

The IPPS Website: A How To

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Summary

The IPPS website use is explained in detail. Significant changes to the website are explained. The paper explores the IPPS website and members will understand how to

use this new technology so that they, the members, can use it to their best advantage.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years the International Office of the IPPS has undertaken a series of significant changes to bring the IPPS on a worldwide basis to the 21st century. One major step forward was to discontinue the publication of the Combined Proceedings of the International Plant Propagation Society,

aka “The Black Book”. A completely digital format was implemented with all of the proceedings from year one to the present being made available via the Internet on the official IPPS website. This action also required a strong look at the website and decisions were made to completely revamp it

as well. Those goals have been accomplished. This missive is to explore the IPPS website and understand how to use this new technology so that you, the members, can use it to your best advantage.

Let's get started. The very first step is to go to: IPPS.org through any search engine. Once there it is necessary to introduce yourself to the system. If you are at all familiar with websites there is the all-encompassing need for the following: User Name

and Password. Your user name is the email address the IPPS office has on file for you. For instance: BetsyK@slocumnet.com and then you would have to select in duplicate a password known to you, such as "Cat-box12xx" (**Fig. 1**). Once you have accomplished these steps you are into the system and the whole of the IPPS website is available to you (**Fig. 2**).

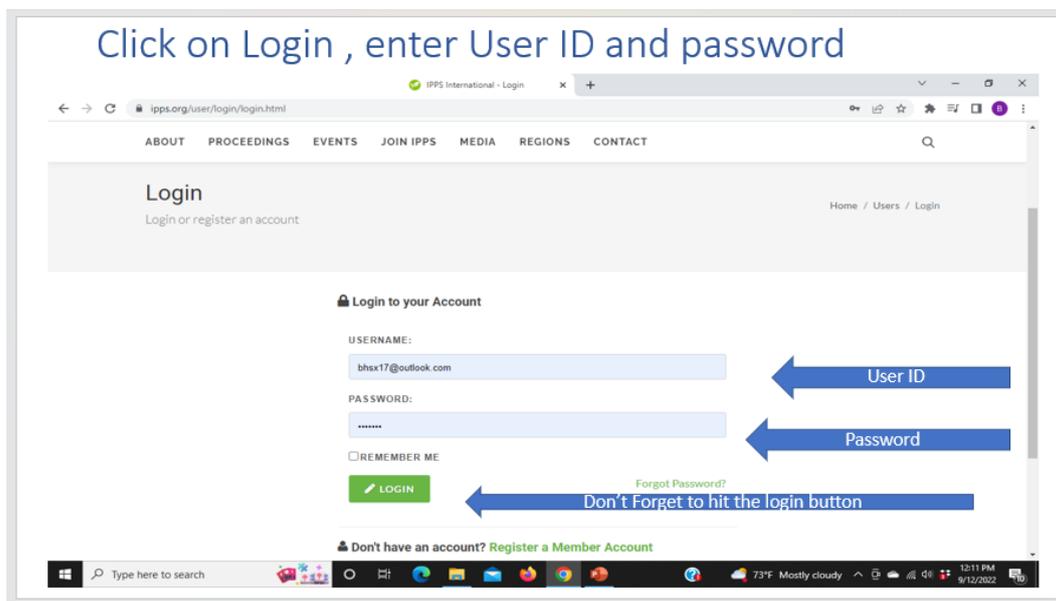


Figure 1. Getting started.

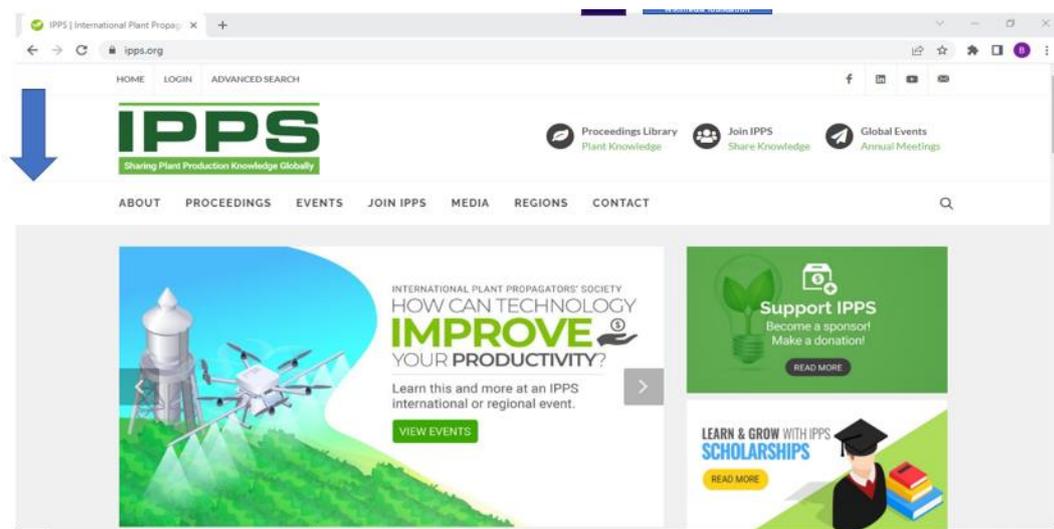


Figure 2. You are now into the system and the whole of the IPPS website is available to you.

The IPSS used to be solely dependent on the “Black Book” for the communications from the various regions of the world. That is no longer the case. The website encompasses a vast reservoir of varied materials from all of the regions in addition to the papers contributed to the proceedings. The quote above, from the 1970s rock band Emerson, Lake and Palmer is more than relevant now. The IPSS website is really a show that never ends. You can read the proceedings from Vol. 1 to the present and then look at current trends via Facebook,

YouTube, and various productions, videos and PPTs from specific regions. Something new is added daily. Don’t hold back, go have a look.

Figure 3 shows us where to find the proceedings, current, and future events of the various regions, a media section, who and what the regions are and how to reach people in the know. Look at the lower right-hand corner and you will see two videos about online nursery tours in Europe and on the left side bottom is a video about Advances and Innovations in Green and Allied Sciences.

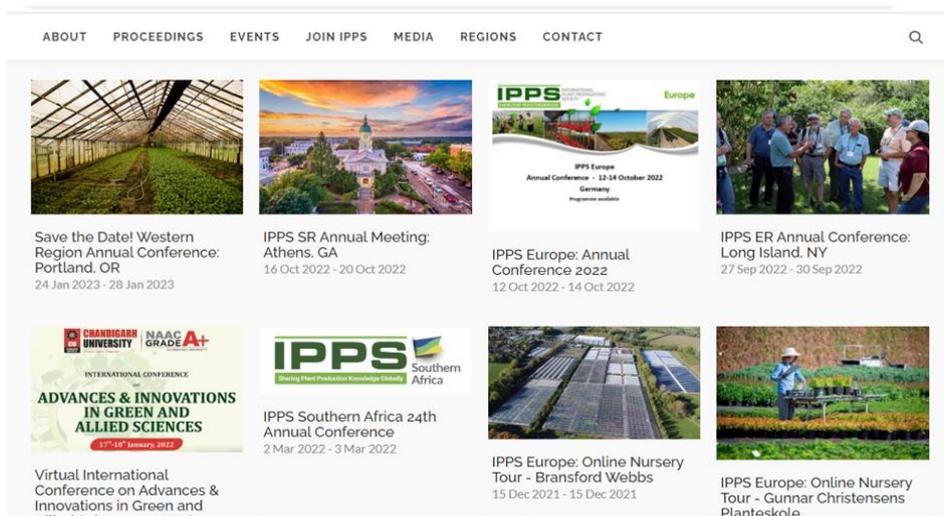


Figure 3. This shows where to find content such as proceedings, regional events, and a media section.

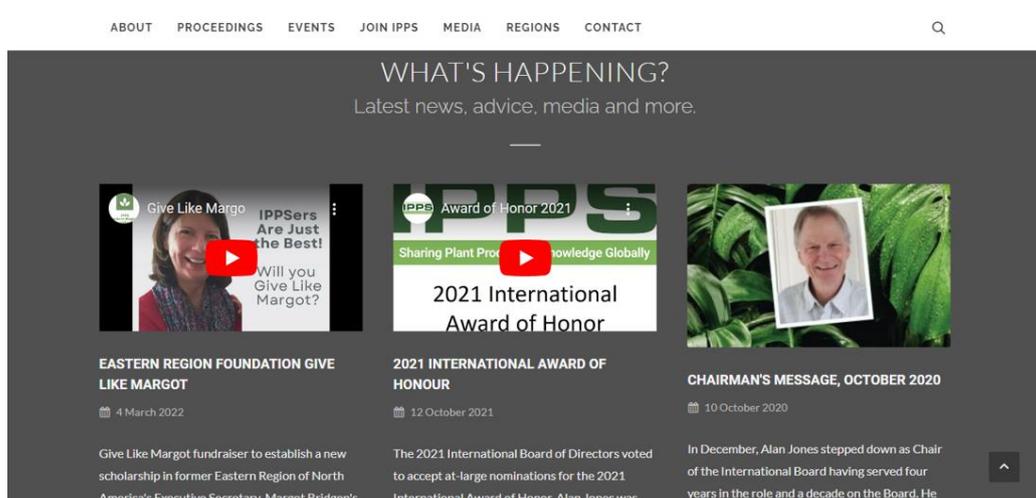


Figure 4. What’s Happening Section in the International Office.

Scrolling down the page you will run into the What's Happening Section in **Fig. 4** International Office. You may or may not want these details but they are there and are consistently updated as presented in **Fig. 5**.

It changes frequently so a timely suggestion is to review the site periodically, catch what you can that is of interest and come back again for more information.

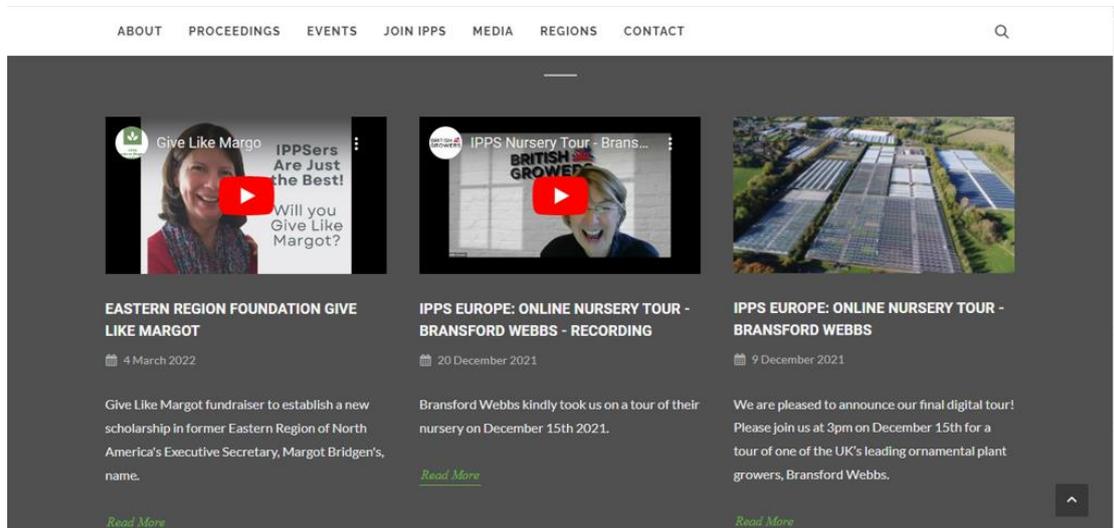


Figure 5. What's Happening Section is consistently updated as shown in this figure.

In your travels on the site, right click your mouse on the About Section, a

panel drops down and is fairly self-explanatory (**Fig. 6**).

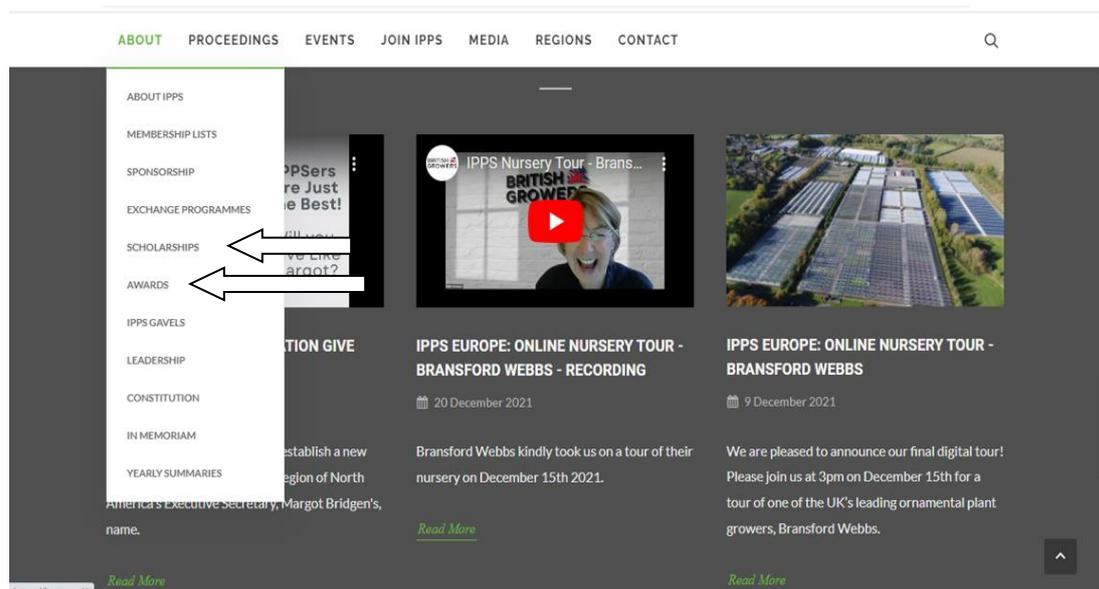


Figure 6. Right clicking your mouse on the About Section a panel drops down.

Clicking on any heading in particular will take you into a more specific explanation about that particular heading. For instance, “Awards” will take you to the various awards from the regions as well as the awards from the International Office. Awards are one of the fundamental ingredients of the IPPS and they are important. It is the organization’s method to recognize people for their many contributions to the success of the society. For you students and young people, click on scholarships and see

where it takes you. You might want to know that there could be an opportunity waiting for you.

In many ways the Combined Proceedings is some of the best material available to you, our members. It should not be overlooked, there is a wealth of knowledge and information there and it is searchable (**Fig. 7**). Clicking onto the Proceedings heading at the top of just about any page will take you there.

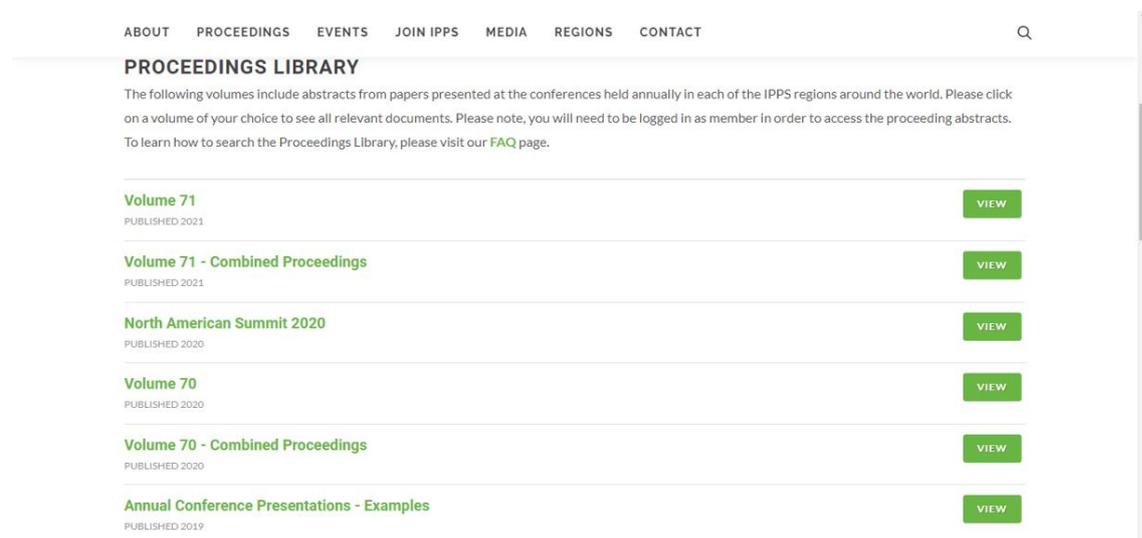


Figure 7. The starting point to explore the Combined Proceedings from the most recent.

Here you see volume available chronologically from the present on down. Notice the bright green buttons on the right. Clicking there will take you to that edition. Take note that there are two headings for the same volume. One is for a quick reference to show what’s in there and the other which says Combined Proceedings is a more extensive version of all that is available for that heading.

The Quick reference version will suffice if you saw a presentation, you know the title and you can easily search for it and go straight there. The Combined Proceedings is more detailed and extensive (**Figs. 8 and 9**).

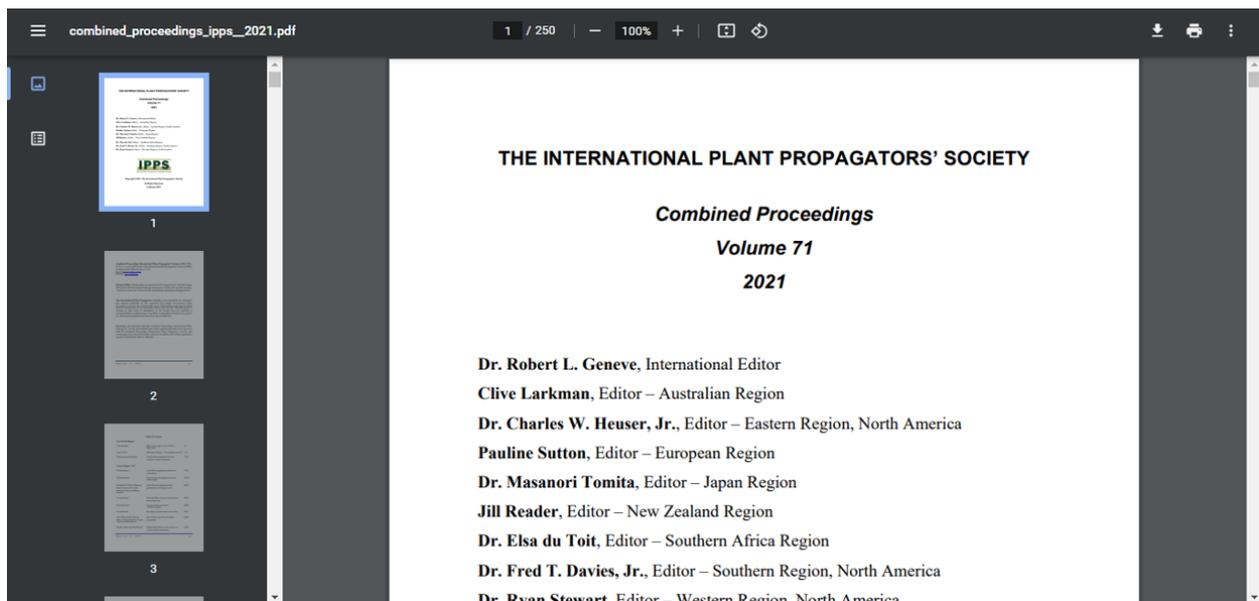


Figure 8. A quick reference to show what's in there.

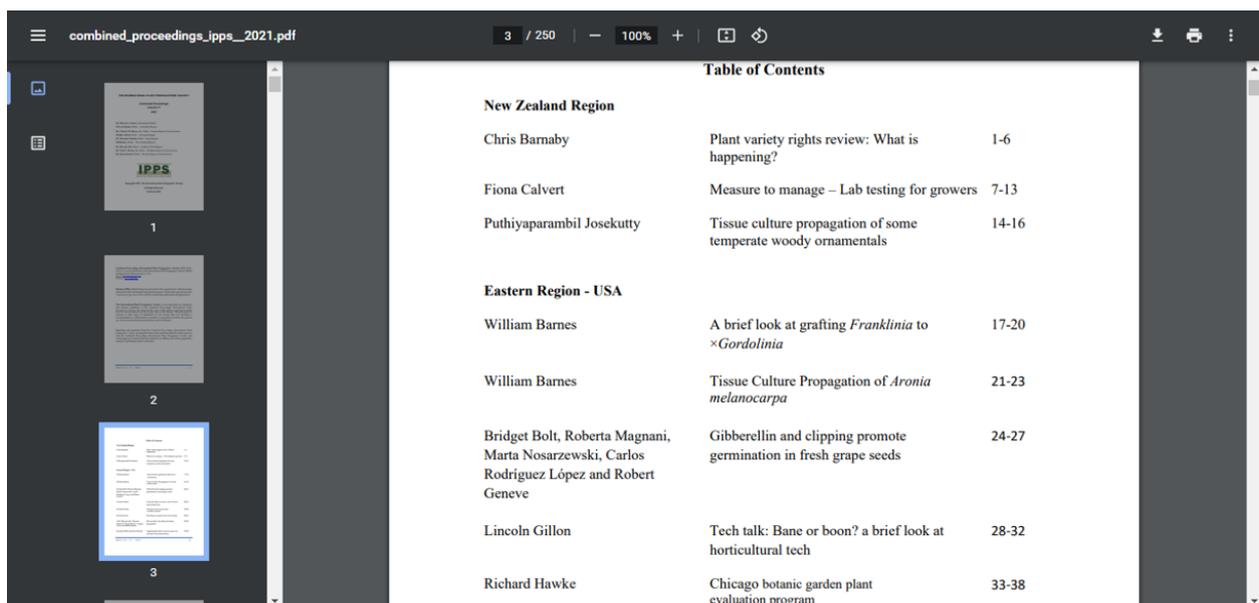


Figure 9. All papers for a given region are alphabetized starting with the 1st author.

Note that all the papers for a given region are alphabetized starting with the 1st author. Also, if you wish you can download a single paper or the whole of the volume. Note too that a printed version is available for a fee but interest in that is not strong and that aspect may not be available in the future. Contact the Regional or International administrative office for details about a

printed version. One caveat, it will contain all the information but will not look like the original black book version nor will a printed version have all of the accompanying videos and other media that the website contains.

All of the Regions are represented in a given year's Combined Proceedings

Volume. However, if a Region did not submit any papers, then there will not be any papers available for that region. In the instance that a particular region is not there, the only recommendation would be to contact that region and request a particular paper should you know of it.

One notable achievement beyond the scope of the “Black Book” is that the Proceedings now are in “Living Color”. This is a big step forward as now you can see clearly what a particular subject is and you can also interpret graphs with a clarity not found before in the printed version. As an example, you can readily see the graft union of *Franklina* to *Gordolinia* is clearly visible (**Fig. 10**).



Figure 10. The online version is now in color as shown.

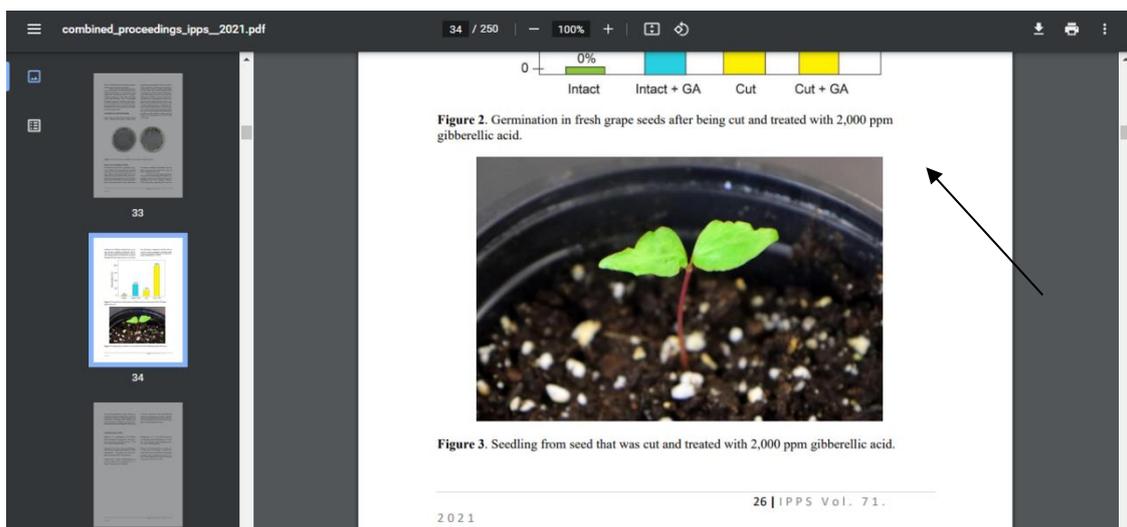


Figure 11. The various colors of the figure about the *Vitis* seedling stand out and make interpretation easy to accomplish.

Videos are scattered throughout the website and some show up in the Proceedings (Fig. 12). The North American Summit is one such example. It was a new venture to compensate for the total shutdown of IPPS meetings due to Covid 19. An informative

and thoughtful presentation of state-of-the-art plant propagation and production activities from a variety of locations, it is a masterpiece that shows just what can be accomplished via our website.

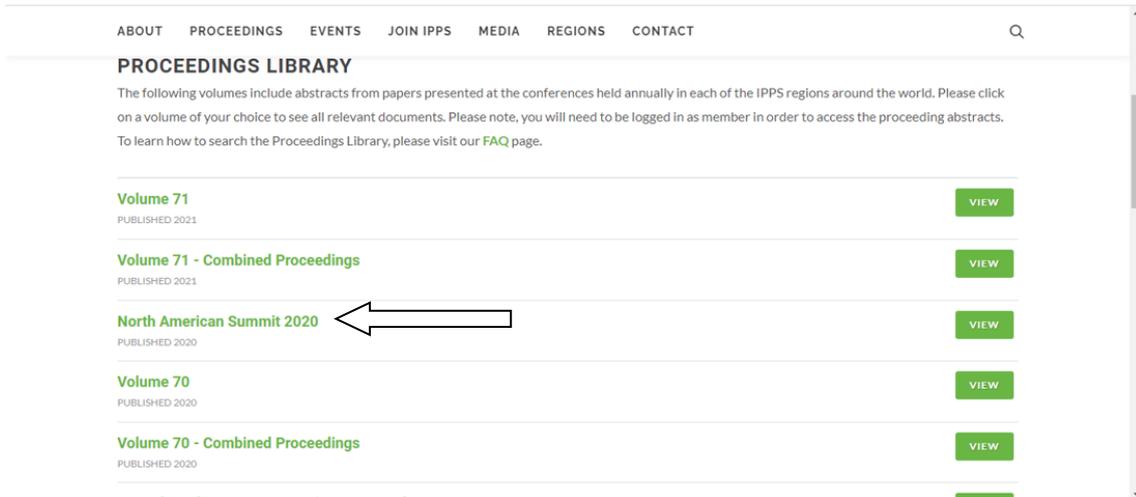


Figure 12. Videos are also found in the website and as part of a proceeding.

Power Points are increasingly becoming available to us and the IPPS website is no exception. Power Points are not commonly found in the Combined Proceedings but

there are some and elsewhere on the website such as the media section. **Figure 13** shows one such location within the Proceedings.

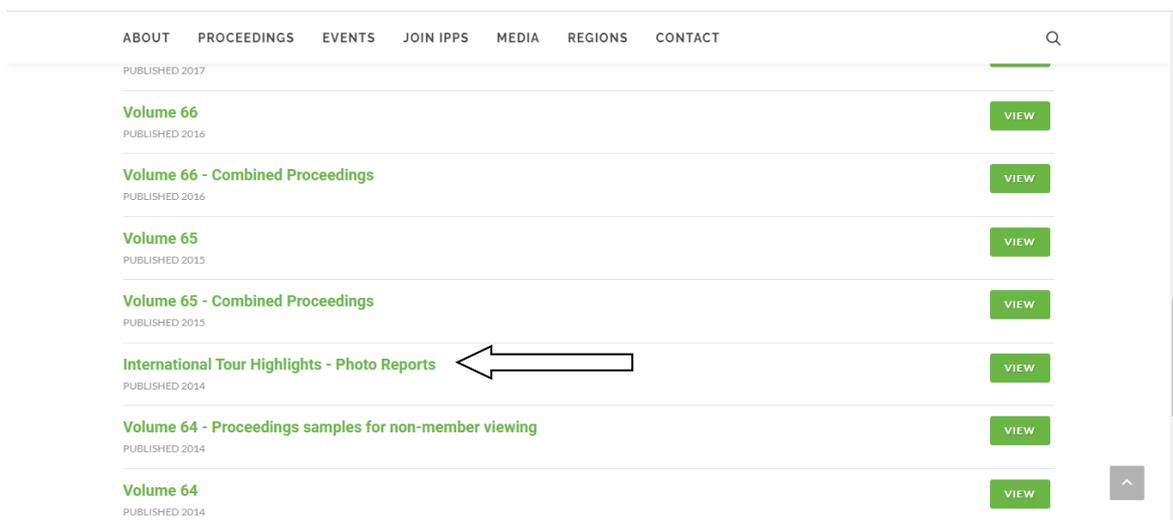


Figure 13. An example of a Power Point in the Combined Proceedings.

Some PowerPoint® presentations on the website are massive and take a considerable amount of time to download. Be patient! In

the example below, note there are 44 pages (Fig. 14). It's a really big file.

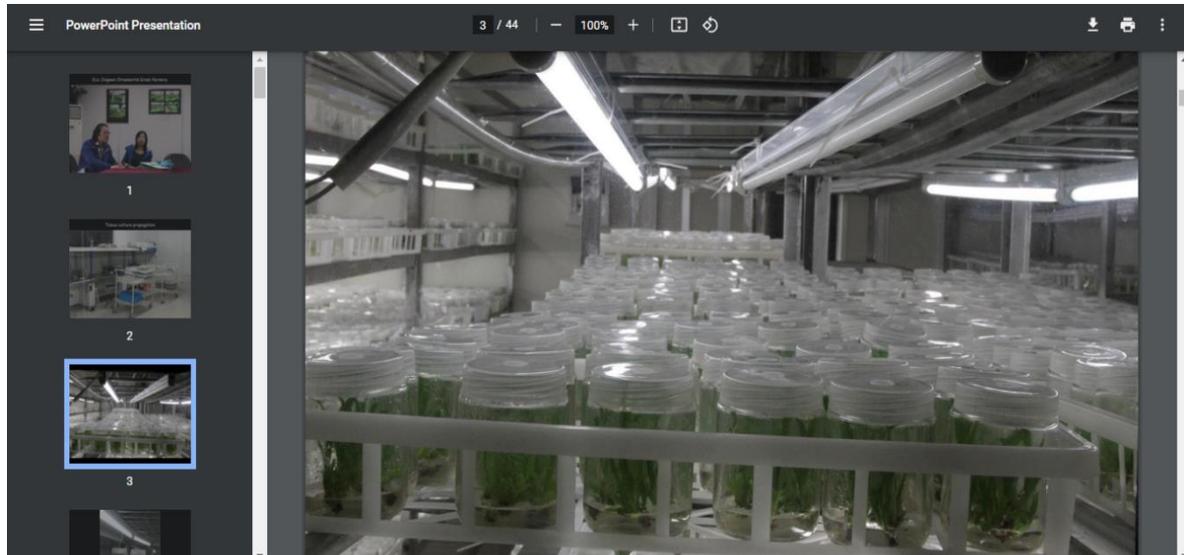


Figure 14. An example of a large PowerPoint® presentation.

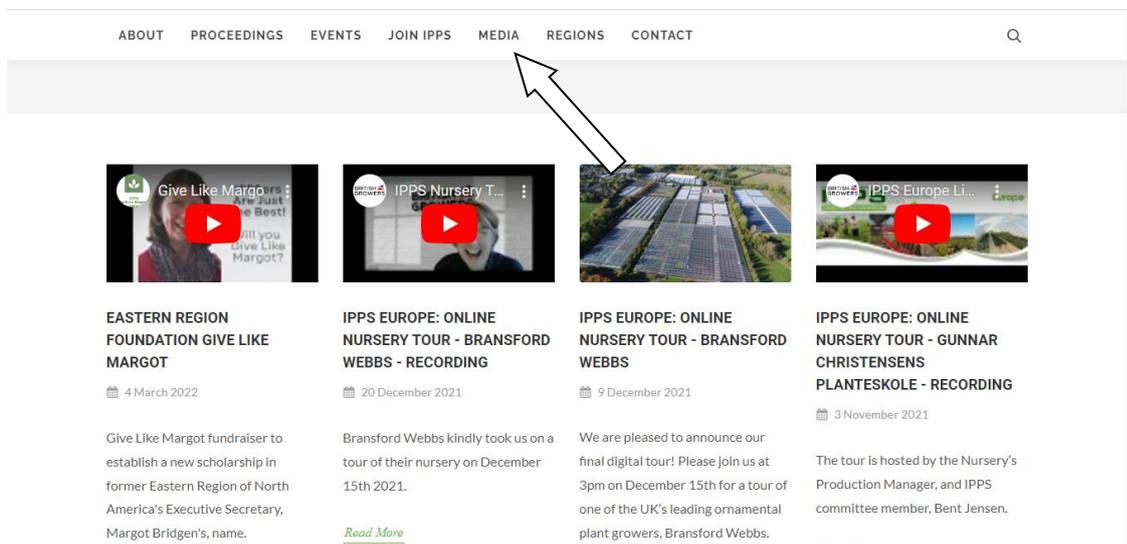


Figure 15. The media section is a good place A place to look for videos, PowerPoint® presentations, and pictures.

The media section has some separate headings such as News and Media and a photo section.

Figures 16 and 17 show how things look.

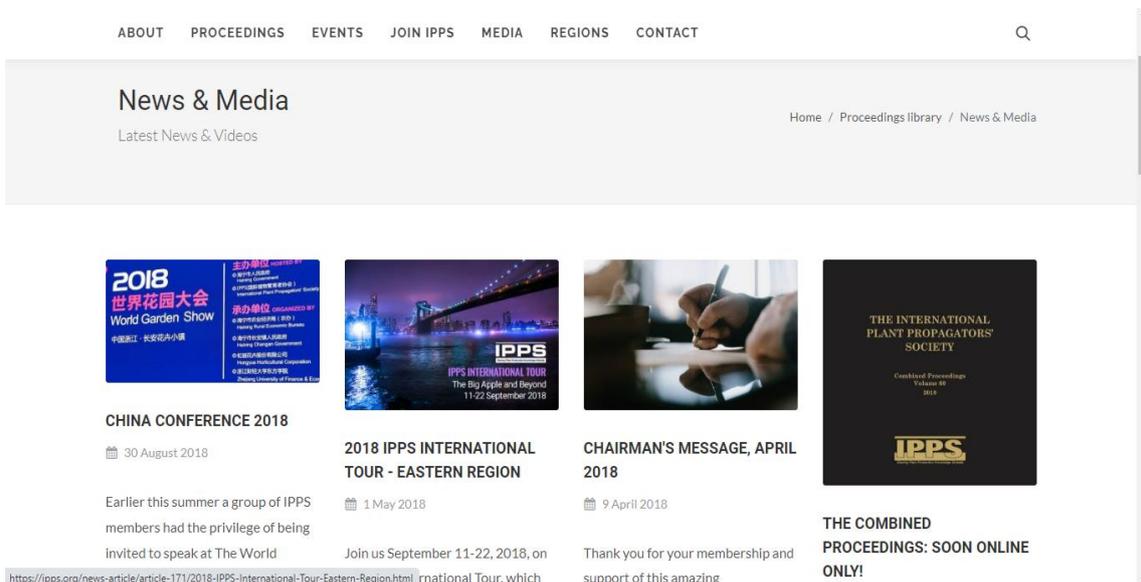


Figure 16. News and Media has a separate section for videos.

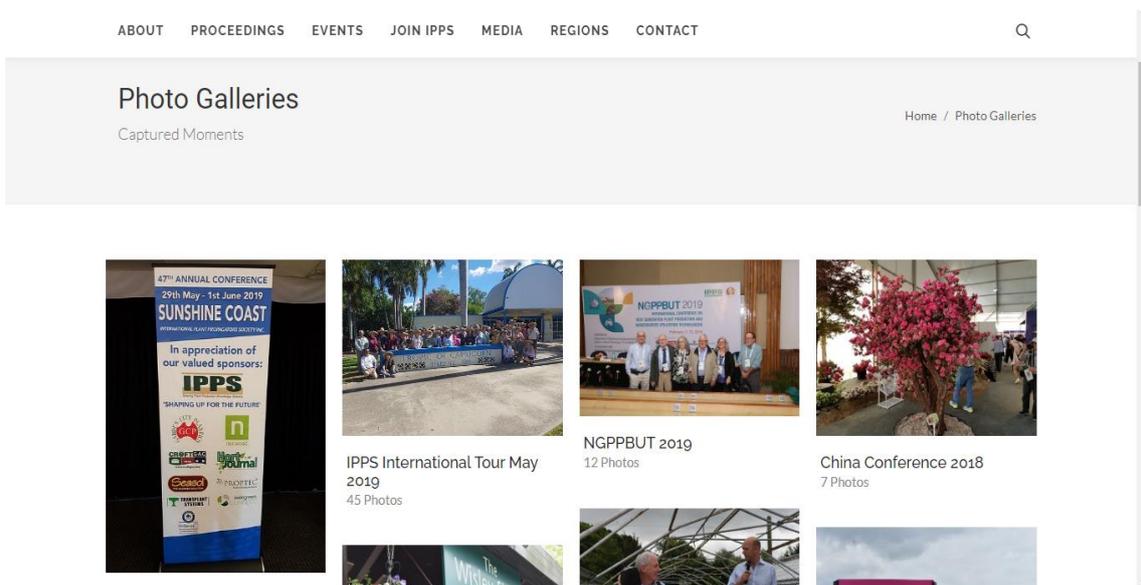


Figure 17. A picture section in the News and Media section.

We also host Facebook and YouTube links on the website (**Fig. 18**).

Here is where you can find them. Click on the small (f) or YouTube and this is what you get.

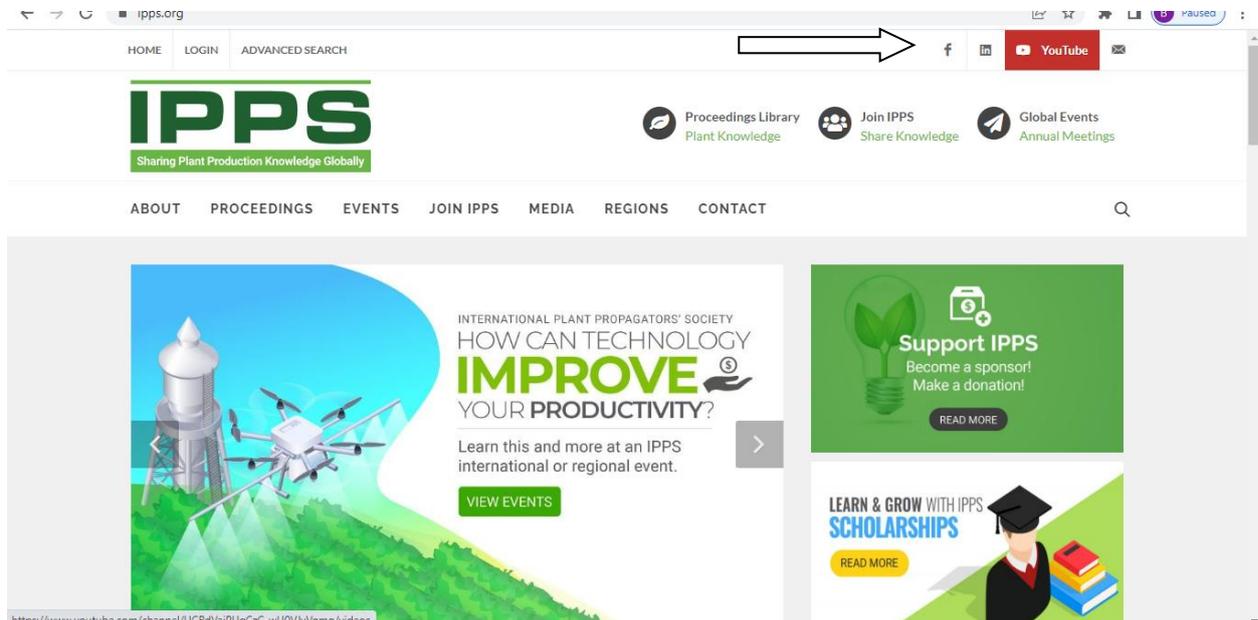


Figure 18. Facebook and YouTube icons.

The IPPS YouTube extravaganza literally explodes in your face, take your pick, get

out the headphones and the libation and whatever fascinates you (**Fig. 19**).

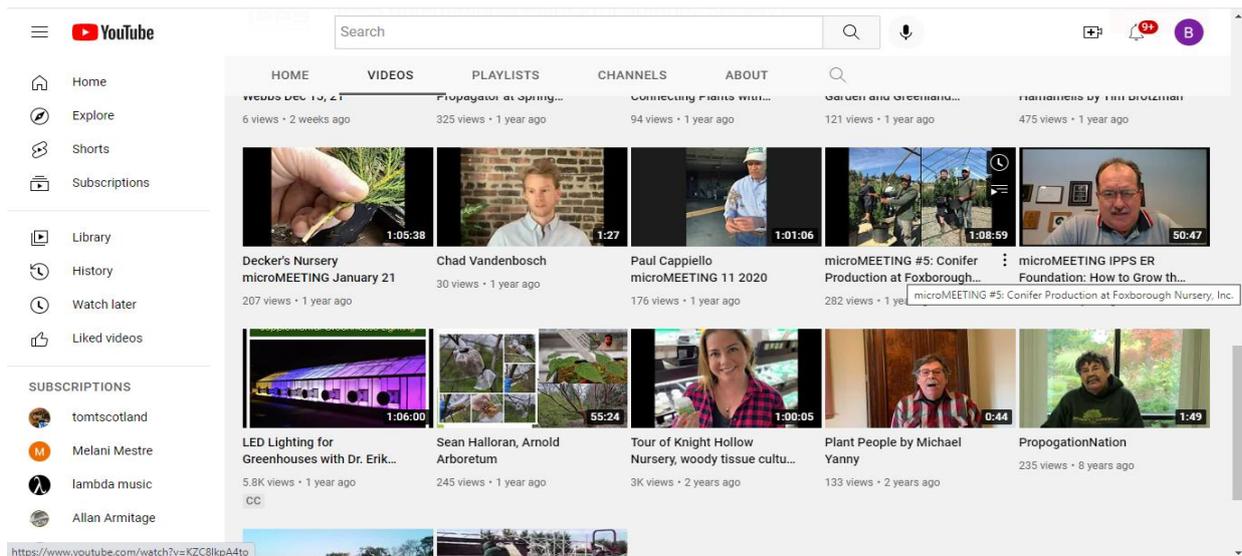


Figure 19. An array of videos many authored by IPPS members.

The IPPS website offers an abundance of details about a variety of subject. It's there, just dig around and you will find it. Can't find it? Call a regional administrator, they can help.

- Tours, both International and access to other regions
- New technologies, new people, new ideas
- A chance to see parts of the world with like-minded people
- Events, Western Meeting Jan 23, Australian Meeting May 23

- Southern Region International Tour, Oct 23, don't miss this
- Get on Board, pack your "kossies" and talk to people from around the world right in your own back yard
- There is more to the IPPS than just the Black Book

IPPS International covers a lot of ground, be a part of it - Eastern NA, Western NA, Southern NA, Australia, New Zealand, South African, Europe, Japan, India (tentatively), China (a ways off).