

Report of the AIS Scientific Committee (2015-2016).

During the past year the Committee has primarily been involved in reviewing proposals submitted to the AIS Foundation. Three of these were submitted and all were eventually approved for funding, although in one case (Zalmat) some considerable revision was requested by the committee.

Erin Riggs (Leach Botanical Garden, Portland OR – Taxonomy & biogeography of the Californicae complex.)

Carol Wilson (UC Berkeley – Taxonomy of *Xiphia* and *Hermodactyloides* iris subgenera)

Alexander Zalmat (Texas State University – Taxonomy of the Louisiana iris complex)

The Riggs grant was subsequently transferred to Carol Wilson at UC Berkeley since Ms. Riggs subsequently left Leach to take a position in Singapore. Dr. Wilson recused herself from all decisions that involved funding to her own laboratory.

The composition of the Committee changed during the year:

Kelly Norris resigned because of the pressure of other business. Kevin Vaughn agreed to join the committee in his place. Carol Wilson, Jim Waddick and Bob Pries continue as members. Gary White has become an ex officio member after assuming the AIS Presidency. The Committee continues to operate effectively.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Hollingworth, chair