FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

IPS Officers for 2000-2002

At the New Caledonia biennial meeting, the IPS Board of Directors elected the following officers to serve until the 2002 election. The IPS board elects officers from Board of Directors members.

President: Horace Hobbs

(Texas, USA)

Vice President: Rolf Kyburz

(Queensland, Australia)

Vice President: Paul Craft

(Florida, USA)

Treasurer: Howard Waddell

(Florida, USA)

Administrative Secretary: Libby Besse

(Florida, USA)

Corresponding Secretary: Don Kurth

(California, USA)

Editor of Palms: John Dransfield

(England, U.K.)

Editor of Palms: Scott Zona

(Florida, USA)

Director of IPS Bookstore: Geoff Stein

(California, USA)

Increase in IPS Life Memberships

Fees for individual Life Membership in the International Palms Society will be \$750 effective January 1, 2001.

Lynn McKamey named to IPS Advisory Council

The IPS Directors in New Caledonia also voted former Administrative Secretary to membership in the Society's Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of former IPS presidents who remain Society members and "such other members as have rendered outstanding service in the Society, such members to be elected to the Advisory Council by a majority vote of the Board."

Lynn joins Mrs. Theodore "Teddy" Buhler and Mrs. Pauleen Sullivan as the only Advisory Council members who have not served as president of the Society. Congratulations!

Former IPS presidents who serve as members of the Advisory Council are Philip Bergman, Allan Bredeson, Jim Cain, Donn Carlsmith, Richard Douglas, Paul Drummond, Kenneth Foster, Jules Gervais, Dr. Walter Hodge, Dr. Jerome Keuper, Myron Kimnach, Dr. Eugene Kitzke and Dr. U. A. Young

<u>Year 2000 IPS Membership Roster</u> will be available with the March 2001 Issue of Palms, Vol. 45(1)

Due to various production problems, the Year 2000 IPS Membership Roster was not available to ship with this issue of *Palms*. It will be provided to all paid members for year 2000 and/or year 2001 as a Supplement to the first issue of 2001.

Year 2002 and 2004 Biennials

The Fous de Palmiers (the French Palm Society) will host the IPS Biennial 2002 with the main Biennial meetings in France and with Post-Biennial Tour visits to Spain and Italy. A descriptive pamphlet is available from the host society. For a copy of this pamphlet or other information, contact Steve Swinscoe, President of Fous de Palmiers at < manatte@libertysurf.fr >.

The Biennial 2004 will be in Hawaii with a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. For early information on this Biennial event, contact HIPS Chapter President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: < flyg@ilhawaii.net >)

More information will be provided on each of these events in future supplements as well as on the IPS website, www.palms.org.

Don't Forget the New On-line Advertising Options for IPS Members

Advertising at palms.org now includes a rotating banner ad option. Banners greet visitors to the website's image gallery and links page, two of the most popular pages at palms.org. Ads must be palm-related in order to appear in palms.org, and all advertisers are IPS members.

Our members in the business of palms benefit from advertising in a targeted area at a reasonable price. Visitors to the site are already interested in palms and are likely to find the banners useful and interesting. Plus, the IPS is able to recoup some of its evergrowing expenses. Everybody wins.

IPS members interested in placing an ad may contact me or place an order online at http://www.palms.org/ads/newpolicy.htm.

The policy is described in detail and the shopping cart makes placing an ad easy. Basic ads are \$100 per year, with banner ads \$200 per year. One-page webs at palms.org are also available for \$250 per year.

Jana Meiser webmaster@palms.org

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

News from Palmeraie-Union, the La Réunion Chapter

Here is the latest news PALMERAIE-UNION. When we became a new IPS chapter last June there were 60 members in the society; 4 months later we are currently 80. It seems that joining IPS gave a boost to the life of the association. The number of members might appear rather small but this is a good score considering the size of La Réunion. Situated In the southwestern Indian Ocean, a little north of the Tropic of Capricorn, Réunion is a volcanic: island of 2,500 square kilometers (965 square miles). Ouite similar to the big island of Hawaii, Réunion consists of 2 volcanoes: Piton des Neiges which culminates at 3,089 meters (10,134 feet) above sea level and Piton de la Foumaise which is erupting right now – for the third time this year!

We publish the journal LATANIA in French, twice a year. The December 1999 issue featured the Palms of Mayotte by Nicole Ludwig, an introduction to the Palms of La Réunion by Thierry Hubert, reports on the 1999 Palm Show in Paris and the annual Floral Show in Le Tampon. With the June 2000 issue, we began publishing palm identification sheets on either endemic species or exotic palm trees commonly

grown in Réunion. The same issue features the travel diary written by Nicole Ludwig during the "Fous de Palmiers" visit to South Florida last year. Two officers of Palmeraie-Union: Chairman Thierry Hubert and Nicole joined the "Fous" and met the IPS President Phil Bergman at the Fairchild Tropical Garden. [Latania consists of about 30 A4-sized pages with color pictures. Annual membership is US\$20 (single) or US\$30 (family). Copies of Latania are available for \$10 each, including airmail postage fee.]

Palmeraie-Union organizes visits of public and private gardens about once every 6 weeks. This is a good occasion to identify palm species. We also organize workgroups on different matters such as germination of palm seeds, early stages of palm culture in pots, palm diseases, etc. The association is also involved in an important project, a 20-acre Palmetum in the southwestern part of the island. Presently, a germination unit is operating and landscape architect consultants are working on this project.

Palmeraie-Union was pleased welcome overseas visitors quite recently. Among them was Rolf Kyburz from Australia, who spent a couple of days in Réunion while enroute to Madagascar. Guided by vice-chairman Christian Martin, he visited a wild population of Hyophorbe indica near the Grand-Etang. He also met Thierry Hubert and the Martz family who own a palm nursery in Etang-Salé. October, four "Fous de Palmiers" members including Fous President Steve Swinscoe came to Réunion to attend "Floralies de l'Océan Indien". A group of some forty members of Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France also visited the island. Their visit including tours of many public and private gardens.

"Florilèges", which takes place the first week in November, closed recently. The association designed a palm garden and had a stand where visitors could get information and advice about palms.

For information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Chairman Thierry Hubert at < palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr > or fax to the Corresponding Secretary Nicole Ludwig 0262 56 97 36, or send mail to P.O. Box 10, 97429 — PETIE-ILE, LA RÉUNION< FRANCE.

Nicole LUDWIG

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA)

For information on Palms and Cycads Magazine or Bookstore matters send an email to < pacsoal@ozemail.com.au >. For PACSOA Seed Bank information, send an Rudy Meyer email to < pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au >. For more about membership or general inquiries contact Cuffe bv email Greg < pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au >. Also check website **PACSOA** out the www.pacsoa.org.au.

Southern Queensland Group, PACSOA

The Southern Queensland Group's (SQG) met on September 19th to hear Will Kraa's presentation on potting mixes, fertilizers, watering and sprinkling systems. Will has been growing palms and cycads in the local area for many years, researching best methods to employ at his and Margaret's nursery – Palm Oasis Nursery.

A SQG meeting is also scheduled for November 21st, with the Christmas party and bi-monthly outing to be held in December.

SQG held their October outing to the Chinderah Palm Nursery, owned and operated by Narelle and Larry Reynolds. Located near the New South Wales / Queensland border features gardens incorporating many specimen palms of various sizes.

In early 2001, SQG has meetings scheduled for January 16th (Annual General Meeting), March 16th, May 18th and July 20th. Meetings are now held at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Garden Palm Auditorium.

The Year 2001 Annual Palm and Cycad Sale and Show has been tentatively scheduled for February 26th and 27th.

For information on the Southern Queensland branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - S.Q.G., P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, Queensland 4060, Australia, or email to either Brett Northey < Brett.Northey1@defence.gov.au >, Chris Gray < chgray@ecn.net.au > or Michael Gray < mikeg@dstc.edu.au >.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on October 10th to view Bernard Weitkuhn's video of Nong Nooch Tropical Garden, Thailand.

A Garden Visit was held on October 22nd to the garden of Errol Blank, Seymour Close, Nambour. Errol's garden is just over 1 acre in extent, being constantly added to over the past seven years.

The Sunshine Coast Group's Christmas Party will be held at the home of Max Pedley in Torbul in December (10th or 17th to be determined).

Meetings are held in the even months of the year, on the second Tuesday of those months starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Nambour Band Hall, Daniel Street, Nambour.

For more on the Sunshine Coast Branch, email to John and Jeanne Price < pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au > or write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society - Sunshine Coast Group, P. O. Box 1007, Nambour, QLD 4560, Australia

Far North Queensland

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) hosted the International Palm Society's 2000 Biennial Post-Tour on October 15-23. There will be a subsequent article covering this Post-Tour.

For more information on the see the new website http://www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/, of FNQPACA or email Rob Northey, Secretary, at < rob@cairns.net.au >.

News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter

The Sydney Chapter of the IPS met on August 22nd for a "members' assortment" of slides featuring their best palms and/or cycads.

The group held an excursion on September 3rd to the garden of Paul and Lyn Dumont in Wedderburn (about one hour

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact President Ian Edwards (at < ianse@ozemail.com.au >).

North Queensland Palm Society, PACSOA Branch News

For information on the North Queensland Palm Society, write the Secretary, North Queensland Palm Society, P. O. Box 1731, Aitkenvale, Queensland 4814, Australia.

South Australian Branch, PACSOA

For more information, write the Secretary, Palm and Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, S. A., 5082, Australia.

News from Western Australia

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) met in September to hear Matthew Lunn, Curator of Grounds at Curtin University. Matthew discussed the evolution of the 116-hectare Curtin gardens. focusing on what has taken place since he arrived there from Kew Gardens four years ago. Matthew also hosts a Saturday morning gardening radio program. Gary Pike, new PACSOWA President, gave a short talk at this meeting on the Walking Stick Palm, Linospadix monostachya, a beautiful small under story palm. Although there are eleven species of Linospadix native to the east coast of Australia and Papua-New Guinea, only L. monostachya is commonly found in cultivation. The suckering L. minor and others are sometimes encountered in enthusiasts' gardens.

The society met again on October 24th to hear Don Woods speak on bromeliads, an essential ingredient of a tropical looking garden. Cliff Britto gave a short talk on maintaining color variegation in palm leaves. Several different species were discussed in addition to the ever-popular Rhapis excelsa. Raffle plants included a sizeable triple-planted Princess Palm (Dictyosperma album) and a Rhapis excelsa with a very interesting color scheme. There were also a Zamia furfuracea, a Bismarckia nobilis and a Beccariophoenix madagascariensis.

PACSOWA's Canning Sale and Display event was scheduled for November 18-19. This is the society's biggest event of the year.

The Christmas Party was set for December 2nd at Norm and Gwen Patterson's place in High Wycombe. The Patterson garden is undoubtedly one of the best, and biggest, palm and cycad gardens in Perth.

The September 24th "busy bee" had very limited attendance (three) so was limited to pruning and weeding. Another "busy bee" was scheduled for October 29th.

PACSOWA generally meets monthly at the South Perth Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth. For more information, contact Barry Shelton by email < mews@eon.net.au > or President Gary Pike.

Pacific Northwest Chapter News

A General Meeting and election is scheduled for November 27th, 2000, at VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver BC, with Thomas Hobbs giving a "Tuscany slideshow".

On February 7-11, PNWP&EPS will participate in the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle, Washington.

For more information, send an email to < michaelferguson@home.com > (Michael Ferguson) or see the new Chapter webpage at http://www.palms.org/pacific.

News from New Caledonia

Congratulations to the hard-working members of Association Chambeyronia for putting together a fantastic Biennial 2000 in New Caledonia in October for the International Palm Society. This meeting will be the subject of a separate article later, but suffice it to say that all IPS members who attended had a wonderful time. Just below is a short recap written by a Texas couple who attended the meeting.

Association Chambeyronia meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For any information, contact: President Philippe Cherrier, B.P 1323 - 98845 Noumea, New Caledonia, Fax (687) 28 84 83 Email: cphilpalm@offratel.nc>

One Couple's Look at the 2000 Biennial and the Post-Tour

Four members of the Houston Area Chapter of the IPS attended the Biennial in New Caledonia. In addition to Horace Hobbs and wife Cynthia, my wife and I (Paul and Judy Norris) also made the trip to New Caledonia. We traveled the following week to Cairns, Queensland, Australia for the Post Tour. In New Caledonia, along with other Biennial attendees, we enjoyed a helicopter ride to 400 meters on Mt. Panié, the tallest mountain in New Caledonia, and then hiked to 500 meters where we saw the exciting Lavoixia macrocarpa, endemic only to New Caledonia. Other palms seen along the way were several varieties of Basselinia

and Chambeyronia, Veillonia alba, Moratia cerifera and Kentiopsis piersoniorum. Thanks to the hosting Association Chambeyronia Chapter, we returned with seeds for the Kentiopsis piersoniorum, Kentiopsis oliviformis, Chambeyronia macrocarpa and various Veitchia species.

Our Post Tour was just as eventful. Many gardens and nurseries were visited Botanical Flecker including Rosebud Palm Nursery (where a Veillonia alba was planted commemorating the 2000 Post Tour), and Mt. Lewis (Oraniopsis appendiculata). An overnight trip was made to the Port Douglas area where we toured Mossman Gorge with a local aborigine, Dr. Arden Dearden's collection (Iguanura elegans), Jeff Fowler's private garden (Salacca multiflora) and the Daintree Forest (Lepidozamia hopei). We then took a break from palms for a couple of days to enjoy some scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. Horace and Paul are looking forward to sharing slides and stories of their wonderful trips with all of their fellow palm enthusiasts.

> Paul and Judy Norris Houston, Texas

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society First Semester 2000

In order to promote the International Palm Society, our Board of Directors decided to order 500 copies of *Palms*, that we then offered to our members free of charge. *Palms* was sent along to all our members with our special, all-color tenth anniversary issue of *Le Palmier*. It was one more way to mark this turning point for our association and, at the same time, encourage the Fous to join the IPS. The feedback was positive and we encourage other chapters to consider doing likewise.

Several officers of the association were busy writing and late 1999/early 2000 saw the publication of three new books about palms in French.

- Our founder, Alain Hervé, wrote Le Palmier, Editions Acte Sud, part of a series of books on trees.
- 2. Our Secretary, Daniel Jacquemin, wrote Les Palmiers Ornementaux, Editions Champflour, the new book of reference on palms to be grown in France.

3. Our Assistant Secretary, Patrice Fauchier, wrote Palmiers d'Intérieur et d'Extérieur, Comment les Cultiver Facilement (Indoor and Outdoor Palms: How to Grow Them Easily), Editions Ulmer, a simple, concise guide to palm cultivation.

Also of note was the publication of a reedition of *La Palma*, overseen by Francesco de Santis, founding member of the Italian Palm Society, *Beccariana*. This is the Italian masterpiece by Salvatore Cusa, first published in Palermo in 1873. All of these books were reviewed in our bulletin for March

In January, our correspondent for Brittany, Jean Gourier, gave a conference on palms in Quimper that drew an audience of more than 120 while our assistant secretary Patrice Fauchier spoke at the Parc Bottoli in Marseilles, with more than 50 people in attendance. His talk was followed by sampling of jelly made from a fresh harvest of fruit from Butia capitata.

In February, southwestern France was the showcase for palms in the city of Pau. There was a celebration to commemorate the centennial of the Boulevard des Pyrenees, a sort of balcony facing the snow-capped mountains to the south, lined with palms and other exotic plants. Our association was invited to take an active part in the celebration, including a palm exhibition put together by members Michel Greco, Patrick Marty and Steve Swinscoe. There were weekly conferences by different members, including Annie Poussielgues, Patrice Fauchier, Michel Greco and Steve Swinscoe and also garden visits. The weather was glorious throughout the month, a harbinger of spring. Members were interviewed on both radio and television and numerous newspaper articles spoke of palms and our association.

In March we published the first issue of our new, 24-page magazine, Le Palmier, accompanied by the 8-page chapter news bulletin, Coeur de Palmier, following the example of Palms. Now our members will have the pleasure of receiving and reading our publications four times a year. Le Palmier includes more and more color with regular columns: different species and palm parts, people who have studied and written about palms in the past, different cities around France with palm collections, travelogues and finally portraits of members

of our association. *Coeur du Palmier* contains a calendar of upcoming activities along with accounts of those that have taken place since the previous issue and news from the different regions of France, book reviews, letters, announcements, humor, recipes and our seed bank information.

Le Palmier N° 22 included articles about the other European palm species, Phoenix theophrastii, the plant explorer and propagator, Jean Linden, a travelogue of a trip to the palm Mecca of Madagascar and the portrait of a Fou.

On March 12th members met in the Tarn and Garonne and admired the nursery of Mr. Caseneuve and the lovely garden of Mr. And Mrs. Lemouzy.

April was a busy month with the inauguration of a new palmetum in the city of San Remo in Italy. On that same weekend, Bernard Le Roux set up a stand at the plant show in Lannion in Brittany. At the same time, we were represented at the other end of the country in Marseillargues in Languedoc, followed by a visit to the garden of Marie-Thérèse and Henri Nardy. Serge Dassain represented the Fous at an open house of the city greenhouses of Toulouse, as did Michel Greco at the Château de Momas in Béarn. The end of the month marked the major plant show, Festival Jardins Sud, in Uzes, overseen by Yves and Colette Pia and in Roussillon members were present at the spring flower show in the city of Perpignan near the Spanish border along the Mediterranean, thanks to correspondent Pierre Bianchi.

May began with two plant shows in Brittany, first in Brest on May 1, where Michel Bourbier decorated our stand with his palms and then on May 14 in Quimper where both Michel and Jean Gourier met with palm fans. It was also the month for two annual events where the Fous were represented: in southwestern France at the plant fair at the Château de Gaujac and near Paris at the Château de Courson.

In June, our General Assembly was organized in westernmost France, in the city of Brest, known, despite its northern latitude, for its mild maritime climate – since the warm waters of the Gulf Stream bath it. For three days, June 10-12, fifty members from all over the country met and visited public and private gardens in Brest, Morlaix and Roscoff as well as the century-old Delaselle Garden on the island of Batz, escorted there by Director Olivier Maillet.

Three Fous were instrumental in putting it all together, Jean Gourier, Michel Bourbier and Patrick Bellec. And while the weather was, for once, dismal across southern France, those present in Brittany enjoyed sunny skies and warm temperatures.

On the last Sunday of the month, Serge Dassain organized a visit of private gardens of members in the suburbs of Toulouse – inspiring attendees to also be more audacious in what they plant.

We rounded up the semester with the publication of *Le Palmier N*° 23 for June, which included articles about the underground life of palms, the French "father" of *Jubaea*, Charles Naudin, the account of a trip to the well-watered island of Madeira and another to admire the desert palms of North Africa, the southern city of Nîmes and the portrait of a member. No doubt about it; it was a busy semester!

Steve Swinscoe President, Fous de Palmiers

For more about *Fous de Palmiers*, visit their website http://www.chez.com/palmiers or email Steve < manatte@libertysurf.fr >.

News from Manureva

The Manureva "Trait d'Union" quarterly journal was released in July and featured Leland Lai (Palm Society of Southern California Vice President and IPS Director) and Los Angeles Manureva member Italo (Bud) Insalata at Capitola. Following was an interview with Nicolas Got, our seed bank manager and Webmaster. The central pages were a reprint from Dutch IPS member and art designer Martin Sloos book on the symbiosis of floral and human beauty!

You can now click www.manureva.fr.st to see our website. This site should be completed by year-end and will include hundreds of photographs available to all.

In early September, we released Manureva 11 with the front cover featuring Butia capitata in an original colored and ink design from Todd Worley from San Francisco. Inside there is a complete review of the Butia species, made possible by Harri Lorenzi, a Brazilian IPS member. Swiss member Cédric Daury reported on his last visit to Kirstenbosch (South Africa) with superb color photographs. Jean-Jacques

Segalen provided an interesting article on various tropical fruits. Dan Sekella (President of the Northern Californian IPS chapter) wrote a splendid article on five stunning Eucalyptus species suitable for Northern California. In memory of our friend Bill Bittle (late President and Editor, Palm Society of South Texas), we started the re-publication of his last article "The 24 palms you should have planted in South Texas" followed by an extensive article on the 108 Erythrinas. That issue was closed with six more pages on *Manureva*'s wonderful trip in central Florida.

Because of the summer and tourist crowds, our gardens' visits have slowed down. On September 8 - 9, our VP Edouard Mazzola put up a stand on cours Bioves in Menton and several new members signed up. He also gave a tour of his garden followed by a dinner in a friendly atmosphere to the board members of the Fous de Palmiers. His garden "l'Esquinade" and "Howea" of Alain Jamet are undoubtedly the two outstanding private gardens for members to visit when they come to France for the IPS biennial in 2002.

On September 17th, we went to the charming inland village Baux ed Provence to visit Monique and Guy Belli. They have an amazing garden. Besides a forest of mature *Trachycarpus*, there are many other tall palms: *Phoenix canariensis*, *Washingtonia filifera*, *Butia capitata* and hundreds of other plants. After lunch, we went to Rognonas to visit Pia and Piere nursery. After two hours, the cars' trunks were too small to carry all we could buy.

More evidence that *Manureva* believes in traveling to discover plants, gardens, people and new friends: On November 17-26, some of us will be on the way to Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.

The year 2001 will be even more intense for Travel. In the last Palms Supplement, IPS VP Rolf Kyburz from Australia spoke highly of Palmeraie-Union and its leaders. They form a dynamic group of experts in palms and other exotic plants that can be grown in an idyllic climate. Manureva will be their guests from May 24 through June 4, 2001. We will spend seven days at la Reunion to visit private gardens but also that wonderful and spectacular island, then three days in Mauritius to visit the famed Pamplemousses Botanical Garden and the elusive Hyophorbe amaricaulis. This journey is open to all IPS members.

Please contact René Coativy by email to manurevah@aol.com or send a fax to 33 4 94 64 74 71 or if you are interested.

As a reminder, on November 9th, Manureva members will land in Rio de Janeiro for three days and the visit of the Jardim Botanico then fly to Santiago de Chile for three days to meet IPS member Franco Simonnetti and tour the Jubaea chilensis forests of Ocoa and Cocolan. In Cordoba, Argentina, Gaston Torres Vera will guide us to the Trithrinax campestris native forests. We will then drive north to the Bolivian border to meet Sandra Chediack (IPS member and Palms author) and see more palms in habitat all along the way as well as spend a day in the spectacular train of the clouds. After three nights in Salta and Jujuy, we will cross the country through millions of Copernicia alba to reach Resistencia. On the way to Posadas, we will see the Butia yatay colonies before reaching the Iguacu waterfalls where we will spend two nights and a full day to visit the surrounding forest and Syagrus. We will then discover southern Brazil and the stout Syagrus romanzoffiana in the Santa Catarina province together with Acrocomia totai and Trithrinax brasiliensis. After crossing the Uruguayan border we will go to the Rocha sanctuary of thousands of Butia capitata and then meet IPS member Elena Beara in Montevideo. Following two more days in Buenos Aires, it will time to say goodbye! This journey is also opened to all IPS members and if you are interested please On those tours, we speak contact me. several languages fluently and there is no communication problem. Most common languages spoken are Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish – this is the beauty of Europe!!

Lastly, I would like to launch an "SOS help request" in favor of a Belgian Manureva member now living in Riobamba, Ecuador. He is newly established there and he wants to set up a botanical garden of palms but he does not have money to buy them. He would welcome any gift seeds you'll be willing to mail him. His address is casilliro 06 01 33 Riobamba, Ecuador and his email is micdufrasne@hotmail.com. Our society has funded his 2001 IPS membership and is providing seeds from our seed bank.

If you need information, contact me via fax 33 4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to me at manurevah@aol.com.

René Coativy

European Palm Society

The European Palm Society reports great success with its new fully on-line membership. Members are able to access the EPS website where the latest issue of Chamaerops can be read/downloaded in living color. There is also an archive where previous issues can be accessed. database is fully searchable by key word, subject or author. The latest issue (No. 38) of Chamaerops contains interesting articles on growing palms in summer and winter, the concluding part of an interview with the Editor (Martin Gibbons), a story of some incredibly hardy Trachycarpus fortunei growing in Bulgaria, a paper about the hardy Japanese banana, and an account of the hardiness of Nannorrhops in Iran where it survives unbelievably low temperatures. Available on-line or by conventional subscription, see details at our website www.palmsociety.org or by fax +44 20 8255 6192.

Martin Gibbons

Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand

For information about the Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand or membership/subscription details, email Steve Dodds < srdodds@ihug.co.nz >.

News of the South Africa Palm Society

Volume 17, No 3, of the *Palm Enthusiast* was published with the following two main articles:

- Guests for palms what can be grown on palms. Pictures of platyceriums, orchids, bromeliads, etc., grown on palms
- Palms of the Amazon Part 1.

Under the local palm scene we have:

- Manicaria saccifera in South Africa
- What's new in Chamaedorea
- and some short amusing articles.

The Pretoria and the Durban branches each had a year-end Christmas get-together.

The next AGM will be held in the Pretoria area end of April-beginning of May weekend. For further details contact Peter Wunderlin at pmdes@iafrica.com

For further information on the South African Palm Society, visit the website at http://www.sapalm.co.za or contact the Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email her at < info@sapalm.co.za > for more information. [Note that this is a new email address but the website remains unchanged.]

The Palm Society of Maui

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (or telephone messages to 808-280-0788). This is a revised address.

Island of Hawaii Chapter

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) met on November 14th. Bo-Göran Lundkvist gave a slide show on "Palms of S.E. Asia and the South Pacific". This featured spectacular highlights of Bo's visits to Thailand, Singapore, New Caledonia and Fiji, made over the past two years. This was a great preview to the planned 2004 post-biennial trip to Fiji. [The Hawaii Island Palm Society will host the IPS Biennial in 2004 and this post-tour.] The new HIPS T-shirts were also available.

For more information on Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Bo-Göran Lundkvist email: < flyg@ilhawaii.net >).

Southern California Chapter News

The Los Angeles Area Palm Sale and 10^{th} Anniversary Concoction Auction was held on November 18^{th} . The event began in Long Beach, followed by visits to three gardens in Venice: a young 4-year old garden, an "interim" 8-9 year old garden, and a prestigious traditional garden. The auction was from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The September 2000 issue of *The Palm Journal* featured a "Trunks and Crownshafts" theme.

See the chapter website on http://palms.org/socal/ for more information on the Southern California Chapter of the International Palm Society.

Major publications (and co-publications) of the International Palm Society For Sale

Genera Palmarum

A Classification of Palms based on the Work of Harold E. Moore, Jr., by Dr. Natalie W. Uhl and Dr. John Dransfield provides comprehensive treatment of all genera of palms, including a hierarchy for the family, descriptions and keys to all genera, introductory chapters summarizing the latest information these most important plans, and an illustrated glossary. 600 pages superbly illustrated with 30 pages of color photographs.

\$49.95 [postage: add \$8 for U.S.; \$14 for overseas; \$39 for overseas airmail]

Palms of Eldorado

This English edition is by a leading French botanist, Francis Kahn, who spent many years studying Amazonian palms in the field. The 251-page book gives a fascinating account of the palms in relation to the forest and in relation to the Amazonians themselves, their culture and their daily life. The accompanying photographs are of great interest.

\$49.00 [postage: add \$6 for U.S.; \$9 for overseas; \$25 for overseas airmail]

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Northern California Chapter

Our first garden meeting was held on May 7th in Ross, Marin County, at the garden of Drs. Thomas Jackson and Kathleen Grant. It had been nine years since our last meeting at the Jackson/Grant Garden; much had changed but not the weather. If I'm not mistaken, the last time we had rain at a Northern California Chapter meeting was in May of 1991 in Ross. Fortunately, Tom and Kathy have an atrium large enough for all of the attendees. The hillside garden is landscaped with many dwarf bamboo. rhododendron, large Trachycarpus, Chamaerops, Sabal, and Phoenix. On the overcast and raining Sunday, the garden could easily have been in the Himalayas. foothills on Approximately 50 members and guests attended. The auction, conducted by Darold Petty, netted \$460 for the Chapter.

On July 9th, Dan Serbin hosted our next meeting in Santa Rosa on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon. Dan's garden looks much older than its actual age of six years. Many of the palms were transplanted as large specimens. Along with the 55 palms on the property are many cannas, ginger, banana, bamboo, and agaves. Dan's garden looked so tropical that one would think it must be in Hawaii. Approximately 40 members attended. The auction, conducted by Michael Shapiro and Darold Petty raised \$357 for our treasury.

Inge Hoffmann hosted our next garden meeting on August 19th in San Leandro. The Hoffmann garden is actually two gardens: Inge's cactus and succulent garden and Hans' palm collection. The first palms were planted in 1974 and now most tower over the house. The attendance was over 60, one of our best turnouts in several years. Darold Petty conducted the auction, which netted \$350 for the Chapter treasury. The weather was beautiful and, probably because San Leandro is centrally located, many members from all over the Bay Area and beyond were able to attend. The long distance travelers were again the Howells from San Luis Obispo and Pat Schafer from Philo.

The last Chapter meeting of the year 2000 was held on October 1st and was comprised of tours of two gardens in the Sunset district of San Francisco followed by a docent-led tour of the palm plantings at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park.

Darold Petty and Dave Childers hosted tours of their gardens. The Sunset district is in the extreme Pacific Marine climate zone (some refer to it as the 'fog belt') where Parajubaea, Ceroxylon, Rhopalostylis, and Caryota specimens do so well. Jason DeWees led the Strybing Arboretum tour.

For the second year in a row, the Northern California Chapter sponsored an informational palm display at the Heather Farms Garden Fall Garden Faire in Walnut Creek. On October 15th, Richard Quiroz and Dan Sekella spent the Sunday answering questions about palms and their cultivation in Northern California. Richard, Dan and Darold Petty supplied potted palms for the display. Also on display was a selection of palm reference books and examples of palm inflorescence. A large cluster of mature Butia capitata fruit intrigued most people who stopped by; they had no idea what it was.

I would like to thank all of our hosts this year, plus the members who contributed palms for our auctions, those who purchased them, plus everyone who contributed the great dishes for our potluck luncheons.

Dan Sekella

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, < sekella@pacbell.net >.

Gulf Coast Chapter

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS met on October 15th at the home of Maxwell Stewart in Mobile, Alabama. Current Chapter officers are:

Tom G. Mignerey, President
Larry Morris, VP-Pensacola
McCune Dudley, VP Mobile
G. Eric Moore, Secretary
Maxwell Stewart, Treasurer/Historian
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For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, send an email to editor Bill Watkins at < watkinsw@aol.com >.

South Florida Chapter News

The South Florida Palm Chapter held their 2000 Fall Show and Sale at Fairchild on November 4-5th, 2000. This sale, billed as "World's largest sale of rare and exotic palms" was again very well attended. Murray Corman was Show Chairman and Rick Kern was Sale Chairman.

On October 21st, the Chapter held a field trip to some of the most highly prized and beautiful gardens of the Kendall area.

December 4th has been set for combined Board Election, Holiday Party, General Meeting & Huge Plant Auction at Fairchild Tropical Garden. Lots of free seeds and seedlings to be provided.

There will be a monthly Palm Society meeting in February 2001, with the Chapter's Spring Sale to be in March 2001.

Requests for South Florida Chapter information (and their current publications) should be sent c/o Steve Stern, 8375 SW 185 terrace, Miami, Fl 33157 or by Email at < rarepalm@gateway.net > or by phone at (305) 251-4541 or by fax (305) 253-4992.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society Chapter News

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society met on September 2nd at Ruth Salenbach's gardens and elected officers for 2001 Don Bittle, long time Treasurer has taken over duties as President. Outgoing President Rick Kern will continue on the Executive Board. The new board members welcomed:

- Sally Sinclair (Treasurer), and
- Susan Ciosi (Membership Chair).

Other board members:

- First VP/Sale Chair: Chris Covington
- Second VP/Planting Chair: Pat Encinosa
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The society met again on October 4th to hear Norm Moody discuss his trip through Mexico in search of numerous species of *Chamaedorea* and several other palm

genera. On November 1st, Chris Covington gave a presentation about his recent trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The August/October 2000 issue of the *Palm & Cycad Times*, Palm Beach Chapter newsletter, featured a related article by Chris on his Costa Rican trip.

The Chapter's annual Holiday Party will be held on December 6th at Mounts Botanical Garden. There will be numerous door prizes and a huge palm and cycad auction – to say nothing of an enticing array of goodies provided by PBPCS.

The chapter fall sale was held on October 14-15 at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach. Over 500 species of palms and cycads of all sizes and shapes were offered, as were T-shirts, books and much knowledgeable advice.

On January 20, 2001, the Palm Beach Chapter will join the Central Florida chapter tour to the Montgomery Botanical Center.

For information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact Paul Craft (email to: < palmnut@gate.net >).

News from Central Florida

The Third-Quarter Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) eastern meeting was held on September 9th, featuring tours of two local gardens. The first meeting point was Frank Brown's Valkaria Tropical Gardens, started about 10 years ago, and with a large collection of tropical plants and flowers. The second stop was at Richard Lundstedt's 3-acre garden in West Melbourne. Montgomery Botanical Center again donated plants for this event. Members also donated plants, with 100 percent of the proceeds to the chapter.

The Fourth-Quarter Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) centralarea meeting was held on October 28th at Hersh and Jackie Womble's garden.

On January 20, 2001, the Central Florida chapter will take a tour to the Montgomery Botanical Center.

Dave Witt of the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society now serves as President of PACSOF (Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida). Later in 2001, CFPACS will sponsor the PACSOF PalmFest.

For more information on CFPACS, contact Neil Yorio < neil.yorio-1@ ksc.nasa.gov > or check out the new website at http://cfpacs.freeservers.com on the Internet.

The Supplement to Palms (formerly Principes) is always looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world - whether members of local chapters simply individuals or not associated local IPS affiliates exist. Items can be on any subject that will be of interest to members of the IPS. If you would like to contribute anything about palms or your area activities in elsewhere), contact Jim Cain at < palm dude@pobox.com > via email or send information by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

Florida First Coast Chapter News

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email Chapter Secretary Doug Howk at his new email address of < dhowk@mediatone.net>.

News from the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

Members and guests are urged to visit http://www.plantapalm.com/southwestfl, the chapter website or to contact Geri Prall < palmtreegardens@juno.com >.

Louisiana Chapter News

The fall meeting was conducted September 24th in the wonderful home and luxuriant gardens of Shep Field and Lester Perkins along historic Bayou Saint John in The membership voted New Orleans. unanimously to convert the society to a palm and cycad society with the name as stated above. An excellent presentation by Hank Hammatt ("Belize Hank") featured the palms and tropical plants of Belize where some jungle Hank owns Accompanying Hank was Susan Mikato, head veterinarian at Audubon Zoo and Endangered Species Center. Susan and Hank are leaving soon for Sumatra where they will be engaged in the rescue and care of a threatened elephant population. A great plant sale (31 species of palms and 2 species of cycads) brought in a significant boost to the treasury and joy to the buyers. Ten new members joined the club.

On October 21st and 22nd, the society presented both an exhibit and a sales booth at the Greater New Orleans Fall Garden Festival at the Botanical Garden. exhibit booth focused on educating the public on the difference between palms and cycads and featured examples of each. The sales booth offered a vast array of plants (47 palms from 24 species; 43 cycads from 10 species) and was hugely successful in its sales. At the end of the two days, only the tent and the display benches were left The public seemed genuinely pleased with the wide diversity of palms and cycads being offered. A total of eleven persons joined or renewed their membership during the Festival.

The Society will meet next on November 26 (1:00 pm) at the Audubon Zoo (President's Room). For more information concerning this meeting or the society in general, contact Joe Baucum, < theanchorage@worldnet.att.net > or by telephone at (504) 689-4243.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Fall 2000 meeting of the Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) was held in southeastern Tennessee on October 14th. Approximately three-dozen people attended the meeting hosted by two SPEPS Tennessee members, William Taylor of Athens and Jeff Stevens of Chattanooga.

Chapter President Tom McClendon, Siloam, GA, opened the Fall meeting with a business meeting. Subject matter included the state of activities at the SPEPS adopted demonstration gardens, the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens in Savannah, GA, and proposed format changes to the Chapter newsletter, Rhapidophyllum. Treasurer Bob Winston-Salem, NC, gave a Snyder, membership report: 216 members, with greatest representation from Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, Carolina. South additional Tennessee, and Texas, with members in Virginia, Maryland, Florida, and a few members sprinkled across at least ten other states.

Ken Willeford, Columbia, TN, gave an informative slide presentation of the palms of which he has had the most success growing in central Tennessee. Ken has been a palm enthusiast since the early days of hardy palm cultivation with Tamar Myers in *The Palm Quarterly*. The presentation was

followed by everyone's favorite event, the plant sale. Of course, there were many Washingtonia, Sabal, and Trachycarpus available for purchase; most of them grown from seed by SPEPS members. Following the meeting, William gave a tour of his tremendous palm collection with over 175 individual plants in the ground in Athens, Tennessee. For example: Butia capitata, Chamaedorea radicalis. Nannorrhops ritchiana, Rhapidophyllum hystrix, Sabal etonia, S. mexicana, S. minor, S. palmetto, S. uresana, Seronoa repens, Trachycarpus fortunei, and Washingtonia robusta. The theme of the meeting was: Tennessee, The Next Palmetto State.

Upcoming SPEPS events for Fall 2000 and Winter 2001: Tom will host the first annual SPEPS Board of Directors meeting on November 11th. Some topics will include budget planning and a proposal to increase Board membership from the current TN, AL, and GA representation, to include Board representatives from SC, NC, and an at-large member. The next SPEPS meeting will be on February 24th in Savannah, GA.

The Chapter would like to thank William Taylor and Jeff Stevens for providing the Fall meeting locations. Please email Tom McClendon at tmcclendon@ccboe.net or visit the SPEPS web site at www.speps.net for more SPEPS meeting plans and a wealth of cold hardy palm information and beautiful pictures of palms.

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) now has t-shirts with a full color design. PSST member Ellen Fehrenkamp created the original as a watercolor depicting Texas Sabal [S. mexicana], the mission at Goliad, and colorful hibiscus. Shirts are \$20 for XXL and \$16.00 for all other sizes S through XL. Visit the PSST website to see the design. Shirts are available at each meeting or by mail. To order by mail, send a check to John Dillard/PSST, 7317 Pepper Ridge Rd, Corpus Christi TX 78413. Shipping is \$3.50. A quasi-online order form (print and send with your check) is at www.raingardens.com/psst/order.htm.

PSST met in Rockport on September 16th for a palm auction and a trip to the Bill Bittle Memorial Garden in progress at the Rockport Center for the Arts. The memorial garden is part of a larger sculpture garden

that has been in the planning stages for 10 years. The sculpture garden was completed and officially opened on September 24th. The memorial garden includes a grove of Sabal mexicana [Texas Sabal], a Butia X Syagrus from Grant Stephenson of Horticultural Consultants in Houston, and a Rhapis excelsa 'Daikokuten' donated by Lynn McKamey of Rhapis Gardens in Gregory. John Anderson of Corpus Christi, well known for his bromeliad collection, donated a fine specimen of Dioon mejiae.

The October meeting was held at Thad and Alice Magyar's in Santa Rosa. Their garden is magnificent, replete with military macaws housed in custom-made palapas designed and built by the Magyars. A virtual tour of the Magyar garden is available at www.texasriviera.com/paradise/thadFrameSet2.html on the Internet.

The November meeting has been scheduled for McAllen, Texas, at Lloyd Van Epps', and the traditional Christmas party will be held in Corpus Christi at Ed Ladd and John Dillard's home. PSST continues its tradition of trading palm-related gifts.

For more information on the above, visit http://www.raingardens.com/psst.htm. The site has photos of each meeting, dates of upcoming meetings and information about PSST T-shirts. Visitors are welcome.

Jana Meister

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

The Houston Area Chapter met on September 23rd at The Hobbs Palmetum, home of Horace and Cynthia Hobbs. As always, an exciting and informative tour of the Hobbs' garden was enjoyed by many of the local chapter members, as well as Sarah Morlang and her daughter from San Antonio, Bill, Kosy and Miranda Lawrence from Arlington and Gary and Jana Meiser from Corpus Christi. Several new members enjoyed their first (and certainly not last) tour of the impressive garden. After an excellent dinner of tamales and boracho beans, there was a brief business meeting at which Paul Norris was elected president to succeed retiring president Randy DeLay. The annual "member's only" sale again proved a huge success. Horace, along with others, donated various palms and tropical plants for a raffle that raised around \$150 for chapter. Almost everyone who participated took home specimens, including Chamaedorea radicalis, Trachycarpus

latisectus and Dioon mejiae, along with many others. Many thanks to Horace and Cynthia for again being such gracious hosts.

The October 28th meeting was held at the Alvin, Texas home of Rex Moyer. Rex led everyone on a guided tour of his 3-acre garden. Rex is selling his property, so anyone interested in an established palm garden and home can contact Paul Norris and he will put you in touch with Rex. After a delicious Mexican dinner, Gary Outenreath sold many palms and other tropical plants from his personal collection. A short business meeting was held at which time it was requested that a list of all chapter library books be made available to all chapter members, possibly on the website.

For information on the Houston Chapter, visit the chapter's website at www.palms.org/houston/index.htm or contact:

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Palm News from Chile

We have a small group inside of the "Instituto de Ecologia de Chile" who is very interested in our endemic palms (particularly Jubaea chilensis and Juania australis). I am the General Secretary of the Institute and we meet twice per year about palms. The last meeting featured my lecture about a method of extracting the palm honey without killing the palm. This paper was also presented in the International Congress of Ecology in Florence 2 years ago.

Two months ago I completed and published the book "Palmeras" in Spanish dealing with about 80 species of palm and particularly about the above two endemic palms of Chile. Members can get more from my site at http://www.drjuangrau.123go.cx

A few years ago, "Le Fous de Palmiers" of France and I initiated a campaign of distribution and protection for the Chilean Wine Palm (Jubaea) in Europe. Our group is now investigating a way to protect a spectacular group of 4,000 Jubaea palms in the metropolitan region of Santiago. There are two owners of the affected property: one wishes to sell but the other one would like to use the property as a park for ecotourism. The place is call "Fundo los Gindos", about 30 kms from Melipilla.

Last month I presented my hypothesis that Jubaea was the palm used by the early inhabitants of Easter Island to move the big stone statues (moai) from the mine to the "ahus" or ceremonial platforms. Papers on this have been published in the "Rapanui Journal", < rapanui@compuserve.com >, or the Easter Island Foundation Magazine.

I will continue to inform you about our group's palm-related activities.

Best Wishes.

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