

# Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

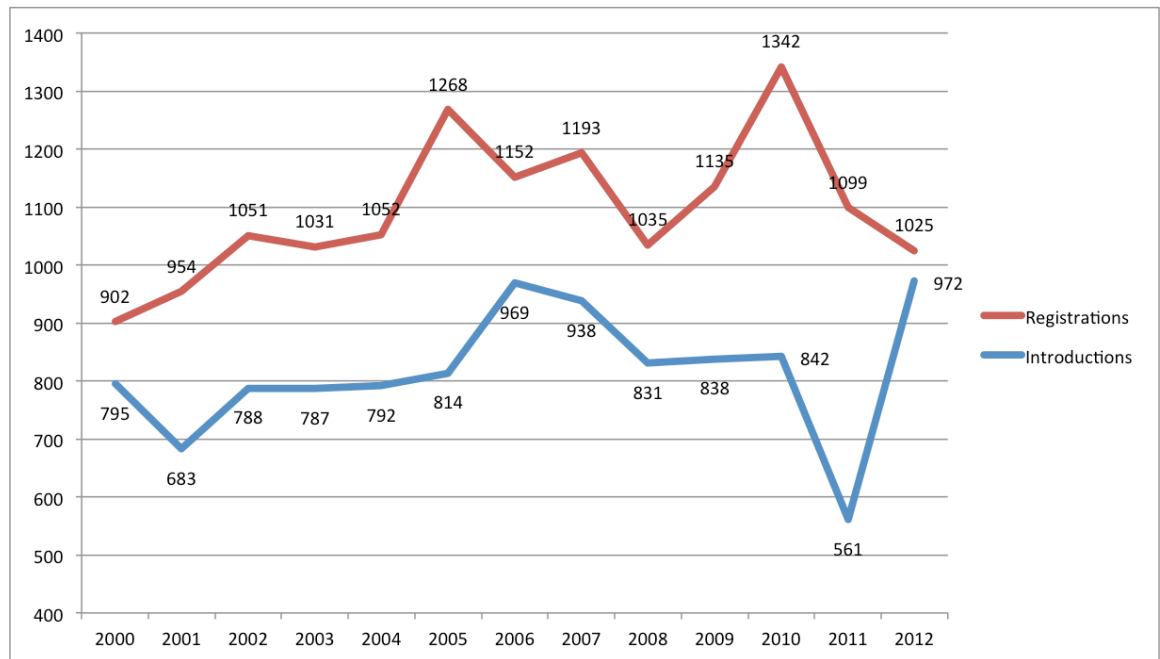
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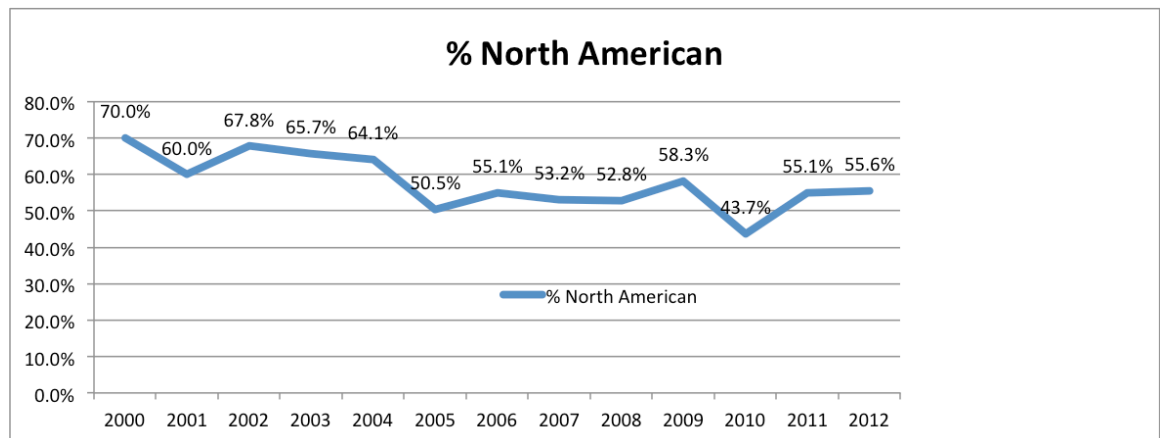
### 2012 Registrations and Introductions Booklet

The 2012 R&I has been completed and submitted to CreateSpace (the Print On Demand vendor) for printing. 75 copies were ordered at a cost of \$2.15 each (plus \$.62 shipping and tax totaling \$2.59 per copy) and are scheduled for delivery to the AIS Storefront at the Dallas Convention. In the 2012 Registration year we had 1025 registrations from 15 countries with 55.6% originating in North America. We also had 972 introductions. The introductions were abnormally high this year because we received 326 introductions from 2011 Russia (at the last minute).

### *Registrations and Introduction Counts from 2000 to 2012*



### *North American registrations as a percentage of total annual registrations.*



Of the 1025 new registrations, 59.7% are tall bearded, 27.6% other bearded types, and 12.7% beardless and species or species hybrids. Totals by class are as follows:

612	Tall Bearded (TB)	59.7%	20	Minature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)	2.0%
154	Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)	15.0%	18	Arilbred (AB)	1.8%
53	Intermediate Bearded (IB)	5.2%	18	Spuria (SPU)	1.8%
30	Louisiana (LA)	2.9%	18	Species (SPEC)	1.8%
25	Border Bearded (BB)	2.4%	13	Minature Tall Bearded (MTB)	1.3%
21	Siberian (SIB)	2.0%	12	Japanese (JI)	1.2%
21	Pacific Coast Native (CA)	2.0%	10	Species Hybrid (SPEC-X)	1.0%

In addition, introductory data is included for 972 varieties including: 3 introduced in 2009, 7 introduced in 2010, 326 introduced in 2011, and 636 introduced in 2012, none of which were previously included in an annual Registrations and Introductions publication.

The Registrations and Introductions index continues to stubbornly resist complete computerized compilation. This section of the 'Registrations and Introductions' booklet has continued, unchanged, since the first stand-alone R & I published in 1956. It is produced by a database query yielding each Registrant and Introducer's list of cultivars. These cultivar listings are then formatted; ALL CAPS indicating current year registration, Title Case indicating introduction and ALL CAPS underlined indicating registration and introduction by the same registrant/introducer in the current year. Duplicate entries for registrations and Introductions made in the same year must be manually integrated into a single entry and the underlines on spaces and commas removed. The formatted cultivar listing for each registrant and introducer is finally imported to a page layout program for preparation of the printed R & I. When the use of computers reaches nearly universal acceptance the production of this yearly index can be discontinued.

The two biggest challenges in entering registrations continue to be checking names for homonyms and overly, and un-necessarily, complex beard descriptions. We may try to mitigate this with an article in the AIS Bulletin.

There is no software available that provides acceptable results for detecting homonyms. Thus no method for comparing homonyms other than knowledge, experience and intuition yet exists. The best solution at hand is the electronic Check List and the memory of the Registrar.

Online provision of R & I data is reducing demand for paper, this trend will continue and accelerate. However, Statutory Plant Registration Authorities are mandated to provide printed registration data and elimination of this requirement is far down line. The ICRA is aware of the increasing use of electronic media but as of yet has not taken a position on the use of electronic media to establish a new name.

The ISHS Commission for Nomenclature and Registration is holding a conference in Beijing in July. I have submitted the 5 year ICRA report as requested.

### **2009 Check List**

There have been several reports that for a few copies of the 2009 Check List the pages have come loose from the binding. The AIS Storefront believes all the copies

reported so far have been from the very first printing. They are being replaced by the Storefront and we will get replacements from the manufacturer.

### **Registration Instructions**

We receive requests for information on how to register an iris. We used to publish the instructions in the AIS Bulletin at least once a year but as of January 2009 stopped including that information. We would like the following motion to be adopted by the Board of Directors:

“That the article ‘How to Register and Introduce an Iris’ be published in the January/February edition of the AIS Bulletin”

### **2011 R&I**

Print On Demand continues to work well for printing copies of the 2011 R&I

### **Foreign Registrations**

Jean Peyrard has retired and Loïc Tasquier has been appointed Associate Registrar for Societe Francaise des Iris et Plantes Bulbeuses. The current version of the 2012 R&I lists Jean Peyrard, but future copies will list M. Tasquier

### **E Check List (the official electronic registry of the Registrar-Recorders)**

The E Check List (subsequently irisregister, the online iris database) has not been updated with the 2011 and 2012 AIS Awards information yet. We hope to get this information into the database soon.

Irisregister will be updated with the 2012 R&I information soon.

### **Registrar’s Library**

The Registrar’s library of registration publications (R&Is and AIS Bulletins or supplements containing annual registration information) is complete with the exception of the April editions of the 1953 through 1957 AIS Bulletins. Copies (if extras exist) have been requested from the AIS Library.

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