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# MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL

**December 5, 2023 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern USA Time**

## ATTENDANCE

	<b>Delegate</b>		<b>Alternate</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	Tony Van der Staay	✓	Bruce Higgs	✓
<b>Eastern Region NA</b>	David Sanford	✓	Keith Osborne	✓
<b>Europe</b>	Richard McKenna		Tim Lawrance-Owen <sup>1</sup>	✓
<b>Japan</b>	Peter Waugh		Hiroaki Ohashi	
<b>New Zealand</b>	Antony Toledo	✓	Lisa Burton	✓
<b>Southern Region NA</b>	Laura Miller	✓	Brie Arthur	✓
<b>Southern Africa</b>	Jason Myburgh	✓	Elsa du Toit	✓
<b>Western Region NA</b>	Jim McConnell	✓	Gayle Suttle	✓
<b>Staff</b>	Bob Geneve <sup>3</sup>	✓	Katie McDavid <sup>4</sup>	✓
<b>President; VP</b>	Tom Saunders	✓	Elsa du Toit	✓
<sup>1</sup> Chair	<sup>2</sup> Treasurer	<sup>3</sup> Intl Editor	<sup>4</sup> Intl Director	

### I. [Welcome and Call to Order](#)

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM by the Chairman.

### II. [Approval of Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2023 was presented and approved unanimously.

The Executive Office reviewed the actions items:

- i. Name Change Committee – will meet in early 2024
- ii. Google Analytics for Students on website – being created by the web developer using the monthly maintenance hours so no additional costs to the organization
- iii. Strategic Planning Committee – will meet in early 2024; regions NEED to send any strategic planning notes, surveys, etc. to the Executive Office as soon as possible to utilize during the International Strategic Planning
- iv. Chairman and Treasurer nominations to be discussed later

### III. [International Tour Report](#)

The Southern Africa delegate and alternate delegate presented information regarding the upcoming International Tour. There are 15 short tour, 25 conference, and 10 long tour paid registrants at this time. Only one Board member has registered at this point.

A motion was presented to approve \$6,400 USD International funds for emergency use (such as masks, covid tests, extra vehicles for covid-positive attendees, etc.) during the Southern Africa tour based on the covid situation that occurred during the 2023 Southern Region of NA tour. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

A discussion was had regarding whether there should be a formal protocol for Covid for International Tours; however, it was decided that sick people should simply avoid others and that covid isn't the only illness that could potentially spread during bus tours.

A motion was made for the International funds to pay up to \$500 USD for an International Sponsor item for the Southern Africa tour, similar to the notebook from the SRNA tour. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### IV. [Treasurer's Report](#)

There was a 17% increase in membership from 2022 to 2023. This helped the 2023 budget. Almost all flight reimbursements have been paid for Board Delegates for the 2023 International Tour.

A motion was presented to approve payments (totaling \$1,380.11) to individuals who had covid-related expenses from the 2023 Southern Region of NA tour. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The Executive Director will send the reimbursement checks shortly.

#### V. [Editor's Report](#)

There are currently 2 Southern Africa, 7 New Zealand, 6 Japan, and 10 Australia Region papers submitted for the Proceedings. There is concern that the Eastern Region may not be able to submit as many reports as in the past due to not filling their editor position with an individual. However, the Proceedings is currently on pace to be back to pre-Covid levels this year.

#### VI. [Executive Director's Report](#)

The Executive Director stated that there were no additional nominations for the Chairman position received, beyond Tom Saunders. A motion was made for Tom Saunders to become the new Chairman. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

With Tom Saunders moving into the Chairman position, a new treasurer will be needed. A comment was raised regarding whether a treasurer is still needed for the organization. Many of the IPPS

regions with paid management have a joint secretary/treasurer rather than two separate positions. Additionally, as an officer of the Board, International policies state that officers travel to the International Tour(s) would be comped. The Executive Director stated that at the moment, there is an outside CPA/Accountant that reconciles and double checks the finances, that the Executive Director is the only one who writes and sees the checks and bills, and that the finance committee has a good oversight on the finances and investment plans.

A discussion was held that stated that there may still be a need for a treasurer as an additional member of the Executive Committee for decisions and ideas; however, based on the Executive Director's comments, the position may be better titled as assistant chairman or other name. The Board will discuss options for names as well as the treasurer's position's duties. It was also raised that the International Editor should be considered for the Executive Committee as well.

A comment was made regarding the lack of updated documents within the organization, with the Executive Director stating that updating the documents regularly may become part of the strategic plan.

#### VII. [Regional Directors Reports](#)

All documents listed below in the Minutes.

#### VIII. [Other Comments](#)

Several members from the Japan Region visited New Zealand in the past few weeks to visit a colleague and have a small tour. It was a successful trip, although the Japan Region is still insistent upon dissolving the region at the end of 2024.

A discussion was raised regarding whether there is anything else that can be done to assist the Japan Region, whether their members can and will join another region (likely the New Zealand Region), whether New Zealand could extend their region to include Japan, and whether there is potential in the IPPS guidelines for the region to be suspended for a period of time, rather than fully dissolve (if the region believes there could be further interest in the future).

Tim Lawrance-Owen stated his appreciation as Chairman as this was his last meeting. Several comments were made regarding his wonderful leadership through a very difficult several years.

#### IX. Adjournment and Future Meetings

A request was made for the meetings to be moved earlier in the day, specifically for South Africa delegates. Upcoming meetings are as follows (in Eastern US Time):

February/March – during International Tour in South Africa

June 11, 2024 at 3:30 PM

September 10, 2024 at 3:30 PM

December 10, 2024 at 3:30 PM

## Regional Reports for Board Meeting

### Australia Regional Report

#### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 20/11/2023</b>		<b>Region: AUSTRALIA</b>
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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Treasurer	James Burnett	Jab342000@gmail.com
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Editor – The Propagator	Dan Austin	Daniel.austin@outlook.com
Alternate Int Director	Bruce Higgs	Bruce.higgs@bigpond.com
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	144	110
Student	3	2
First time	13	
Retired		
Honorary	5	6
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member		
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>

31.03.2023	Celebrating 50 years South Australia TAFE	Very well attended
15.02.2023	Westlands Nurseries TAS	130 people
4.11.2022	Natural Area Holdings, WA	Very well attended
<b>Comments:</b> <b>Field Day TAS -</b> A very successful Area Meeting was organised by the VanderStaay family and held at Westland Nurseries in Tasmania. There were approximately 130 people who attended (50 TAFE College Students). <b>Field Day WA -</b> Field Day WA - A very successful Area Meeting was organised by David Hancock and held at Natural Area Holdings new site in WA. <b>Field Day TAFESA -</b> A very successful Area Meeting was held at TAFESA and organized by Dan Austin.		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Clive Larkman	
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	
Venue	Novotel Geelong, VIC	
Attendance	Total	129
	Members	64
	Non-members	32
	Speakers, Sponsors	22
	Six Pack, Students, South Africa Exchangee	11
Number of papers	16	
No. of proceeding papers	14	Possibility of another 2 before end of December
Tours	Pre-tour	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> May – 27 Attendees
	Conference tour	Thurs x 104 Sat x 75
	Post-tour	N/A
<b>Comments:</b> <b>PC Tour -</b> Was an exciting and interesting Itinerary with visits to Rivers of Yarrambat, Alowyn Gardens, Larkman Nurseries, Kuranga Nursery, Atura Dandenong, Norwood Industries, Garden City Plastics, Ball Aust, Diggers Nursery, Van Loons. A fabulous time was had by all.  <b>Conference -</b> Interesting mix of speakers has been organised as well as a BBQ dinner at the Geelong Botanic Gardens. Saturday tour to Gordon TAFE, Vasillis Gardens and Roirama Nursery. All attendees enjoyed their experience and time at this years Geelong conference.		
Next Conference	Main Organizer	Ray Parker
	Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Venue	Ballina RSL
	Pre-tour	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
	Conference tour	Field Day Visits: Pearces, Alstonville Plants, Bamboo World, Go Grow ?, Mountain Blue Blueberry Farm?
	Post-tour	No Post tour
<b>Comments:</b> <b>Pre Conference tour</b> will pick up delegates from Gold Coast Airport and travel up to Mt. Tamborine and then back down to Redlands Coast Area and finish up at Ballina.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	'The Propagator' published quarterly	
Website	www.ipps.org	
Facebook	IPPS – Young Propagators	
LinkedIn	YES	

Twitter	YES
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Australian Award of Honour – Ray Doherty Edward & Mary Bunker Award – Jane Edmanson 'Steve Vallance Pewter Tankard Award'- Tony Vander Staay Rod Tallis Awardee – Elliott Akintola	
<b>Honorary Life Membership 2023</b>	Peter Waugh n Peter Ollerenshaw
<b>VALE</b>	Lois Smith June 2023 Robert Percy June 2023 Edward Bunker Oct 2023
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
South Africa Exchangee	Stephanie Hastie - TAFESA
South Africa Exchangee	Sizwe Ndabeni, Belville South Africa
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>General Comments:</b>	

## Eastern Region Regional Report

IPPS International - Regional Report

<b>Date: December 1, 2023</b>	<b>Region: Eastern Region, North America</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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President	Matt Palmieri	matt@chesapeakenurseries.com
Secretary	Savanah Tanner	ippseasternregion@gmail.com
Treasurer	Savanah Tanner	ippseasternregion@gmail.com
Editor	None	
Alternate Int Director	Keith Osborne	KOsborne@walkerind.com
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	313	284

Student	461	605
First time	40	NA
Retired	NA	NA
Honorary	1	NA
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	NA	NA
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b>Comments:</b> The Eastern Region will begin using the recurring payment system for the 2024 Membership year. Student list is being audited for end of year 2023.		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
TBA	microMeetings will return in 2024, date TBA	Expected: 20-25
<b>Comments:</b> New committees have been formed since the Annual Conference in September, Area Meetings and microMeetings to resume in 2024.		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Keith Osborne and Matt Palmieri	
Date	September 24-29, 2023	
Venue	Sheraton Hamilton Hotel	
Attendance	Total	143
	Members	113
	Non-members	24
	Speakers, members	4
	Speakers, non-members	7
Number of papers		3
No. of proceeding papers		0

Tours	Pre-tour	Attendees enjoyed two options for in person visits to:  Hillen Nurseries, Canadale Nurseries, Pieper Nurseries, Norview Gardens, Winkelmolen Nursery, Royal Botanic Garden, Aldershot Gardens
	Conference tour	<b>Wednesday afternoon:</b> NVK Nursery, Verbinnen Nursery, Connon Nurseries  <b>Thursday afternoon:</b> Linwell Gardens, J.C. Bakker, Vineland Research and I.C., Linwell Gardens, Westbrook Greenhouses
	Post-tour	None



**Comments:** Keith Osborne was the local site committee chair for the 2023 Tour and organization of conference logistics. Matt Palmieri was the Programming Chair.

Next conference	Date	Sept. 22-27, 2024
	Venue	Marriott OSU: 3100 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43202
	Pre-tour	Two in-person pre-tours planned: Botany Tour: Destinations TBA  Grower Tour: Destinations TBA
	Conference tour	Wednesday afternoon: Destinations TBA  Thursday afternoon: Destinations TBA
	Post-tour	None

**Comments:**

Brian Decker is the local site committee chair for the 2024 program. Shelby French is the Programming Chair. Full details will be posted on the IPPS ER website. Registration will open April 2024.

**COMMUNICATION**

Item	Comments
Newsletters	Monthly electronic newsletter
Website	Sec/Treas post news articles, events, job postings, etc.
Facebook	Sec/Treas posts to Facebook
LinkedIn	Sec/Treas manages
Twitter	Sec/Treas manages

**Comments:**

**AWARDS**

Item	Comments
2023 Award of Merit	David Sanford

2023 Fellow Award	None
2024 Award of Merit	Will be announced September 2024
2024 Fellow Award	Will be announced September 2024
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Student Conference Scholarships	The Membership Committee awarded 7 students with scholarships to attend the conference, 4 students attended the entire conference and 3 were partial attendees
IPPS Eastern Region Foundation	The IPPS ER Foundation awarded \$2,000 for the Research Grant to Jack Schaefer from University of Cincinnati. He presented his presentation at the Annual Conference on Friday.
Poster Program	The Poster Program had four student participants and one member participant. 4 students were awarded cash prizes for their participation.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b>	

## Europe Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 22.11.23</b>	<b>Region: European</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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President	Fokko zur Mülen	Fokko@renke-zur-muehlen.de
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Treasurer	Tim Lawrance-Owen	timlowenschi@gmail.com
Editor		
Alternate Int Director		
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	48	47
Student	13	11
First time		
Retired	10	7
Honorary	1	1

<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	6	13
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	6	13
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	4	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	1	1
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Field trip/Area meeting	Tour of Crocus.co.uk nursery and operations, including despatch	7
<b>Comments:</b> This was the first meeting after CoVid to the leading online supplier of plants in the UK. As such the attendance was small, but all engaged well, asking and sharing.		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Bent Jensen	
Date	11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Venue	Comwell Koge, Denmark	
Attendance	Total	75
	Members	49
	Non-members	26
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
Next conference	Date	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
	Venue	RHS Wisley
	Pre-tour	Yes
	Conference tour	Yes
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	Occasional	
Website		
Facebook	Busy	
LinkedIn	Busy	
Twitter	Busy	

<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Rose Bowl Award	Vicky Endersby
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Exchange award	Tom MacDonald awarded 2022 joined the International tour of Southern Region
	2023 awarded to Donné Perold
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b>	

## Japan Regional Report

### **IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 29 Nov. 2023</b>	<b>Region: JAPAN</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
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Treasurer	Akemi Mizutani	a.mizutani@verde-agribio.co.jp
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Alternate Int Director	Hiroaki Ohashi	ohashi@agr.ehime-u.ac.jp
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	34	37
Student		
First time		
Retired		
Honorary		
<b><i>Multiple membership</i></b>		
Primary member		
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>

<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Masahiro Hayami	
Date	14-15 Oct. 2023	
Venue	Shiga Prefectural Gender Equality Center	
Attendance	Total	
	Members	12
	Non-members	7
	Speakers, members	2
	Speakers, non-members	5
Number of papers		6
No. of proceeding papers		6
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	15 Oct. 2023
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
Although it was small, it was a very fulfilling conference and tour.		
Next conference	Date	8-9 Nov. 2024
	Venue	Minami Kyusyu Univ.
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	9 Nov. 2024
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
It will be the final conference of Japan region.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	No.70	
Website	<a href="http://www.ippsjapan.org">www.ippsjapan.org</a>	
Facebook		
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>General Comments:</b>		

**IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: 27/11/23</b>	<b>Region: New Zealand</b>	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
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Alternate Int Director	Lisa Burton	<a href="mailto:lisab@op.ac.nz">lisab@op.ac.nz</a>
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	188	190
Student	25	25
First time		
Retired	11	12
Honorary	4	4
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member		
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
December 2022	Wanganui	17
February 2023	Molesworth	18
November 2023	Dunedin	20
<b>Comments:</b>		
First time a field trip/event was held in Wanganui		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Antony Toledo	
Date	April 20 to April 23 2023	
Venue	Parnell Hotel & Conference Centre	
Attendance	Total	100
	Members	80
	Non-members	20
	Speakers, members	10
	Speakers, non-members	3
Number of papers		13
No. of proceeding papers		7

Tours	Conference tour day one	South Auckland Nurseries
	Conference tour day two	West Auckland Nurseries
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
Next conference	Date	April 4 to April 7 2024
	Venue	Grosvenor Hotel, Timaru
	Pre-tour	April 2 to April 4
	Conference tour	Nursery visits & practical sessions
	Post-tour	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
Pre tour includes visiting Tekapo & Mt cook		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	Approximately 50% open rate	
Website	Member feedback is better	
Facebook	Likes, 437	
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Award of Merit	Awarded to Jack Hobbs at the 2023 conference	
John Follet Award of Recognition	Awarded to Terry hatch at the 2023 conference	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
4 Pack program	Awarded to, Clayton Hart, Jake Linklater, Allie McKay & Russell Elliot-ONeil	
Western Exchange	Awarded to, Kat Knight (2024 conference Western Region)	
Field trip scholarship	Awarded to, Kat Lord, Dunedin field trip	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b><u>General Comments: We have had a successful year with reasonable to good attendances to field trips and conference, more practical sessions have been asked for by members which we will deliver on in following meetings.</u></b>		

## Southern Region of North America Regional Report

### IPPS International - Regional Report

<b>Date: 11/20/2023</b>	<b>Region: Southern Region, NA</b>

<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
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Alternate Int Director	Brie Arthur	<a href="mailto:brie@BrieGrows.com">brie@BrieGrows.com</a>
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	245	244
Student	65	67
First time	36	17
Retired	n/a	n/a
Honorary	7 not included in total	7 not included in total
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> additional		
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>



<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Dr. Cheryl Boyer, Dr. Liz Riley, Dana Massey	
Date	October 28 - November 1, 2023	
Venue	DoubleTree Hotel, Durham, North Carolina	
Attendance	Total	273
	Members	116
	Non-members	157
	Speakers, members	6
	Speakers, non-members	11
Number of papers		19
No. of proceeding papers		19
Tours	Pre-tour	we consider the first tour as part of the conference
	Conference tour	yes
	Post-tour	n/a
<b>Comments:</b>		
Next conference	Date	October 26-30, 2024
	Venue	Hyatt Regency Tulsa
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tours	October 27 & 29
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	Monthly e-news	

Website	yes
Facebook	yes
LinkedIn	no
Twitter	no
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fellows	John Hoffman
Sydney B. Meadows	Dennis Niemeyer
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Early Career IPPS-SR Professional Exchange Program	Teagan Young
Margie Jenkins SR-IPPS Industry Scholarship Award	Emily Ellis
Vivian Munday SR-IPPS Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program	Jerry Yu, Grace Carapezza, Katelyn Reffler, Kaitlyn Swaintek
Charlie Parkerson SR-IPPS Student Research Awards Program	Amanda Mizell, Joanna Jaramillo Zachary Joel Hutzell, Melanie Hill
Coach Vince Dooley SR-IPPS Student Scholarship	Kayla Morrison
<b>Comments:</b>	

**General Comments:**

## Southern African Regional Report

**IPPS International - Regional Report**

<b>Date: Dec 2023</b>		<b>Region: Southern Africa</b>	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>			
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	
Basic individual	60	35	
Student	3	1	
First time			
Retired			
Honorary			
<b>Multiple membership</b>			
Primary member	20	20	
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	20	20	
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	11	10	
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	4	4	
4 <sup>th</sup> additional			
<b>Comments:</b>			
<b>EVENTS</b>			
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	
24/07/2023	Winter Workshop-Cape Town	57	
<b>Comments:</b> SANBI Kirstenbosch hosted our Winter Workshop and shared their researched studies at the Botanical Gardens.			
<b>Annual Conferences</b>			
Main organizer	Gaye Thorpe, Dr.Miranda Deutschlander		
Date	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 3rd March 2023		
Venue	To Strand Resort Kwazulu-Natal		

Attendance	Total	43
	Members	25
	Non-members	12
	Speakers, members	2
	Speakers, non-members	6
Number of papers	6	
No. of proceeding papers	2	
Tours	Pre-tour	41
	Conference tour	43
	Post-tour	29
<b>Comments:</b>		
Next conference	Date	23 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 to 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
	Venue	Cape Town, Stellenbosch Devonvalley Hotel
	Pre-tour	Cape Town,Hopefield,Tulbagh
	Conference tour	Stellenbosch, Devonvalley
	Post-tour	Hermanus , Oudshoorn and Surrounds
<b>Comments:</b> All the planning for Conference arrangements is on schedule. Bookings are currently open, deadline is 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. Otherwise 15% increase of the costs will apply.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	<div>3 Newsletters to members. Monthly distribution of FloraCulture International magazine &amp; newsletters.</div>	
Website	SA information on new website is up to date. Information for International Tour and Annual Conference is on the site. Bookings can be made online.	
Facebook	<div>Regularly forward posts from other regions to IPPS SA page. 653 page followers.</div>	
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Australian Exchange Program	3 Selections had been made. Presentations of the Exchange students will be held during the 2024 Conference at Devonvalley in Stellenbosch Cape Town.	
	Sizwe Ndabeni our exchange student that had the opportunity to Visit Australia will be providing feedback at the Local conference next year.	

<b>Comments:</b>
<b>General Comments:</b> The Organize committee are actively planning and are excited to host the International conference in SA in 2024. Information for conference are on all IPPS regions Websites. Delegates can book online or register with the offline booking form.  <b>INTERNATIONAL TOUR &amp; CONFERENCE (7 days): 23 Feb - 1 Mar</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL POST CONFERENCE TOUR (6 days): 2 - 8 Mar</b> (including arrival & departure days)

## Western Region of North America Regional Report

### IPPS International - Regional Report

Date: 11/20/2023    Region: Western Region of North America		
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2023)	Previous Year (2022)
Basic individual	127	100
Student	31	23
First time		
Retired	5	3
Honorary		
Multiple membership		
Primary member	23	18
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	27	18
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
Total	213	162
Comments: based on Paid Members		
EVENTS		
Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings		
Date	Event Name	Attendance
10/19/2023	Utah Area Meeting	35
Comments: We had a guest speaker (Scott Skogerboe of Ft Collins Wholesale Nursery), toured two nurseries (Perennial Favorites and Pineae Nursery), and had a lunch and mingling. The event was free to participants thanks to support from the		

Utah Nursery and Landscape Association, the USU Botanical Center, and the USU Center for Water Efficient Landscaping. Organized by Larry Rupp, Utah Area Director.

### **Annual Conferences –January 2023**

Main organizer	Tony Shireman	
Date	January 24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon	
Attendance	Total	131
	Members	82
	Non-members	49
	Speakers, members	7
	Speakers, non-members	4
Number of papers		TBA
No. of proceeding papers		TBA
Tours	Pre-tour	Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Chemeketa Community College Alpha Nursery Peoria Gardens Smith Hort Farm
	Conference tour	January 26-27, 2023 North American Plants Robinson Nursery Monrovia Nursery Smith Gardens North Willamette Research Extension Center (NWREC) Little Prince Nursery
	Post-tour	N/A

### **Comments:**

Next conference	Date	Jan 23-26, 2024
	Venue	Pechanga Resort, Temecula, CA
	Pre-tour	Tuesday, January 23, 2024
	Conference tour	Thursday, January 25, 2024
	Post-tour	N/A

**Comments:** Committee Chair: Glenn Enomoto, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

### **COMMUNICATION**

Item	Comments
Newsletters	Bi-monthly
Website	<a href="https://wna.ipps.org/">https://wna.ipps.org/</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ippswr">https://www.facebook.com/ippswr</a>
LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/">https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3260989/</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/Ippswr">https://twitter.com/Ippswr</a>
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/">https://www.instagram.com/ipps_westernregion/</a>

### **Comments:**

Managed by Secretary-Treasurer, Alex Simmons.

### **AWARDS**

Item	Comments
2023 President's Citation	Awarded to Gail Gredler by President Douglas Justice at the 2023 Banquet

### **Comments:**

<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship (BBMS)	Five out of six students that were awarded BBMS scholarships accepted their 2023 prizes. One student was unable to attend the conference, citing a family emergency. Three recipients are from Oregon, one from New Mexico, and one from British Columbia.
<b>Comments:</b> The BBMS is being administered by grants chair Laurie Rogers-Roach.	
<b>General Comments:</b>	