

Memo

To: Board of Directors AIS
From: Bonnie J Nichols
Date: December 9, 2020
Re: AIS Judges Handbook Revision

Before I begin discussing Chapters that are ready for your review – I want to personally thank our Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Claire, Jody, Andi and Gary. I don't know if any of you were involved in updating the last revision of the Handbook (2007). It is a monumental task including many hours with the Handbook revision committee as well as other AIS members who sent information and revisions of chapters or participated in Zoom meetings. Their input has been vital to the revision process.

While we all wanted and hoped the revision would have been available several years ago (maybe even 5 years) – so much has changed. Five years ago, we wanted a print copy and the same size pages/cover we have in the current edition. We all know the computer/laptop/tablet/phone purchased five years ago is totally outdated. I mention this because rather than having the expense of printed binders and inserts on hand – we can print on demand. Viewing the handbook on a laptop or tablet is much easier than it would have been several years ago.

An electronic Handbook would contain colorful diagrams and photographs of irises to better illustrate judging criteria. Andi has provided us with a preview of the electronic Spuria section with lots of wonderful color pictures.

For anyone wanting a paper copy, 8 ½ x 11 pages in a standard binder provides the flexibility to push out updates as needed without publishing the entire set of pages.

About the revisions:

- With chapter re-organization, the Committee has added a new table of contents
- Zoom meetings have been held with various groups to incorporate new guidelines into the chapters and delete unnecessary or out-of-date information.

- Four chapters of the Handbook have been loaded to the Google drive to get us started with AIS board review. Please see Chapters 1, 2, and 3. We have other chapters in various stages of completeness. I have attached the link that Andi helped us create as a repository for chapters in review.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ARI3DZ8rrYAmIfjK3HYJco5VIYUS3ApH?usp=sharing>

- If any chapter generates extensive discussion during a board meeting, then an open Zoom meeting will be scheduled address that specific chapter. Revisions and resubmission are options.