

Report to the AIS from the American Iris Society Foundation
May, 2010

Research Grants:

Since the last report in October of 2009, the Foundation has made no new commitments for funding research. The Foundation is currently funding three studies, in various stages of completion.

Dr. Carol Wilson's work on the genus *Iris* is ongoing and is partially funded by the Foundation. Dr. Wilson has a three year grant for "Systematic studies in the Bearded Irises, Subgenus *Iris*".

One of Dr. Wilson's students, Jinyan Guo, is completing work on her study of "Phylogenetic and developmental study of *Iris* subgenus *Limniris* section *Lophris* and related species". We received an interim report from Ms. Guo and expect her final report in the next year. The final grant installment has been made towards Ms. Guo's research.

The third study is being conducted by Dr. John Kaufmann, a weed specialist, working on identifying herbicides that may be sprayed over irises and effective against broadleaf weeds. Iris plots are in place and the study will be in progress this summer.

Donation contributions:

Individual donations have been very few during the past period since the Fall 2009 AIS Board meeting. The contribution from the DuBose Trust interest continues to be the single largest donation coming to the Foundation. That amount was lower in 2009 than in 2008 as well, but is expected to increase in the next year because of capital investment changes of the Trust.

AIS Library:

The Foundation, using money from the DuBose Trust interest contributions, purchased a Copier/Scanner for the AIS Library in Salem, Oregon.

The joint AIS/AIS Foundation working group continues to consider uses of the DuBose Trust fund proceeds in regards to an iris library. Members of the joint working group are Will Plotner and Nancy Price from the Foundation and Jeanne Clay Plank and Jill Bonino from the AIS. Bob Hollingworth and Judy Keisling are ex-officio members.

Respectfully submitted,
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