

AIS Exhibitions Committee Report – Part I, Schedules

Spring 2018

As of this writing (March 22, 2018), I have approved 99 shows for the 2018 show season. I anticipate receipt of about 30-40 more schedules, including those for the usual 2-3 fall shows.

The electronic Show Supplies Order Form and Show Report Form continue to work well. I have sent out only 6 sets of paper forms. Both fillable PDF forms have been posted on the Iris Encyclopedia this year. They aren't available on the AIS Web site, I think because I failed to send them to David Cupps for posting once they were updated for 2018.

With each approval that I send out, I have been including a brief explanation of the change to show rules that the AIS BOD approved at the Fall BOD meeting in Dallas saying "That introduction be removed as a requirement for show ribbons and awards for irises with verifiable names." I have received only a couple of requests for further clarification. I have been surprised at how few show schedules included wording that was impacted by this rule change.

In December I heard from HIPS President, Cathy Egerer, that she had received requests from a number of show chairs last year asking for HIPS Membership brochures for display at their shows. This year she wanted to be pro-active and offer the brochures to all show chairs. To that end, she asked if I could share with her my contact information for show chairs as I approved shows. I have been asking all show chairs to let me know if they objected to having their information shared, and have received no negative replies. So I have shared my log of show contacts with Cathy, who has reached out to all of them. She says the response has been quite positive. Other Sections might want to use this same approach to spread word about their Societies and recruit members. Any interested should contact me for my show contact information.

Respectfully submitted,

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