

AIS 2020 Centennial Publication Report, April 2019

By Jim Morris, Managing Editor

In January 2019 Kathleen Sonntag resigned for personal reasons as editor of the Centennial publication. The Centennial committee members then asked me to replace her. I agreed to do so.

In playing catch-up I have contacted over 100 AIS members requesting suggestions and articles of their experiences with irises and AIS through the years. In the spring 2019 *IRISES Bulletin* on page 12, is the article “AIS Still Needs You!” in which I have asked for help from affiliates as only 14 of 158 clubs responded to Kathleen’s first request. We would also like to receive data on clubs that existed in the past but disbanded for various reasons. All Sections and Cooperating Societies are also requested to provide articles that they believe might be suitable for our Centennial history.

We plan to publish four 72-page Supplements as stand-alone publications concurrent with the 2020 *IRISES*. Thus we are planning on 288 pages of history of AIS people and their irises, without any advertising or administrative business pages.

We are currently in layout of Supplement One with a Prologue of Iris history prior to the founding of AIS along with many complimentary stories and pictures from 1920 on. We are evaluating type fonts, color backgrounds and story structure as we proceed to article layout and proofreading. Anyone interested in helping in the overall process is encouraged to contact me by phone or email or letter at the below address.

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