

Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

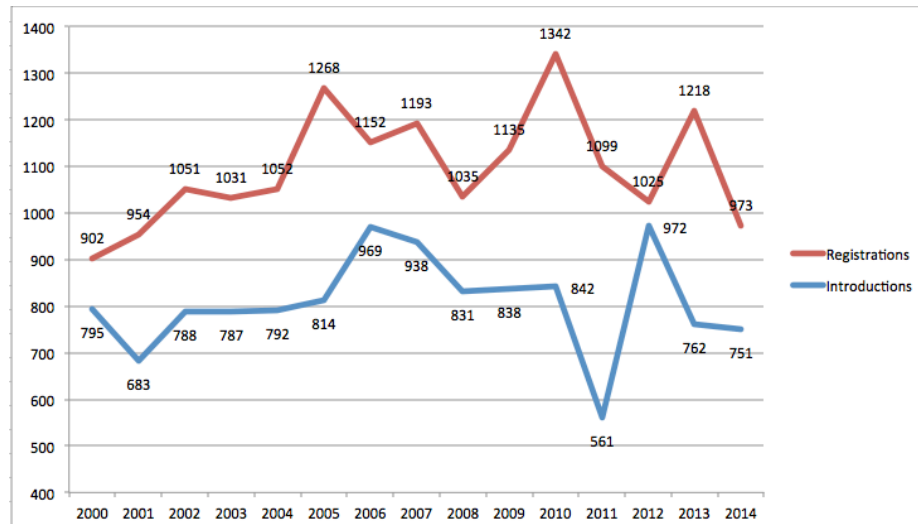
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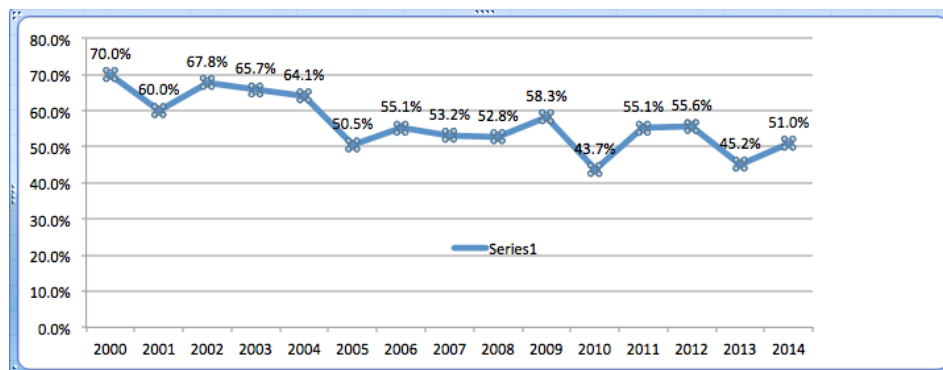
2014 Registrations and Introductions

The 2014 Registrations and Introductions booklet was received by the AIS Storefront on April 23, 2015

Registrations and Introduction Counts from 2000 to 2014



North American registrations as a percentage of total annual registrations.



Of the 973 new registrations, 65.7% are tall bearded, 20.7% other bearded types, and 13.7% beardless and species or species hybrids. Totals by class are as follows:

639 Tall Bearded (TB)	65.7%	16 Siberian (SIB)	1.6%
109 Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)	11.1%	15 Border Bearded (BB)	1.5%
39 Species Hybrid (SPEC-X)	4.0%	15 Species (SPEC)	1.5%

39 Intermediate Bearded (IB)	4.0%	12 Japanese (JI)	1.2%
27 Louisiana (LA) (MDB)	2.8% 1.2%	11 Miniature Dwarf Bearded	
20 Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)	2.1%	7 Arilbred (AB)	0.7%
18 Pacific Coast Native (CA)	1.8%	6 Spuria (SPU)	0.6%

In addition, introductory data is included for 751 varieties including: 2 introduced in 2010, 13 introduced in 2011, 24 introduced in 2012, 46 introduced in 2013, and 666 introduced in 2014 none of which were previously included in an annual Registrations and Introductions publication.

Previous R&I s

Print On Demand continues to work well for printing copies our publications.

Associate Registrars

Ms Anne Barbetti has been appointed Associate Registrar for the Società Italiana dell'Iris.

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

The E Check List (subsequently irisregister, the online iris database) has been updated with the 2011 thru 2013 AIS Awards information.

Irisregister has been updated with the 2014 R&I information.

What constitutes Introduction?

The AIS has defined Introduction as “the offering for sale to the public”

Background:

The back of the Registration Certificate that is sent out for every new iris that is registered says:

When this iris is introduced record its introduction with the Registrar-Recorder.

Catalogs, printed lists, advertisements in the American Iris Society Bulletin and internet offerings are acceptable media for introduction.

Send a copy of the catalog, list, advertisement or a printed copy of the webpage, introduction page and the webpage URL to the AIS Registrar by first class mail.

New introductions become eligible for HM and further American Iris Society awards only after they have been officially introduced in the United States or Canada.

Issue:

More and more Hybridizers/Sellers are moving from hard copy catalogs to electronic/web-based advertising and sales channels.

There has never been a definition of what information for sale must include. Some people have emailed (or written to me) that they have pictures on

Twitter (or some other “social media”) and claim they are introduced regardless of whether a price is included in the posting.

Others have asked if putting one of their irises on an auction list for an AIS Section, Region, Club etc, constitutes introduction.

Our position has been:

Hard copy has to be sent to the Registrar. We can’t be expected to troll websites looking for introductions or be directed by email to go to someone’s website and print the introduction pages. Websites are ephemeral and may or may not still be in place when we look at them.

Our position is that valid introduction information must include, Iris name, date, price, and seller’s contact information, and that, in fact, an iris does not have to actually be sold to be documented as introduced. Merely the offering for sale qualifies the iris as introduced.

In the case of an iris offered in an auction, while that has been allowed once or twice in the past, the consensus of the Registrar’s Committee is that an auction is not a public offering. It is a too limited an audience.

We ask that the AIS definition of “Introduction” be modified and that the following motion be made and approved:

That the AIS Board of Directors defines introduction as “the offering for sale to the public”, and that:

A: Introduction information must include Iris name, date, price, and seller’s contact information

B: The Registrant or Introducer must send printed copy of the catalog, list, advertisement or webpage, introduction page and the webpage URL to the AIS Registrar by first class mail. That the printed information includes the information referenced in paragraph A above.

C: That social media sites, because they are particularly ephemeral and of limited audience not be considered as a public offering.

D: That offering for sale at an auction not be considered a public sale.

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