

## Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

At this time it appears that the number of registrations and introductions will give an R & I size that will allow us to keep the saddle stitch format and a readable type size. Registrations and reserves at this time are running approximately 230 less than in 2007 which however, was the largest registration year ever. Our best estimate is that this years total will be closer to the average in mid-decade.

We request that the Board, in consultation with the Publication Sales Director, set the number of R & Is to be printed for 2008. The printing and shipping cost for this R & I should be close to the cost of the 2007 R & I (\$1570.00) as a smaller print run will offset the increase in printing expense. (Shipping cost is a wild card—our crystal ball is not of a quality that will give an answer for 2 months down line!)

Proofing and correction of registration information 2000 to date is in progress for preparation of the 2009 Check List. The 1999 Check List contained information on 8694 cultivars and was the second largest volume ever. At this point in time there are 9437 cultivars registered and we estimate the 2009 volume will contain 10,500 cultivar entries. Future hardcopy Check Lists are going to be sizable tomes indeed!

Fall reports of the Registrar/Recorder are necessarily sketchy as both registration numbers and printing/shipping costs are not determined. (this year, to date, has fortunately not had the problems that cluttered last year's report!)

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