

## Question Box

**MODERATED BY DEB MCCOWN AND DICK BIR**

**DEB MCCOWN:** What is CPBRAAF (Canadian Plant Breeders Royalty Association Fund.)

**DEB MCCOWN:** I can answer that. It is Canadian Plant Breeders Right's Applied For.

**DEB MCCOWN:** What is I.P.P.S.'s policy on patented plants in the new plant session?

**JACK ALEXANDER:** Initially we did not allow any patented plants. However, a number of members did not feel that it was fair because most growers grow some patented plants. The Board decided that as long as the plants were available for sublicensing they were allowed in the New Plant Session.

**DICK BIR:** Question for Tom Kimmel. I noticed soft new shoots on the hostas from leaf buds. Have you tried severing these new buds and rooting these new shoots under mist?

**TOM KIMMEL:** No we have not. I should note that we make them in July up till the end of August when the plants go dormant. We originally tried to put them under mist but they all rotted. So now we just put them outside and hand water them with good success. I was told that by Bill Rinka that all you need is a bud and piece of crown and they will root.

**DEB MCCOWN:** Is there enough waste newspaper and cardboard to make all containers American nurseries need if they went from plastic to fiber?

**DAVE BAKKER:** I believe that by law in the USA that companies producing newsprint are required by law to recycle a certain amount of paper. Currently they are overwhelmed with recycled paper. So the answer is probably yes. I should say that I just came back from Switzerland and saw small pots made from paper with a natural glue that were for sale.

**DICK BIR:** What is talc? Rooting powder?

**CAMERON SMITH:** Talc is calcium silicate. Hormone powder is a mixture of talc and a rooting hormone such as IBA or NAA.

**DEB MCCOWN:** Question for Leslie Shenberger. What time of year was Rout and Gallery applied to the liners?

**TANYA ALBERT:** Neither product can be used under plastic; therefore, it is important to finish applying around the end of September.

**DICK BIR:** Question for Darrel Apps. Why use colchicine rather than the much safer oryzalin to induce polyploidy?

**DARREL APPS:** My experience over the years is with colchicine and I know what to expect but it is a good point.