

Online Library Report, January, 2020

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Indexing/linking information

In the last year about 1,000 new items have been added into the Online Library to bring the total to 4,288 items as of Jan. 5. These items now include the AIS Bulletins up to 2009 by way of the Biodiversity Heritage Library. Since each page in the Biodiversity Library is a separate URL, links can be directed to specific pages rather than to whole documents. This is illustrated by the topic of "Hybridizing" found in the Left Bar Index in the Iris Encyclopedia. If you view:

<http://wiki.irises.org/Main/InfoAisBulletinBibliographyHybridizing>

You will see hopefully an improved version of Betty Roberts work on a bibliography of Hybridizing articles in the AIS Bulletins. If you scroll down to the individual topic lists you will see that a view article link is after many of the titles. It is hoped that this makes it easy to explore information topics in the Bulletins.

Question: Is this type of Indexing valuable? What other topics would you suggest?

Presentations & You-Tube Videos

- **You-Tube:** I discovered by looking at the statistics that You-Tube presentation was one of the most visited single areas of the Online Library. There are currently 77 You-Tube Iris videos in the Library. But I believe they need organizing into categories. Examples videos on Gardens, Hybridizing, Flower arranging; etc. Suggestions are welcome. Presently each month between 150-200 videos are watched in the library.
- **Presentations:** For several years there has been a place in the Online Library for Presentations, Webinars, etc. but until this fall there were no presentations in the library itself. Currently there are 3 presentations in the Library:
- **Powerpoint presentations:**
 - **2 parts to Prologue Supplement**
 - **1 Judges Training on Species:**

There is a 2 hour presentation on Judging Iris Species and Species X. The commentary for the presentation is not yet there but I have given this presentation several times. **Before I complete the commentary I would like the board to approve this as an acceptable Judges Training Online.** There are already 20 Questions included in the presentation but I could add a separate printable form that a participant could fill out and send on to the Judges Training Chair. I believe It would be away of attracting members by making it simple to start their training to become a judge. I think topics for

which it is hard to find trainings, would be a great place to start. The area for judge's trainings could include links to the requirements to become a judge and to responsibilities of a judge.