

Report of the AIS Scientific Committee.

This has been a fairly quiet period. We did receive and review a proposal to the Foundation in May to help fund a small expedition to the Indian Himalayas to search for a new species of crested iris (rather like *I. tectorum*) that had been photographed there. The application was recommended for approval and the Foundation did help with the funding (\$1,000). The expedition found the iris in question - a very attractive one. Unfortunately due to the inefficiencies of the Indian postal system, shipment of collected plants to the USA was delayed and they died in transit. However, we hope that another visit might be made to the same locations in a future year to collect seeds.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Hollingworth, chair