

Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

At its meeting in Wageningen, The Netherlands on 16 October 2007 the ISHS Commission approved the reappointment of the American Iris Society as the International Cultivar Registration Authority for the genus *Iris* for a further four years.

The 2007 Registration year ended with 1193 registrations and 938 recordings of introduction. Registrations in 2008 thus far (31 March) are at 307, slightly less than previous years, however we are reporting earlier than ever done previously due to the early Board meeting.

The 2007 Registrations and Introductions booklet shipped to the Publications Sales Director on 15 January 2007. Faster preparation of the R & I index of registrants/registrations and introducers/introductions was responsible for the earlier completion. I (Mike) am de-bugging code that will automate preparation of the Registrants' and Introducers' Index of cultivars. This should further reduce preparation time of the next R & I. We are extremely grateful for the diligence and proofing skills of Phil Edinger, Bruce Filardi, Keith Keppel, and Linda Mann in ensuring that the R & I is as accurate as achievable.

Five hundred copies were printed. Printing cost was 1289.00, preparation, proofing and shipping costs were 283.27 for a per copy cost of 3.14. Total entries and description lengths of registrations hovered at the point where booklet saddle stitch format was barely possible (104 pages) using the present point size and 5 ½ x 8 ½ inch booklet size. Perfect binding is an option as is going to 8 ½ x 11 inches saddle stitch. Cost calculation, including postage is complex and we will have a booklet format proposal to bring to the Board at the Fall meeting if required.

We are in the process of proofing (again with the help of the above proofing assistants) past registration information (pedigrees-1950 through 2007) in preparation for the 2009 Check List.

Reporting of introduction information to the Registrars continues to be a problem as evidenced by the number of late introductions reported in each R & I booklet. Reporting of introductions is the sole responsibility of the **hybridizer**—and is particularly important in the case of webpage-only introductions. Internet sites are ephemeral and cannot be verified 'after the fact'. Upon receipt of printed copies of the website splash page and introduction page, the Registrar/Recorder must view the site *during the current iris shipping season* to verify introduction thus late submission of printed internet material is not sufficient proof of introduction.

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