

Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

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Status

The fillable PDF iris registration form which can be filled out electronically with Adobe Reader is being used on a limited, but successful basis. At some point we should be able to extract the data and add it to the database electronically, but that is a ways away and has several hurdles to overcome. – No further progress.

To date we have entered 650 registrations and 113 reserves. The numbers have decreased somewhat from the 711 Registrations and 261 Reserves reported this time last year. Considering the variability from year to year and the timing within the year I do not find these differences significant. We have a backlog of about 225 registrations.

I have already received a significant number of registrations from most of our Associate Registrars which makes the end of year task easier. Most came in September instead of October but it is a step in the right direction.

To date we have received about \$6060 in North American registrations and reserves and about \$2435 in foreign registrations and reserves. (The Registrar's fiscal year differs from the AIS Treasurer's fiscal year and "to date" numbers not reflect payment for registrations in the backlog.) The use of Paypal for registration payments is limited to foreign registrations due to the Paypal transaction fee (2.9% of the transaction amount + USD\$0.30.)

I understand that people want the R&I in time for Spring shows. There are a few shows prior to April and I have been making good progress getting the R&I out earlier each year. The major issue seems to be whether or not an iris has been introduced in the prior year and thus qualified to be entered on the show bench as other than a seedling. I am considering whether it would be possible in March to produce a PDF list of the introductions for the prior registration year for use by show personnel to qualify show entries. Remember, as per the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, "... to be eligible for AIS official awards above the level of High Commendation Award (sic), the iris introduction must be recorded with the AIS Registrar". That recordation is evidenced by the publication of the annual *Registrations and Introductions* booklet.

We are looking at ways we could have other individuals at remote locations (meaning not at our house) help with this process and there are some possibilities, BUT the integrity of the master database is my responsibility and I need to be sure that whatever I do that database is secure, and that whomever might have access to it understands the very complex set of guidelines, procedures, and procedures that are associated with it. We have the necessary software and I am working my way through the somewhat complex remote access protocols.

Respectfully submitted,
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