

Report of the Foundation to the AIS - May 2007

The Foundation has spent \$12,200.00 on grants last year. The trustees have apportioned this amount as follows:

- ❖ Rodionenko \$2200
- ❖ Carol Wilson for \$5,000
- ❖ Yuval Sapir - \$5,000

Dr. Rodionenko had two articles published in Signa in 2006. He has also published an essay, in Russian, summing up his 60 years work in iris. The first six chapters are in the process of being translated into English and will be sent to the AIS as soon as it is ready. Subsequent chapters will follow. He would also like to personally thank Drs. Hollingworth and Waddick and Clarence Mahan for all of their help. It seems that with age and illness, he is finally going to retire and bids the AIS a final farewell.

Dr. Carol Wilson has been very busy and will have her final report to the AISF by the end of the summer 2007. She would like to continue the relationship with the AIS and will also encourage the funding of other researchers with promising work.

Dr. Yuval Sapir has not sent in a report as of yet.

Also, this year, the Foundation funded Dr. Noland H. Martin in the amount of \$5,000.00. He is documenting the flowering phenology of 2000 *Iris fulva*, *I. brevicaulis* and their hybrids in experimental field plots in the Atchafalya swamp. At the same time he is analyzing the microhabitats and identifying the Pollinators (hummingbirds, butterflies and bees).

Besides in the inquiry from Wilson we have received no other requests for grants this year.

The Hager/DuBose Trust: Bob Plank can best inform the board of the present situation.

Contributions continue to fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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