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The first issue of the new journal PRINCEPS (not to be confused with Principes, the former name of our PALMS journal) was published in December 2015. This beautifully produced issue is the first publication of Société Palmophile Francophone, founded in Paris by Wilfried Couvet, Jacques Deleuze, Alain Jamet and Victor Martinengo on 15 February 2014. The journal is a substantial volume, some 180 pages long, printed on glossy paper throughout. Almost entirely in French, the journal will appeal greatly to francophone palm enthusiasts. The contents of this first issue are as follows:

Pintaud, J.-C. L'éénigme du palmier

Soares, K.P. Le genre *Butia*

Bour, A. *Saribus jeanneneyi* (Becc.) Bacon & W.J. Baker au jardin botanique de Nancy

Razafitsalama, J., M. Rakotoarinivo & S. Andrianbololonera. Les palmiers du complexe forestier Makirovana Tsihomanaomby

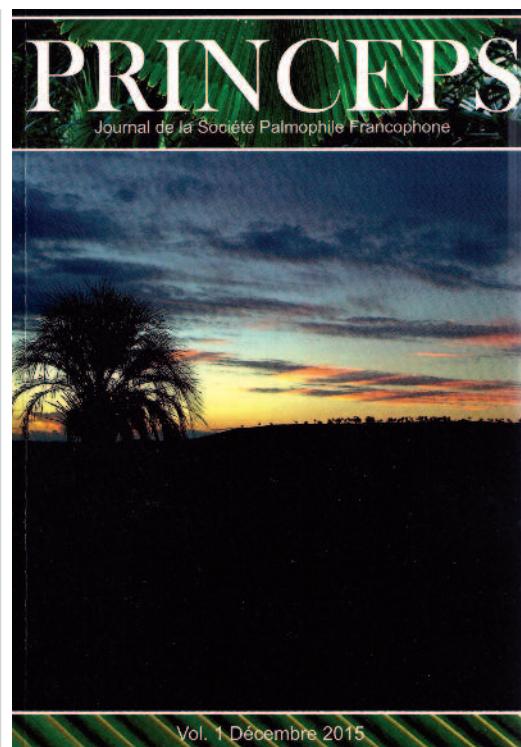
Dowe, J.L., R. Lovatt & N. Snajder. *Carpoxylum macrospermum* dans le Townsville Palmetum, Queensland, Australie

Dupuyoo, J.-M. Les Palmiers des Keys

Littardi, C. & M. Ballardini. Les Palmiers de la Ligurie Occidentale

Soarez, K.P. & L. Coelho de Assis. *Syagrus cipoensis*, un nouvel hybride du Minas Gerais, Brésil

Ferry, M. & S. Gomez. La stratégie de la dernière chance pour sauver les palmiers



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Clochard, P. Perediniya, reflets de 200 ans d'histoire de la botanique

Hodel, D.R. Forever young, je te souhaite un éternel ciel bleu, in memoriam Jean-Christophe Pintaud

Mera, L.A. Les palmiers, 30 années de passion

There is also a brief notice of significant palm papers that have been published elsewhere.

There is much to admire in this inaugural issue. How frequently the journal will appear is not certain to me. I wish every success to the society and hope that it will have no problem in filling the journal with great papers on palms, with wide appeal, not just to the francophone world.

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