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## **MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL** **Tuesday, December 6, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern USA Time**

### ATTENDANCE

	<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Exp</b>		<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Exp</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	John Messina	‘22	√	Tony Van der Staay		√
<b>ERNA</b>	David Sanford/Steve Castorani	‘23	√√	Keith Osborne	‘24	√
<b>Europe</b>	Tim Lawrance-Owen <sup>1</sup>		√	Richard McKenna		
<b>Japan</b>	Peter Waugh		A*	Hiroaki Ohashi		√
<b>New Zealand</b>	Richard Beaumont		√	Antony Toledo		√
<b>SRNA</b>	Laura Miller	‘23	√	Brie Arthur	‘25	√
<b>Southern Africa</b>	Elsa du Toit		√	Jason Myburgh		
<b>WRNA</b>	Jim McConnel/ Dharam Sharma	‘23	√√	Gayle Suttle	‘25	√
<b>Staff</b>	Bob Geneve <sup>3</sup>	NA	√	Katie McDavid <sup>4</sup>	NA	√
<b>President; VP</b>	Tom Saunders <sup>2</sup>	NA	√	Elsa du Toit	NA	√

<sup>1</sup>Chair

<sup>2</sup>Treasurer

<sup>3</sup>Intl Editor

<sup>4</sup>Intl Director

A\* Absence received

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order** Tim Lawrance-Owen  
Meeting was called to order at 4:18 PM by Tim Lawrance-Owen. Absences were received from Peter Waugh. All attendees did a short introduction of themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** Tim Lawrance-Owen  
a. Motion to approve minutes from September 13, 2022 was made by Brie Arthur and seconded by Steve Castorani.  
b. Review of Action Items:  
i. SurveyMonkey for Open-Access options for the Proceedings (discussion later)
- III. **International Office Report** Katie McDavid  
Katie noted there were no major notes from the International Office at this time. She will be working with Tom to finalize a budget to send to the Board in the next few weeks.

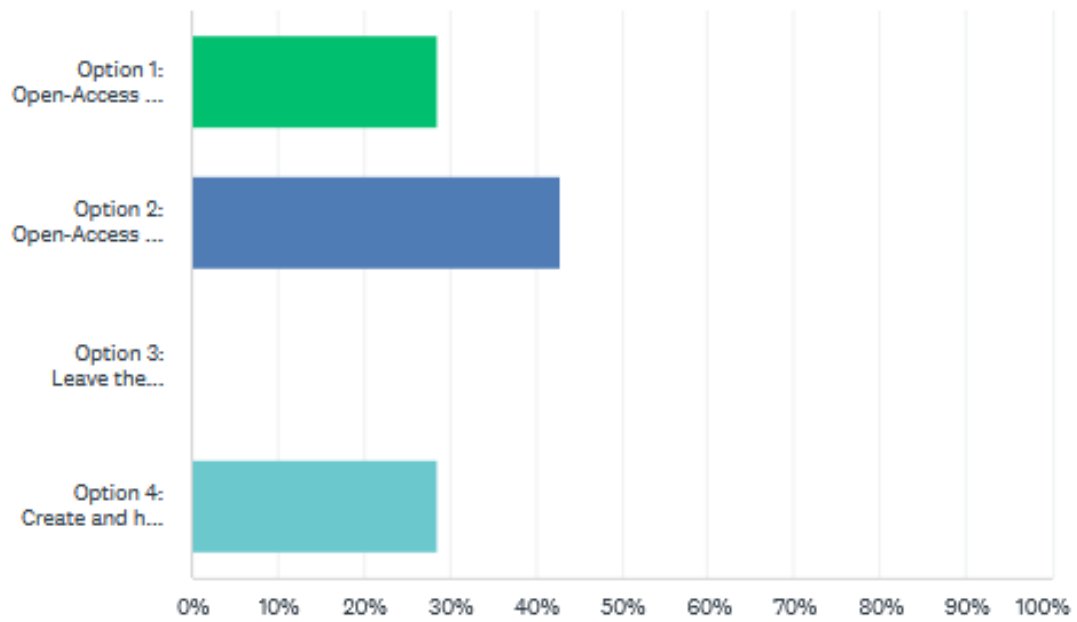
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*Action Item: Katie and Tom to finalize a budget for 2023*

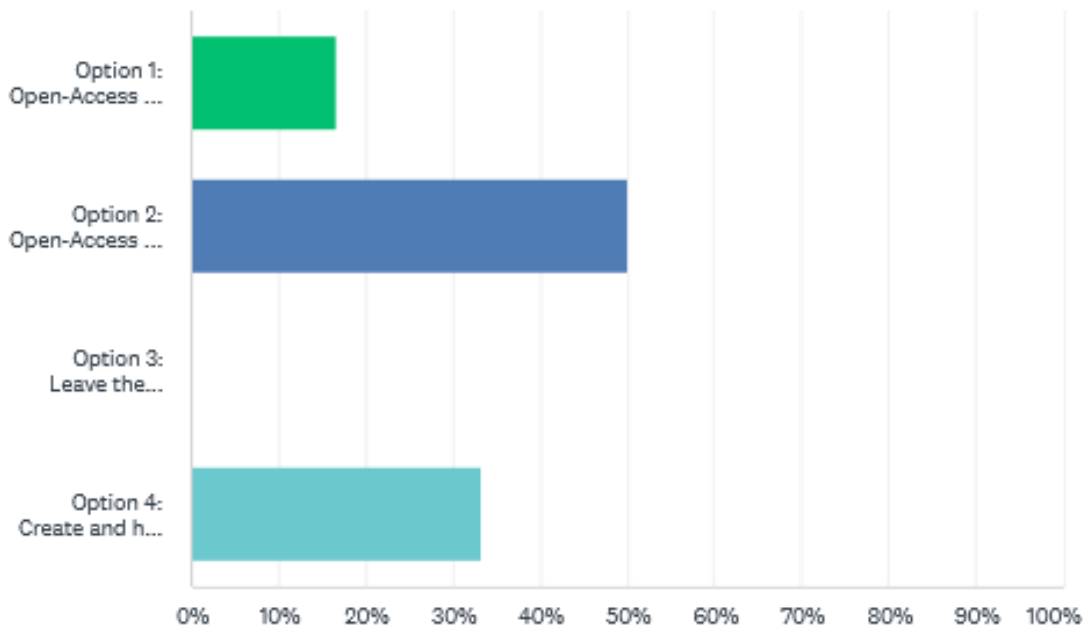
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- IV. **Editor's Report** Bob Geneve  
a. Report of Activities for 2022  
i. Bob reported that we are doing well for the next Proceedings and have papers from South Africa and Japan. North American papers are often received in December. Any additional regions that had a meeting and can send manuscripts, please do so as soon as possible.  
ii. The number of Proceedings papers were very reduced during the past few Covid years and we want to get back to full participation from all regions for the Proceedings.  
iii. All papers get edited in January/February and get published on the website around March.
- b. Discussion of Pros/Cons of Open Access – online vote results  
i. Katie reviewed the results of the online survey for each region for changing the Proceedings access.  
1. Options for the survey were:  
a. Option 1: Open-Access for ALL Proceedings to non-members  
b. Option 2: Open-Access for SOME Proceedings to non-members with a specified number of volumes closed to only members  
c. Option 3: Leave the Proceedings as is with no changes (all Proceedings only available to members)  
d. Option 4: Create abstracts for those papers that do not contain one and have open-access to non-members for abstracts with the papers closed to members

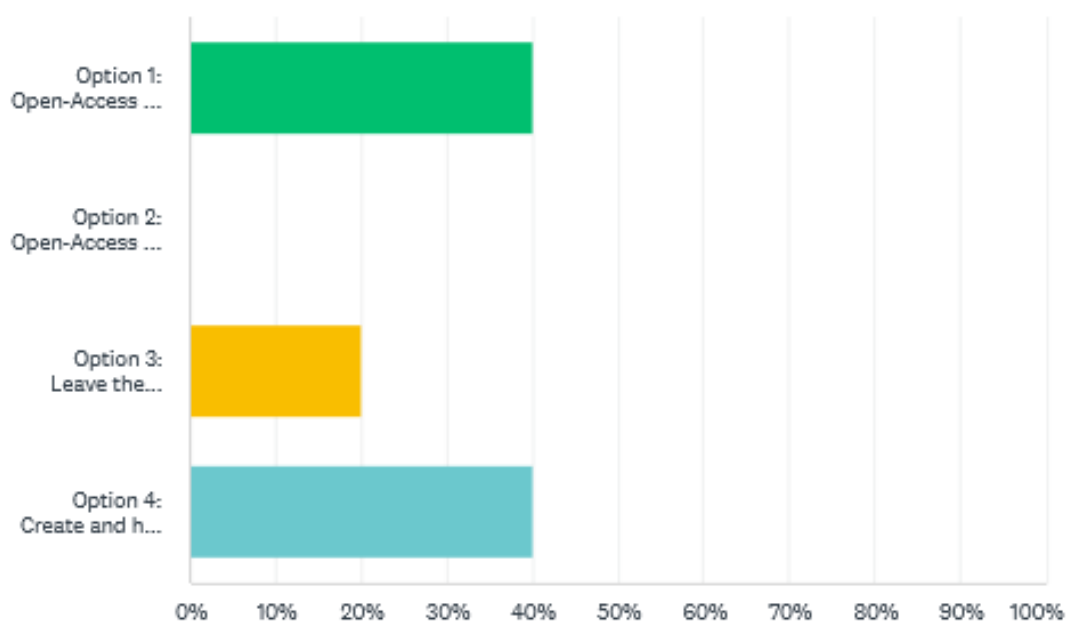
### First Choice Responses:



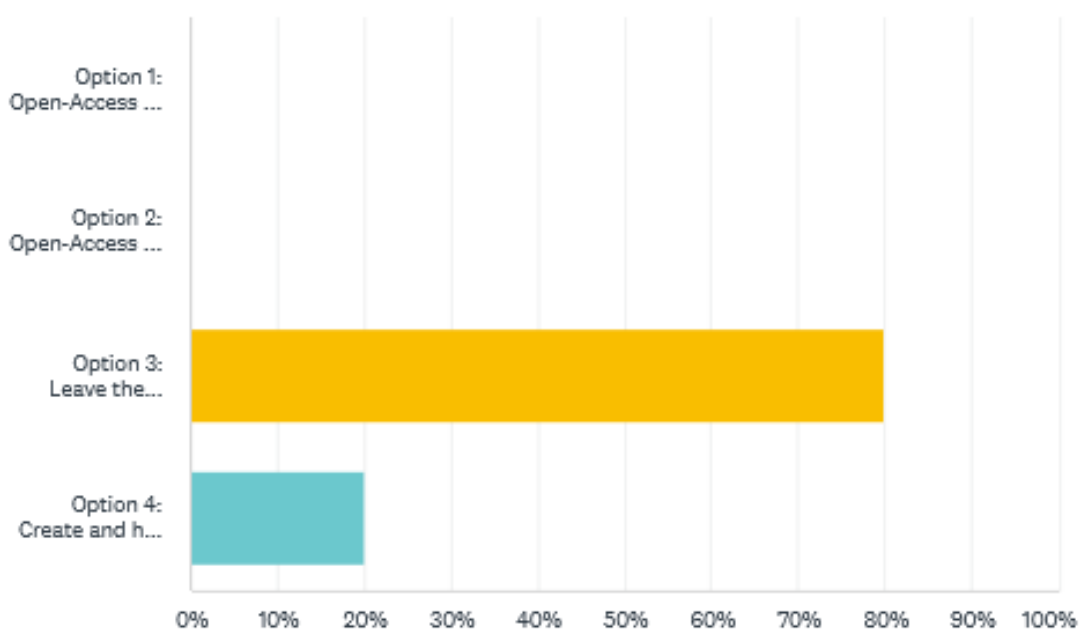
### Second Choice Responses:



### Third Choice Responses:



### Fourth/Final Choice Response:



Region	Option 1 - open for ALL	Option 2 - open for OLD	Option 3 - no changes	Option 4 - Abstracts
Southern Region NA	1	2 (1 year)	4	3
Japan	1	2 (3 years)	3	4
Eastern Region NA	2	1 (2 years)	4	3
Western Region NA	3	1 (2 years)	4	2
Europe	3	2 (3 years)	4	1
New Zealand	3	1 (2 years)	4	2
Australia				
Southern Africa	no response	no response	no response	1

- ii. Richard Beaumont pointed out if we go with Option 2, we can always change it to Option 1; we can't as easily go from Option 1 (full open-access) to Option 2 (some closed access).
- iii. Steve Castorani stated Eastern met earlier during the day and voted for Option 2. Eastern Region also decided that most members don't join for the Proceedings but for networking, reduced costs for conferences, etc. The open-access gives a good marketing tool as well.
- iv. Dharam stated Western Region also wanted Option 2. He also recommended we request abstracts for the immediate year that would be available for non-members immediately.
- v. Laura Miller stated that although not Southern Region's first choice, they would accept option 2.
- vi. John Messina stated option 4 was Australia's primary option but they understand it is difficult to select this option without having all abstracts already created; the second option was mostly for Option 2. Tony stated option 2 would be fine.
- vii. Elsa du Toit mentioned they wanted Option 4 (abstracts) but really just want information available to encourage people into IPPS and it's a trial-and-error situation and if membership keeps declining maybe we should revisit.
- viii. Richard Beaumont pointed out there is software to generate abstracts.
- ix. Bob Geneve stated open-access allows more authors to consider contributing which could improve our Proceedings by having further publication options.
- x. Motion proposed for Option 2 with closed access for one volume (the most recent) by Steve Castorani and seconded by Brie Arthur.
  1. Jim and Dharam mentioned Western originally asked for two years but that with one volume closed and one being worked on, it's essentially two years.
  2. Vote was taken and unanimous for 1 volume to remain closed.

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*Action Item: Katie and Hans (webmaster) to begin opening the older Proceedings to non-members.*

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- V. **Treasurer's Report, Finance/Investment, & Sponsorship Committee** Tom Saunders  
Tom stated we have six North American and three International sponsors in 2021, expect 10 in 2023, allowing dues to remain the same. He acknowledged all members and especially the International Board for the team effort in sponsorship as companies know who IPPS because of our members and Board members, so they are willing to join as a sponsor when contacted.

The Investment committee continues to meet 3-4x a year with the current plans to focus on keeping the money in the approved percentages.

VI. **Committee Reports**

a. Strategic Planning

Katie mentioned we need to decide whether to hold a Strategic Planning meeting during the International Tour in 2023 and if we need to bring in an expert to assist.

Tony Van der Staay (Strategic Planning Committee Chair) stated that it's going to take a while to start the difficult process.

Steve Castorani recommended that we get the process started at the in-person meeting by understanding the past plans. He, and Brie Arthur, also discussed that maybe we do not need to focus on changing the strategic plan as much as focusing on other campaigns that will benefit the society more (for example: membership drive, changing to producers/production society, etc.). Brie also stated that she has been on many strategic planning committees with experts and that they often do not understand the organizations enough to be helpful in the long-run.

Bob Geneve mentioned that the International Tour finishes in Durham and there are university employees that facilitate strategic plans for organizations and that we could benefit from them. Secondly, HRI is probably the strongest nursery arm in North America right now and are reaching out with webinar presentations which is fantastic promotional material for them with 800-1,000 attendees per webinar. This could be another option for IPPS and/or the strategic plan.

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*Action Item: Katie to find as much past information on Strategic Planning as possible and circulate the information before the next meeting.*

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b. Membership

- i. Dharam Sharma recommended IPPS potentially securing patents for and from plant researchers and licensing nurseries against royalty for propagating the elite material. He believes this would bring researchers, nurserymen, and others under the umbrella of IPPS for better opportunities. He stated that the Australian Almond Board and others have made this happen. He would like

to know if anyone believes this is a possibility to begin exploring the legal and any other options, if so, we should create a committee for such.

1. Brie Arthur feels there is a huge conflict of interest with members making millions of dollars off their personal patents and if IPPS starts doing the same, we would/could become their competition.
2. Tom Saunders and Tony Van der Staay believe this is too big an undertaking with too many laws and too many issues.

ii. Exchange Program financial assistance requested from Southern Region

1. Southern Region applied for \$2,000 as they are hoping the European delegate will come to the International Tour and the cost is much larger than normal years because of it being a longer International Tour.
2. Bob Geneve stated it should be going through the Education Committee, which no longer exists (and mainly only existed to make these recommendations to the International Board).
3. Tom Saunders requested the Board make a decision to fund the region to cover the cost as one check from a sponsor covers this. Tony Van der Staay agrees that if we are bringing someone in for an International Tour, we raise the sponsorship money to utilize it to bring more people to the society. Tony moves we fund the \$2,000.
  - a. Richard Beaumont added discussion regarding long-term exchanges and how they work and that we need a proper rotation with all regions but that this has fallen away over the years.
  - b. Tony stated that Australia and South Africa have an exchange program and it has always been this way (no additional rotation with other regions). The difference this year, with Southern's request, is that the Europe to Southern Exchange is asking for money for the International Tour, not their specific exchange program.
  - c. Richard wants to move the program further and stated that every time there is an international meeting, International should cover the extra costs for any respective exchange.
  - d. Tony motioned that we pay for the \$2,000 for Southern this year, seconded by Brie. Brie thinks it's an important precedent we set and that this is the strongest program we have for young members to provide them this opportunity and that these younger people will more likely stick with IPPS for years. Motion approved to pay unanimously.
4. Bob stated it's a no-brainer but we need to readjust the pipeline since there is no education committee. The board needs to determine how much money gets set aside for this activity. Richard made a

comment to get a specific sponsor for this specific activity/person.  
Needs to be a budget item, criteria for selecting person, requirements.

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*Action Item: Katie and Tom to budget \$2,000 for host region attendee.*

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5. Katie recommended we create a committee to figure out a new pipeline and process. Brie offered to chair with Keith Osborne and Antony Toledo volunteering to join.
- iii. Potential for South American Region creation
    1. Katie commented we have interest from South America in creating a region. Eastern Region of NA has more information and contact with the people in South America but that we will all work together to determine their interest and viability of a region.
  - iv. Regional Reports
    1. Dharam stated that India has issues paying for membership. Katie stated we need to know what option they can use as she has contacted India multiple times over the past year requesting a payment option that would work for them. Tim Lawrance-Owen reinforced that we need to have communication between all, and especially new, regions with International to be able to assist with problems.
    2. Dharam recommended we invite India to the next Board meeting to discuss their issues.

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*Action Item: Katie to invite India to next board meeting*

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## **VII. Other Reports**

- a. Report on 2023 International Tour and Meeting, Southern Region NA  
International board members will be able to put a deposit in for about 2 weeks before the general public. This should open shortly. The goal is 56 people. After the two week time period, registration with deposits will open to all.

**Website for information: <https://www.ippssouthernregion.org/>**

## **VIII. Closing Comments**

- a. Meetings for 2023
  - i. March 7, 2023 at 4:30 Eastern US (\*\*Note new time)
  - ii. June 13, 2023 at 4:00 Eastern US
  - iii. October (during International Tour)
  - iv. December 5, 2023 at 4:30 Eastern US (\*\*Note new time)



## IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58PM.

## X. Regional Reports

### Australia

<b>Date:</b> 1/12/2022	<b>Region:</b> Australia	
<b>REGIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	122	110
Student	2	1
First time		
Retired		
Honorary		
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	NA	NA
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	NA	NA
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	NA	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	NA	NA
4 <sup>th</sup> additional	NA	NA
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
4/11/2022	Perth area meeting	70
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Bruce Higgs	
Date	5th-7th May 2022	
Venue	Fairmont Resort, Blue Mountains	
Attendance	80	

Number of papers	18	
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-conference tour	
	Conference Day Tour	
<b>Comments:</b> After 3 long years of Covid, we gathered in Leura NSW, the site for our regions first ever meeting 50 years ago, for our 50th anniversary conference. An excellent meeting organised by our incoming president Bruce Higgs. Well attended by delegates and well supported by sponsors.		
<b>Next conference</b>		
	Venue	Geelong. Vic
	Pre-tour	22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023
	Conference	24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	4 – New format commencing Summer 2022-23	
Website	We are regularly linking newsletters.	
Facebook	804 followers	
LinkedIn	NA	
Twitter	NA	
<b>Comments:</b>		
Our seasonal newsletter has been distributed 4 times a year.		
The facebook page is actively posted to regularly. Lots of conference and tour highlights made for good reach and interaction. We are sharing local content, as well as linking to other regions conferences and meetings to highlight the international nature of the organisation.		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
International Award of Honour	Presented on behalf on IPPS Japan to Peter Waugh	
Steve Vallance Tankard	Danial Austin	
Rod Tallis Youth Award	Bongani Ndawana	
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Southern African exchange	We have recommenced this exchange program with SA. We have several good applicants already.	
Six-Pack program	We have several good applicants already.	
<b>Comments:</b> This has been our most successful year yet in attracting applicants for our youth awards.		
<b>General Comments:</b>		
Tony Van Der Staay takes over as international director at end of year.		
Bruce Higgs moves to alternate director position.		

<b>Date:</b> <b>December 2,</b> <b>2022</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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*New Alternate Director 1/2023	Keith Osborne	KOsborne@walkerind.com
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	225	181
Student	717	715
First time	NA	NA
Retired	NA	NA
Honorary	NA	NA
<b><i>Multiple membership</i></b>		
Primary member	Not Applicable	NA
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> The Eastern Region will begin using the recurring payment system for the 2023 Membership year.  Eastern Region is hoping that additional search functions can be added to the online membership database to allow for easier maintenance of records.		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
November 17, 2022	<b>microMEETING: A Sneak Peek into Bartram's Garden Greenhouse and</b>	Registrants: 25

	<b>Nursery, Presenter: Dan Feeser</b>	
December 8, 2022	microMEETING: Exploring the Flora of the Blue Ridge Mountains for Germplasm Conservation	Expected Registrants: 20-50
<p><b>Comments:</b> <i>microMEETINGS</i> are 1 hour, free virtual, monthly meetings. These program are open to all IPPS members and Eastern Region encourages members around the world to attend for free.</p> <p>Non-members can attend for a nominal fee, about \$20-\$30 per meeting.</p> <p>If other regions plan to use the term <i>microMEETING</i>, those regions are encouraged to discuss branding and help develop best practices. The IPPS ER contact for <i>microMEETINGS</i> is Kim Shearer, KShearer@mortonarb.org.</p>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organiser	2022 IPPS Eastern Region Annual Conference	
Date	September 27-30, 2022	
Venue	Hyatt Regency Long Island	
Attendance	Attendance	Total 130 people
	First Time Attendees	50 registrants
	Members	128 members, including 25 new members.
	Non-members	2 non members
	Speakers	14 Members
Number of papers	TBA	
No. of proceeding papers	TBA	
Tours	Pre-tour	Untemeyers Garden, New York Botanic Garden, Wave Hill
	Conference tours	West Long Island Tour: Planting Fields and Old Westbury Gardens  East Long Island Tour: Cornell Horticultural Research Center, Landcraft Environments, Half Hollow Nursery.
	Post-tour	None
<p><b>Comments:</b> The Program Chair was Liz Dunham of Knight Hollow Nursery. The Local Site Committee was lead by Mark Bridgen. Margot Bridgen was of great support as well.</p>		
<b>Next conference</b>  <b>TENTATIVE</b>	Date	September 26-29, 2023
	Venue	Sheraton Hamilton, Ontario
	Pre-tour	TBA
	Conference tours	TBA
	Post-tour	none
<p><b>Comments:</b> Todd Baker is the local site committee chair for the 2023 program. Matt Palmieri is the Programming Chair. Registration opens in July 1, 2023.</p>		

<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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, Instagram	Sec/Treas manages
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2022 Award of Merit	Win Dunwell, University of Kentucky (retired)
2022 Fellow Award	Shelby French, The Farm at Doe Run
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Student Conference Scholarships	The Membership Committee awarded 6 Student Scholarships to the 2022 Annual Conference.
IPPS Eastern Region Foundation	The IPPS ER Foundation awarded \$10,000 in internships, scholarships, and research grants. The Foundation raised enough money in 2022 to endow a yearly Margot Bridgen Scholarship.
Poster Program	There were three poster presenters at the 2022 Annual Conference.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b>	

*Europe*

*Japan*

Date: 30 Nov. 2022	Region: JAPAN	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	35	39
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><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Masaki OCHIAI	
Date	22-23 Oct. 2022	
Venue	Gifu city	
Attendance	Total	21
	Members	15
	Non-members	6
	Speakers, members	6
	Speakers, non-members	1
Number of papers		5
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	1day (23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.)
	Post-tour	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
Next conference	Date	14-15 Oct. 2023
	Venue	Shiga Pref.
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	15 Oct. 2023
	Post-tour	

<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Newsletters	2 issue/year
Website	<a href="http://www.ippsjapan.org/">http://www.ippsjapan.org/</a>
Facebook	
LinkedIn	
Twitter	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b>	
We were able to hold a face-to-face annual convention for the first time in three years, but there are still members who cannot participate in the board of directors, and the speed of activities is slowing down.	

*New Zealand*

<b>Date: 30/11/22</b>	<b>Region: New Zealand</b>	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Basic individual	190	170
Student	25	26
First time	20	
Retired		
Honorary	4	4
<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>
September 2022	IPPS Christchurch	52
December 2022	IPPS Wanganui	tba
March 2023	Molesworth station/Hawkes Bay	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer		
Date		
Venue		
Attendance	Total	
	Members	



	Non-members	
	Speakers, members	
	Speakers, non-members	
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers		
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
2022 conference cancelled due to Covid		
Next conference	Date	April 20 – April 23, 2023
	Venue	Parnell Hotel & Conference
	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	Nurseries in the area
	Post-tour	Goat island marine reserve
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> It will be great to hold a conference for members since last year was cancelled.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	Good open rates	
Website	Some good feedback with new site	
Facebook	Last report, 349 followers	
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
President’s award 2022	Awarded to Ian Swan	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	

<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b> Always well attended and enjoyed, registrations completed via google forms, this is a great time saver. Annual Conferences, 2024 – Timaru 2025 – Rotorua likely to be replaced other options, Wellington, Tauranga 2026 – Hamner Springs 2027 – Bay of Islands	

*Southern Africa*

Date: Dec 2022	Region: Southern Africa	
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS		
Type	Current Year (2022)	Previous Year (2021)
Basic individual	35	37
Student	1 (Free)	
First time	0	0

Retired	0	0
Honorary	0	0
Primary member	20	18
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	20	17
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional	10	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional	4	7
4 <sup>th</sup> additional	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>
<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><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>None took place due to COVID 19. Had 2 BM's via Teams</b>		
<b>Annual Conference, 2022</b>		
<b>02-03 March 2022.</b>		
<b>Main organiser</b>	<b>Dr Miranda Deutschlander &amp; Dr Pierre Adriaanse</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>02 – 03 March 2022</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Number of papers</b>	<b>4 (1 for proceedings)</b>	

	Conference tour	Visited 5 venues
<u>Comments:</u>		
Next conference: 2023	Date	28 Feb – 03 March
	Venue	TO STRAND BEACH RESORT, PORT EDWARD, KZN
	Pre-tour	TBC
	Conference tour	TBC
	Post-tour	TBC
<u>Comments:</u> WORK IN PROGRESS		
COMMUNICATION		
Item	Comments	
Newsletters	3 Newsletters to members. Monthly distribution of FloraCulture International magazine & newsletters.	
Website	SA information on new website is up to date	
Facebook	Regularly forward posts from other regions to IPPS SA page. 526 page followers.	
<u>Comments:</u>		
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS		
Item	Comments	
Australia exchange 2022	Thandisizwe Ndabeni from SA was chosen to visit Australia in 2020. He will visit Australia in 2023. Our Region will host the Australian student in 2023.	
<u>Comments:</u> This is a successful exchange program.		
<u>General Comments:</u> We are excited to host the international conference in SA in 2024. Preliminary program: Arrive in Cape Town, pre-conference and conference meetings in Western Cape and		

surrounding coastal areas, post conference tour will be a scenic drive through Hermanus, to Klein Karoo, to Oudtshoorn, to Knysna, to Addo nature reserve and to Port Elizabeth.

**INTERNATIONAL TOUR & CONFERENCE (7 days): 23 Feb - 1 Mar**

**INTERNATIONAL POST CONFERENCE TOUR (6 days): 2 - 8 Mar**

**(including arrival & departure days)**

*Southern Region of NA*

Date: 11/20/2022		Region: Southern Region, North America	
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS			
Type	Current Year	Previous Year	
Basic individual	270	244	
Student	19	26	
First time	25	30	
Retired	0	0	
Honorary	7 (not included in the 270)	7 not included in the 244	
Multiple membership			
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> everyone in SR is an individual member.		
<b>EVENTS</b>		
<b>Field trips, workshops, seminars, area meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>

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<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Annual Conferences</b>		
Main organizer	Dr. Tim Smalley, Judson Leompte	
Date	October 16-20, 2022	
Venue	University of Georgia Educ. & Conference Center	
Attendance	Total	271
	Members	111
	Non-members	139
	Speakers, members	10
	Speakers, non-members	11
Number of papers		
No. of proceeding papers	29	
Tours	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	2 days of tours
	Post-tour	no
<b>Comments:</b>		

Next conference	Date	October 28-November 1, 2023
	Venue	DoubleTree hotel, Durham, NC
	Pre-tour	no
	Conference tour	2 days of tours
	Post-tour	no
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Newsletters	yes- monthly e-newsletter	
Website	yes	
Facebook	yes	
LinkedIn	no	
Twitter	yes	

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<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fellows	Kevin Gantt, Dr. Jim Robbins
Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit	William “Bill” Turk,
Student Competition	Venesa Rostan, Teagan Young, Anthony T Bowden, Bin Wu
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>

Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship Work Program	Kaitlin Swaintek, Runshi Xie, Teagan Young, Kristopher Criscione
Margie Jenkins SR-IPPS Industry Scholarship Award	Kendall Busher, Tyler Eure
Exchange Program with Europe Region	Erika Ramos
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>General Comments:</b>	

*Western Region of NA*

<b>Date: 11/22/2022</b>		<b>Region: Western Region of North America</b>	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS</b>			
<b>Type</b>	<b>Current Year (2022)</b>	<b>Previous Year (2021)</b>	
Basic individual	100	67	
Student	23	11	
First time			



Retired	3	4
Honorary		
<b>Multiple membership</b>		
Primary member	18	7
1 <sup>st</sup> additional	18	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> additional		
3 <sup>rd</sup> additional		
4 <sup>th</sup> additional		
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Comments:</b> based on Paid Members		
<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 – Upcoming January 2023</b>		
Main organizer	Tony Shireman, Vice President	
Date	January 24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon	
Attendance	Total	TBA
	Members	TBA
	Non-members	TBA
	Speakers, members	TBA
	Speakers, non-members	TBA
Number of papers		TBA
No. of proceeding papers		TBA
Tours	Pre-tour	
	Conference tour	
	Post-tour	
<b>Comments:</b>		
Next conference	Date	Jan 24-27, 2023
	Venue	Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon

	Pre-tour	Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Chemeketa Community College Alpha Nursery Peoria Gardens Smith Hort Farm
	Conference tour	January 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 North American Plants Robinson Nursery Monrovia Nursery Smith Gardens North Willamette Research Extension Center (NWREC) Little Prince Nursery
	Post-tour	N/A
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Registration is currently in progress.		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
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>	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> Managed by Secretary-Treasurer, Alex Simmons.		
<b>AWARDS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>		
<b>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Bruce Briggs Memorial Scholarship (BBMS)	Six students have accepted scholarship prizes and will be attending the 2023 Annual Meeting as guests of IPPS-WR. Three recipients are from Oregon, one from California, one from New Mexico, and one from British Columbia.	
<b><u>Comments:</u></b> The BBMS is being administered by grants chair Laurie Rogers-Roach		
<b><u>General Comments:</u></b> Dr. Lloyd Nackley of Oregon State University (OSU) was voted in at the new Oregon Area Representative of the Western Region by the Executive committee. Dr. Nackley		

replaced Tony Shireman as the Oregon representative, and he is helping to plan the 2023 Annual Meeting as well as speaking at the meeting.