

## Report on Discussion “What is I.P.P.S. For?” ©

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I would like to summarize the contents of the discussion held 26 Oct. as a coordinator.

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- 1) Comments by Chairperson, Dr. Takeda (President, IPPS-Japan).  
Please read the constitution of I.P.P.S. at the end of Proceedings of the 7th Annual Conference in Suzuka, Mie Pref. and understand that the organization of I.P.P.S. IPPS-Japan has been mainly run by the collective opinion of researchers; however, it should be operated for the members which are plant propagators.  
I strongly wish that IPPS-Japan will contribute to activate agribusinesses for the members by means of activities such as nursery tours and training seminars.  
I.P.P.S. is an international organization that has 50 years of history oriented to plant propagators.  
This is the 7th conference in Japan. Year by year interrelationships between members are being established and they are continuing to grow as long-term faithful relationships.  
I would like to ask you the members to continue to grow these prosperous relationships.
- 2) Comments by Mr. Peter Waugh (President, IPPS-New Zealand).  
I.P.P.S. is for the people who have passions for plants.  
I.P.P.S. stands for all nurseries, researchers, traders, and the people participating in the field of plant propagation.  
I.P.P.S. welcomes young members.  
I personally shifted my business from the production of cut flowers into the sales of horticultural materials. During my business transition, I obtained much valuable information by talking with people. This is based on the concept of “Seek and Share”. Sixteen years ago, I joined I.P.P.S.. My business has become large and I understand the importance of our motto, “Seek and Share”. Now my life work is dedicated to the Society; that is my pleasure.
- 3) Question and Answer Session.

**Question:** (By anon in Japan) Currently the emphasis of I.P.P.S. presentations in Japan are far from the business side of plant propagation. For example, I feel that sometimes presentations by researchers are too much orientated in academic field.

**Answer:** (By Mr. Waugh) The joining of new young members can help reorganize IPPS-Japan. This can also contribute to researchers because new ideas and new reports presented by young members may provide research seeds for academic researchers to work on. In addition, it is good for propagators to utilize the result obtained by researchers in their businesses. I strongly encourage young people to join and invigorate IPPS-Japan.

**Answer:** (By anon.) Problems reported by propagators are valuable and will bring benefits to all members. It may be very important to encourage researchers trying to solve these problems with research funds provided by IPPS-Japan. Furthermore, those reports may produce applied research results from academic researchers who often pay little attention to the application of their results.

**Answer:** (By anon) I received benefits from IPPS such as the acquisition of friends and information, and the ability to discuss problems with people in situations similar to mine.

**Question:** (By anon) Why has IPPS-Japan recently lost many members?

**Answer:** (By anon) I think some people will not be favor to strong opinions without consideration to I.P.P.S. members and might have left from IPPS-Japan. I think members should consider and keep the interrelationship among members. In other words, we need a respectable leader for IPPS-Japan.

**Answer:** (By Dr. Takeda) I will reconsider the constitution of I.P.P.S. and reorganize IPPS-Japan to possess good interrelationships among members.

