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● *membership*

Since its 'official' foundation in June 2000, the International Society for Seed Science has registered more than 125 members from 25 countries. There is obviously room for great expansion of this number, and we ask members to encourage their colleagues to join the ISSS. There are many hundreds of seed scientists in the world, some of whom are already members of national societies, and we should all make efforts to publicise to them the benefits of membership in ISSS. You will be able to identify these benefits from items in this newsletter. In addition, a publicity brochure describing the Society and its benefits and providing a membership form has been printed. If you need a supply of these to distribute to your colleagues or at a meeting or other venue to publicise the ISSS, contact the Secretary (Kent Bradford, bradford@vegmail.ucdavis.edu).

● *issS handbook*

A Handbook that includes our Constitution, Rules, Officers and present Executive Committee, Regional Representatives and membership list will soon be distributed electronically to members. Please contact Kent Bradford if you need a hard copy.

● *organization*

Subcommittees are now being established to deal with various aspects of organisation and business of the Society. These subcommittees are:

Meetings: This subcommittee will be responsible for organisation of all the Society's meetings including the International Workshops and more specialised meetings, courses and workshops. The subcommittee welcomes suggestions, which should be addressed to the Chairperson, Daniel Côme (come@ccr.jussieu.fr)

Publications: This subcommittee will be responsible for all publications of the Society, including International Workshop Proceedings and others that might arise from specialised meetings (Chairperson, Michael Black, michael.black@kcl.ac.uk).

Finance: This subcommittee will be responsible for the finances of ISSS and the funding of its activities, grants (for attendance at meetings, courses etc) and awards (Chairperson, Hugh Pritchard, h.pritchard@rbgkew.org.uk)

Awards: This subcommittee will be responsible for creating and administering awards that would recognize meritorious accomplishments by ISSS members (Chairperson, Ralph Obendorf, rlo1@cornell.edu).

Membership and publicity: This subcommittee covers all aspects of membership (individual and corporate), liaison with other societies and publicity for the ISSS, such as the handbook, brochure and newsletter (Chairperson, Kent Bradford).

If you have any questions or comments relating to any of the above subcommittees please send them to the appropriate chairperson or to the Secretary, Kent Bradford (address above). Details of the membership of these subcommittees will be announced at a later date.

● *relations with other societies*

We have established a reciprocal organisational relationship with the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS). The ISSS and ISHS will exchange information about activities and hold joint meetings. The possibility of setting up similar arrangements with other societies is being explored.

● *concessions for iss members*

You are reminded that **Seed Science Research** is available at a very favourable subscription rate for members of ISSS. See the ISSS website for details (<http://www.css.cornell.edu/ISSS/iss.htm>) or contact CABI directly at their website (http://hort.cabweb.org/ISSS_offer.htm). **In addition, the Society has negotiated with the publishers (CABI) for a concessionary price to ISSS members on all of its books dealing with seeds, which members can purchase at a 25% discount.** At present, CABI has ten titles in seed science including the proceedings of the Sixth International Workshop, and they will publish the proceedings of the Salamanca meeting. Details of books available and how to buy copies are being distributed to members as pdf files, and are also available on the ISSS web site. Discussions are taking place with other publishers regarding price concessions to ISSS members.

● *seventh international workshop on seeds*

Organisation of the Seventh International Workshop on Seeds to be held in Salamanca, Spain, 12-16 May, 2002, is proceeding well and about 300 responses to the first announcement have been received. The ISSS will award a limited number of grants to enable younger scientists to attend. Details on how to apply will be issued with the second announcement, but in the meantime preliminary information can be obtained from the organiser, Prof Gregorio Nicolas (gnr@gugu.usal.es). Registration information for the meeting is available at http://www.geocities.com/workshop_on_seeds/.

● *your suggestions*

We welcome your suggestions and comments concerning the activities of the ISSS. We would like to hear your ideas about topics for meetings, courses etc, and the relations between ISSS and local, national and international seed societies.

There will be regular issues of this Newsletter and we want to include your news and announcements. Please send items (e.g., meetings, notable seed news) to the editor, Michael Black (michael.black@kcl.ac.uk).