

Awards Sub Committee Report

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The sub committee of the Awards Committee has been looking at increasing the ways that an iris can be considered introduced and thus entered into the awards system.

One option we have been looking at is dropping the introduction requirement completely and using the registration date as the entry into the awards system. In conjunction with this discussion, John Jones submitted a questionnaire to 20 hybridizers. The hybridizers queried included ones that had large, medium and small numbers of annual introductions. It also included ones that had commercial businesses of various sizes.

The results were overwhelming against dropping the introduction requirement. As a result we will not consider dropping the introduction requirement at the present time. We will continue the discussion of how to expand the introduction requirements, which will allow small and new hybridizers to introduce their irises without incurring the expense of maintain a website or issuing a print catalog.

A copy of the questionnaire as well as the results of the questionnaire are separate reports. The results are all anonymous, except for Keith Keppel, who is the former registrar.

Respectfully submitted.

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