

Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

Registration numbers for 2010 are difficult to predict at this time as no Russian/Ukraine registrations have yet been received. Historically the first year of a new decade has seen a drop in registrations but this will likely be offset for 2010 by large numbers of registrations by several hybridizers.

We will need a print number for the 2010 R & I. The press runs for early in a decade have been high in past decades with print numbers steadily decreasing as the decade progresses. The influence of Irisregister.com and the iris wiki may be a steadily increasing depressant of paper sales. However AIS is mandated, at least for the immediate future, to continue provision of printed registration data.

Proofing the 2009 Check List continues in-house. We hope to have this completed and a print-out to the proofers (P. Edinger, B. Filardi, K. Keppel and L. Mann) by mid Nov. The Store Front, in consultation with the AIS Board, will need to consider the press run number for the 2009 Check List. There are 20 percent more cultivars in this decade's C. L. than were contained in the 1999. Point size for the 1999 was 9 points. We estimate a 670 page C. L. holding point size at 9.0, which will be the largest C. L. volume ever.

Although our copy of the AIS Membership listing is current and we have access to past membership lists, proofing the hybridizers' and introducers' listing has been a black-hole time wise as a significant percentage of hybridizers are not AIS members. We have provided a listing of hybridizers and introducers that we would greatly appreciate if the meeting participants would review for possible deceased hybridizers for which we have not received notification.

The 2009 and 2010 AIS Awards have been entered into the Registrar's cultivar database (eCheck List) and will appear in the next Irisregister.com upload. Inputting the 1939 and 1949 data into the electronic Check List has slowed until the 2009 C. L. is published. The '39 and '49 data will be modified to make it consistent with the 1950—2009 format, however, for purists, a field will be added that contains the exact '39-'49 data.

Prior to discarding slow moving Store Front stock, a 'set-aside' should be made for an incoming Registrar/Recorder who does not have or does not wish to use personal reference material. We have a complete personal set of individual R & Is as well as AIS Bulletins that have been invaluable when proofing the electronic Check List, a continuous process.

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