

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

Commission Education, Research Training and Consultancy

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1. 28th International Horticultural Congress – IHC Lisbon 2010, 22-27 August 2010.

Planning is well advanced for what will be a most exciting and valuable International Horticultural Congress in Lisbon at IHC2010. As indicated in the previous Newsletter the Congress is structured to have 8 Plenary Colloquia, eighteen 2-3 day Symposia, thirteen 1 day seminars, and a number of evening Workshops. Details of all these events are included in the Second Circular which is now available on the IHC2010 website (www.ihc2010.org).

The Commission will be responsible for organising a 1 day Seminar in Lisbon.

“Horticultural Education in an Age of Information, Bio- and Nanotechnology”.

Keynote speakers are **Sir John Daniel**, President and CEO of Commonwealth of Learning (www.col.org), and **Professor Francis Mutiso Mathooko**, South Eastern University College, Kitui, KENYA (mmathooko@yahoo.co.uk)

Abstracts for both posters and oral presentations are now sought

This Seminar that will address key issues in existing horticultural education institutions and organisations involved in training and extension (outreach) programmes, and hopefully provides a vision for future horticultural science education systems. In addition innovative knowledge/information transfer technologies and communication methods can be outlined and discussed, for use in both developed and developing countries. Distance education, e-learning, integrative learning techniques, curriculum development, interdisciplinary programmes, marketing of education programmes and the importance of practical or experiential learning in horticultural education and training for the next decade.

Important dates **December 31, 2009** – Deadline for abstract submission, **April 30, 2010** – Advanced registration at lower fee. For online abstract submission go to www.ihc2010.org For further details contact the convenors: Errol Hewett, (ewmrhewett@xtra.co.nz), David Aldous (dealdous@gmail.com) or Nouredine Benkeblia (nouredine.benkeblia@uwimona.edu.jm).

Workshop: If there is enough interest shown by attendees there will probably be at least one workshop hosted by the Commission in Lisbon. One option is to organise a meeting to discuss methodologies, needs, successes and options for the theme *“Horticultural Training in Developing Countries”*. Another would be to have a workshop on *“Advocacy for*

International Horticultural Science". Send us your views on these possibilities, including any offering that you wish to make, and continue to check for details on the Workshop section on the IHC2010 web site (www.ihc2010.org).

Linking Sessions: The Seminar and the Workshop will be linked to the Colloquium indicated above, as well as to the Symposia "*Horticulture for Development*", in which there will be exploration of ways in which the knowledge of horticulture can alleviate poverty and fight malnutrition., and "*Capacity Building for Plant Breeding in Developing Countries*", that will address issues with producing quality vegetables for export including the scope of the problem and solutions being offered by some institutions and organisations.

2. 29th International Horticultural Congress, Queensland 2014

The Organising Committee from Australia and New Zealand, responsible for the 29th International Horticultural Congress, to be held in August in Queensland, Australia, will be present to answer any questions on coming "Down under" in 2014. With a theme such as "Horticulture-sustaining lives, livelihoods and landscapes, the 29th International Horticultural Congress promises to be a major event in 2014. If you are participating in IHC Lisbon 2010 over the 22-27 August, our Secretary Gerard Mcevilly would like to hear from you on gmcevilly@gmail.com as we are arranging something exciting for you to be involved in to boost attendance numbers in 2014.

3. ISHS Symposium at Chiang Mai, Thailand. 30 June- 3 July 2009.

This Symposium was most successful even though numbers were less than anticipated, no doubt as a result of the economic recession that has dominated worldwide over the past 12 -18 months. As a result of the efforts of David Aldous the proceedings had been edited, printed and hence were available to the participants on arrival in Chiang Mai. This is published as Acta Horticulturae Number 832. It includes 27 papers including the keynote address of Professor Dan Lineberger. Sincere thanks to Dr Peter Batt, Dr David Aldous and Dr N. Jayamangkala for organising this meeting and especially to David for editing the proceedings for Acta Horticulturae #832.

4. Blooming in the Gloom Lifestyle Horticulture valued at \$3.4 Billion for Queensland, Australia

Lifestyle Horticulture in Queensland has been calculated by State Treasury to be valued at \$3.4 billion, with the production sector contributing \$899 million and the service sectors of the industry contributing \$2,496 million dollars, exceeding all previous industry estimates. Although these figures exclude the value of landscape construction, which falls into hardscape construction, this may in all probability more than double the estimate for the landscape construction sector valued at \$1.132 billion for greenscape and irrigation only.

Graham Park, Chair, Australian Centre for Lifestyle Horticulture (ACLH), stated that the figures are quite remarkable with Lifestyle Horticulture growing exceptionally well since the last industry survey. ACLH looked forward to working together with the relevant industry associations and the State Government, to best position the often overlooked Lifestyle Horticulture Industry for the future, to continue to advance its strong economic contribution in Queensland as well as enhancing Queensland's liveability and environment. The full report can be found at www.dpi.qld.gov.au/16_9795.htm .

4. Future Commission Activities

2010. ISHS Postharvest Research and Extension Symposium, Thailand. Convenor Dr Sirichai Kanlayanarat. This Symposium will be held 2-4 August 2010 and is part of a major extension and training programme being developed in South Asia in conjunction with FAO and other donors. This conference will be associated with the Celebration of Princess Sirindhorn's 55th Birthday in 2010. In collaboration with Commission Quality and Postharvest Horticulture and Commission Economics and Management

2010. ISHS Symposium on Tropical Horticulture, Jamaica, 22-25 November. Convenor Dr Nouredine Benkeblia, [in collaboration with Sections Ornamentals, Tropical and Subtropical Fruit, Commission Education, Research Training and Consultancy, and Quality and Postharvest Horticulture].

2013. ISHS Symposium on Horticulture and Human Wellness, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. (Tentative only). Convenor Dr George Wilson. This will be a collaborative symposium hosted by three Commissions, viz. Fruit and Vegetables for Health, Education Research Training and Consultancy, and Horticultural Economics and Management.

5. Future Newsletters

As indicated we would be delighted to receive news and items of interest for this Newsletter. It is disappointing to receive no feedback at all. We would be most happy to receive contributions from members that could be included in the next Newsletter.

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