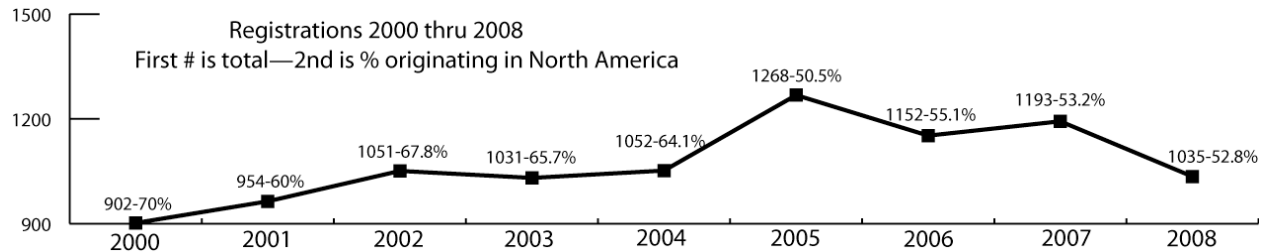


## Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

The 2008 Registration year ended with 1035 registrations and 831 recordings of introduction. Registrations in 2009 thus far (15 April) are at 382, slightly down from previous years' averages at this time.



The *2008 Registrations and Introductions* booklet shipped to the Publications Sales Director on 4 Feb 2008. The reduction in numbers of registrations and intros permitted us to stay well within the limits of the saddle fold format. We are extremely grateful for the proofing assistance of Phil Edinger, Bruce Filardi, Keith Keppel, and Linda Mann in ensuring that the R & I will be as accurate as possible.

Five hundred and twenty copies were printed. (500 copies for sales, plus 20 comp copies for Associate Registrars, proofers and office use) Printing cost was \$1390.60, preparation, proofing and shipping costs were \$281.16 for a per copy cost of \$3.21 ea.

We are in the process of proofing (again with the help of the above proofing assistants) the decade's past registration information in preparation for the *2009 Check List*.

The policy of requiring a price on iris introductions was questioned by an individual introducer. Thanks to the presidential Bulletin collection (complete!) President Epperson was able to furnish the following policy: Bulletin No. 10, January 1924, of The American Iris Society on page 48 under the heading POLICY OF AWARDS is the following statement: "Until a seedling has not only been named but also offered for sale at a stated price in a dated price list, or catalogue, it is not introduced." This may well be the oldest standing policy AIS retains.

There have also been questions as to why AIS does not charge overseas registrants a fee. The fee for US and Canadian registrants was instituted in January 1949, set at \$1.00 and announced in Bulletin #113, April 1949. The following policy re overseas registrants was also established: "Due to difficulties that our foreign members have in making remittances to this country, the Society will continue to accept their registrations without charge, but the fee will

be required of all residents of the United States and Canada who register irises."

The policy was clarified in January 1950 and stated in part in Bulletin #116, April 1950 as follows: "... 5. No fee will be charged by the Seretary (*sic*) for registration applications furnished to the affiliated societies of the British Empire. Through these societies must come approved and endorsed applications for the registration of new irises originating in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, but not including the Dominion of Canada. ..." (our thanks to Keith Keppel for furnishing the above references.)

The British Iris Society has maintained a Registrar, coterminous with the AIS Registrar, by which are collected BIS iris registrations and forwarded to the AIS Registrar, since the establishment of BIS. As iris breeding activities have increased in countries such as France, Italy, Germany, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Middle Europe and Japan; the iris societies of these countries have established 'in-country' Registrars who assemble the countries' registrations and forward them to the AIS Registrar. These countries (with the possible exception of New Zealand) ALL charge their in-country hybridizers a registration fee.

In those areas that do not have an in-country Registrar, hybridizers remit their iris registrations WITH the AIS registration fee, directly to the AIS Registrar.

If in-country Registrars were not in place, the problems the AIS Registrar would face in translation of non-English registrations, transliteration of Cyrillic alphabets and accepting payments from non North American hybridizers, would be well nigh insurmountable. Foregoing AIS fees for overseas registrations is a small price for the convenience and increased cultivar registration compliance that the 'in-country Registrar' program affords.

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