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After taking a ferry across the English Channel, the group traveled to Belgium to visit Willy De Nolf Nursery, which grows 1,600 varieties of shrubs, conifers, climbing plants, and trees in containers. The next day, the group visited the PCS Ornamental Plant Research, which undertakes both applied scientific research and more practice-oriented research with nursery crops. The following day, Solitair Nursery made a tremendous impression on the group for its trendsetting products, growing trees in a diversity of shapes and sizes for landscape projects throughout Europe.

Continuing to the Netherlands, the group toured Piet Vergeldt Boomkwekerij B.V., specialists in grafting, and Lakei Boomkwekerijen, producers of container-grown roses and lilacs. The next day featured a visit to the world-famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction. The final day included a canal tour of the nurseries of Boskoop and the Boomkwekerijmuseum (tree nursery museum), before joining the European Region members for their regional conference at the Van der Valk Hotel Avifauna, set in the midst of a unique bird park. During the conference, tours destinations included Deliflor (largest breeder/producer of chrysanthemums in the world), Sortimentstuin Harry van de Laar (landscape trial gardens), and the Delphy Improvement Center (horticultural research).

The next IPPS International Tour is scheduled for the Eastern Region in September 2018, followed by the conference in Newark, Delaware. All IPPS members are welcome to participate.



IPPS International tour group in the BIG greenhouse at Solitair Nursery (Belgium).

Photographic Highlights of the 2017 International Tour



Fairweather's Nursery (England)



New Forest Plants (England)



Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley (England)



RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show (England)



Trolley-building robot at Newey Roundstone (England)



West Dean Gardens (England)



Willy de Nolf Nursery (Belgium)



Solitair Nursery (Belgium)

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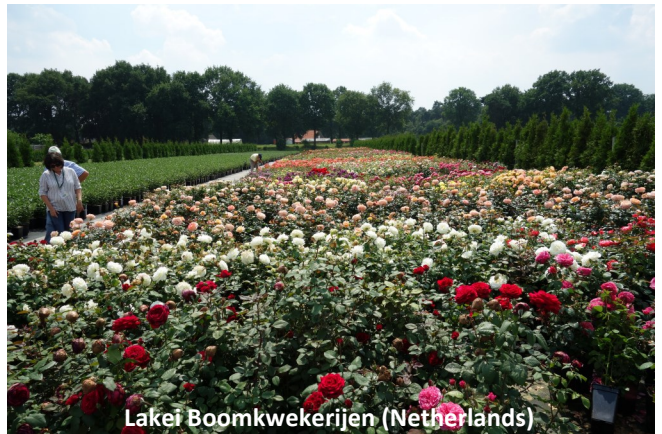
Sortimentstuin Harry van de Laar (Trial Gardens)
(Netherlands)



How cuttings used to be done.
Boomkwekerijmuseum (Tree Nursery Museum)
(Netherlands)



Piet Vergeldt Boomkwekerij (Netherlands)



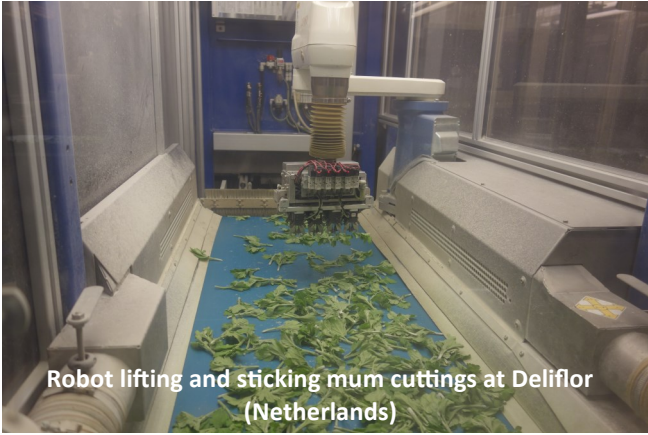
Lake Boomkwekerijen (Netherlands)



Aalsmeer Flower Auction (Royal FloraHolland)



On the canals in Boskoop (Netherlands)



Robot lifting and sticking mum cuttings at Deliflor
(Netherlands)



Delphy Improvement Centre (Netherlands)
Oh my, what we will do just to look at plants!

International Issues

Delegates from IPPS regions around the world conduct multiple meetings during the International Tour in order to conduct business pertinent to the entire society. Below are some of the issues and outcomes from the 2017 meetings that will be of interest to Western Region members.

IPPS Proceedings and International Editor

The International Board is moving forward in looking for an International Editor, as the current Editor, Dr. Charles Heuser, will be retiring after completion of volume 67 (covering the 2017 meeting proceedings). Along with this, it was decided that volume 67 will be the last volume that will be produced as a printed book (the black book). All future volumes will be electronic and available on the IPPS website. This will allow greater searchability of the proceedings, allow for color photos and other figures to be included in the articles, and allow the complete proceedings to be available sooner (it currently takes about a year to ship the black book after the fall regional meetings in the Northern Hemisphere have completed). Fewer members order the black book every year, so it has become very expensive to produce. However, the electronic version will be formatted so that individuals or regions may print copies on-demand (e.g., at FedEx Office) if they wish to have a bound, hard copy. Also, costs of producing the proceedings will be covered by all members; currently costs are covered only by those who select the book and/or CD, thus the new approach will be more equitable. With ISHS now charging more to produce the black book, IPPS has shown a loss on production of the black book.

Western Region to Host IPPS-International in 2020

The Executive Committee of IPPS-Western Region, North America has voted unanimously to host the International Tour in 2020 so that IPPS-Japan Region may delay hosting until 2021 (thus avoiding scheduling conflicts due to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Japan). Western Region's annual conference in 2020 was originally scheduled to be held in Oregon, the same location where the International Board last met with Western Region in 2013. However, in order to provide our international guests with new experiences and to best showcase the diversity of horticulture within the Western Region, during the coming weeks Western Region's Executive Committee will be looking at alternative meeting sites and tour itineraries within other areas of the region for consideration when we meet for the 2017 conference in Wilsonville, Oregon. Watch for updates as plans develop for 2020.

Expansion Efforts: China and India

Clive Larkman (Australian Region), Chair of the New Region Committee, reported that a working group had been established for expansion into China, including members Ximei Deng, Peter Lewis, Julienne Zhu, and Clive Larkman. He expects a shift from seed money provided by International to full funding by China by 2020. The money invested by International will be paid back through memberships (about 125 initial members anticipated).

Dharam Sharma (Western Region) reports initial interest from contacts in India about involvement in IPPS. The Western Region Executive Board will be reviewing potential sponsorship of India during the upcoming annual meeting in Wilsonville, Oregon.

IPPS Friendships Last Forever



In fall 1992, IPPS members from all regions gathered in Southern California for the International Tour hosted by Western Region. 25 years later, six participants from that tour reunited during the 2017 International Tour in the European Region. In the photo above are (left to right): Dick and Lou Marshall (Southern Region), David Hutchinson (European Region), Gene Blythe (Western Region), Peter Orum (Eastern Region), and Charlie Parkerson (Southern Region). There's no other organization like IPPS!

IPPS Booth at Duarte Nursery's Friends Day

Duarte Nursery in Hughson, California, held their Friends Day on May 5, 2017, and kindly provided a free booth to IPPS-Western Region for promoting IPPS activities and programs for the benefit of visitors and to attract new membership. Ryan Reece (photo at right), a local IPPS member from Frantz Wholesale Nursery, manned the booth. Ryan has been a great help in spreading the word about IPPS in the Central Valley.

Dharam Sharma of Dry Creek Laboratories states, "Duarte Nursery's Friends Day is an annual tradition where companies and businesses in the agricultural industry are invited to share their trades and talents with others in the agricultural community. Duarte Nursery provided a barbecue lunch, wine tasting, and tours for all participants and exhibitors. More than 2000 plant enthusiasts visited the event and 90 exhibitors displayed their products and services."



Island Adventures: The Pacific Rim Conference

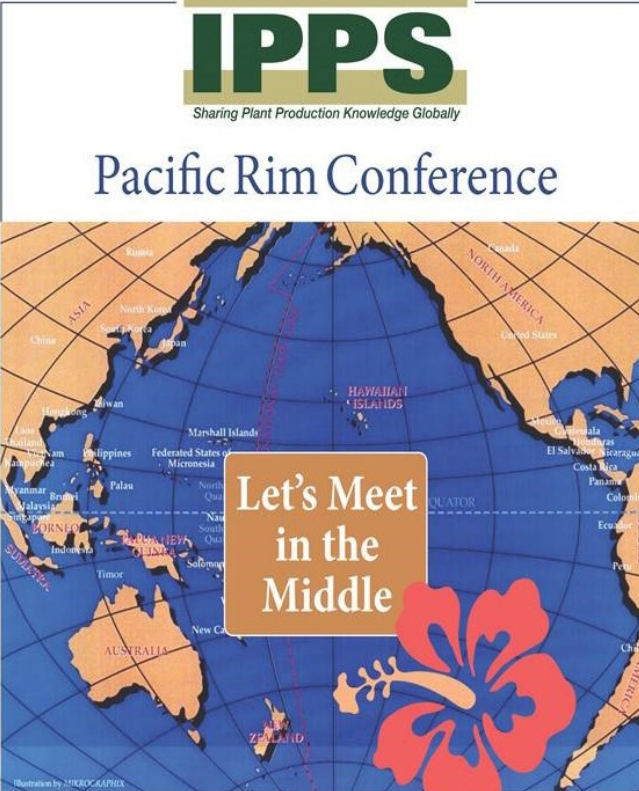
You will be amazed at the adventures planned for the Western Region's 2018 annual meeting: the Pacific Rim Conference! The event will begin with a 3-night, 2-day pre-conference tour, starting with a reception on Saturday, July 28 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, all-day tours on Oahu on Sunday and Monday, and a free day on Tuesday to relax on Waikiki, then flying on to Kona on the Big Island for the conference.

The conference will be held at the Courtyard King Kamehameha in the Kona Village, beginning with a special reception on Tuesday evening. Wednesday (August 1) will feature a full day of presentations, followed by a full day of tours on Thursday. Friday will be a busy day with presentations in the morning, tours in the afternoon, and a banquet in the evening. The conference will conclude on Saturday.

Some of the international speakers currently scheduled for the conference include:

- Greg McPhee, Horticultural Communications Pty. Ltd., Australia (edible flowers)
- David Cliffe, Narromine Transplants, Australia (native plant production)
- Valerie Sikkema, Van Belle Nursery, Inc., Canada (North America export permitting)
- Julienne Zhu, Nursery Stock Branch of the China Flower Association, China
- Ian Duncalf, Plant Struck Ltd., New Zealand
- Chad Davis, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore
- Dr. Virendra M. Verma, Micronesia Plant Propagation Research Center, Micronesia
- Ethan Romanchak, Native Nursery, LLC (Hawaiian native plant production)
- Nellie Sugii and Dr. Marian Chau, Harold L. Lyon Arboretum-University of Hawaii at Manoa (Hawaiian Rare Plant Program)
- Dr. Noa Lincoln, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Dr. Peter Boches, USDA-ARS, Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Tropical Plant Genetic Resources and Disease Research Unit, Hilo, Hawaii

The conference committee, led by Second Vice President Todd Jones, is busy finalizing details to make the Pacific Rim Conference an event that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars now (and perhaps add some extra vacation days). More details are coming soon!



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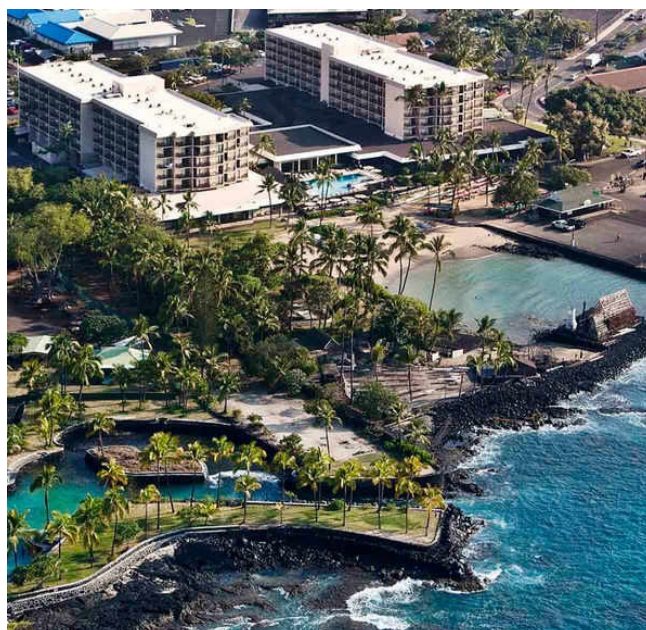
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July 28 - August 4, 2018

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The graphic features a world map with a red dashed line connecting the Hawaiian Islands to the Pacific Rim. A large red hibiscus flower is positioned in the lower right corner of the map area.

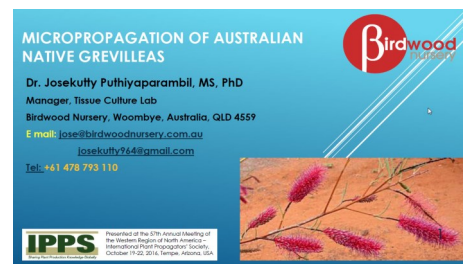
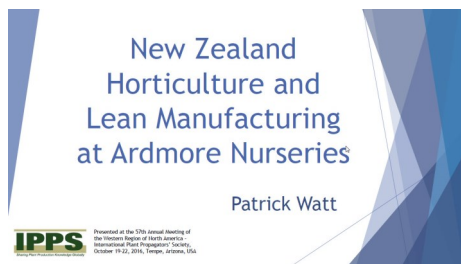
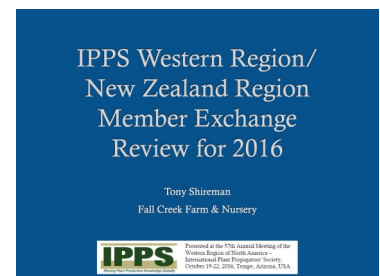
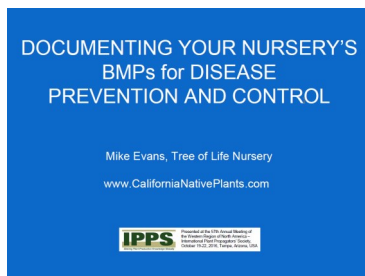
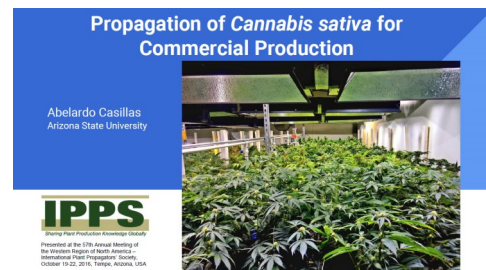
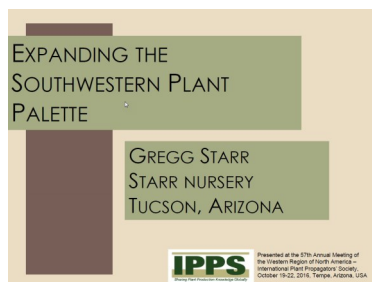


Membership Benefits: Access to Presentations from the 2016 Annual Meeting in Tempe, Arizona

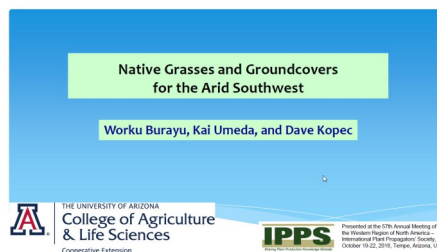
Did you know that you can access presentations from last year's annual meeting in Tempe?

Simply go to the Western Region website at wna.ipps.org, and then:

1. Click on "Member Log In" in the upper right-hand corner.
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