

Technical Sessions

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1994

The Nineteenth Meeting of the Southern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society convened at 7:45 AM at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, with President Dick Marshall presiding.

PRESIDENT MARSHALL: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 19th Annual Meeting of the I.P.P.S. Southern Region in this wonderful facility, the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, on this beautiful campus of the University of Georgia in Athens.

I would like to congratulate the local site committee, under the direction of Dr. Mike Dirr, for the excellent accommodations, meeting rooms, tours, and all the special touches they have arranged for us. Yesterday's pre-conference schedule and the reception last evening at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia were indicative of the treat we are in for during the next 3 days as a result of the Site Committee's efforts.

Your program chairman for this meeting is regional First Vice-President Mike Miller and I want to thank him for assembling a fine technical sessions program for us. The fact that we have over 300 people registered for this meeting tells me that Mike has assembled a program tuned to our members interests.

At this time I would like to recognize members from other I.P.P.S. Regions who are present. From the Eastern Region are: Mark Cole, Pa.; Dale Depp, Michigan; Alan Jones, New Jersey; Jeff Lynch, Pennsylvania; Ron Simple, Pennsylvania; Randy Johnson, Washington, D.C.; Blaine Bunting, Maryland.; Bill Barnes, Delaware.; and Richard Bir, North Carolina. From the Western Region are: Wilbur Bluhm, Oregon, who is Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Region; Don Ekstrom, Oregon; and Ralph Pinkus, Texas.

Also, I would like to welcome any Southern Region members who are attending their first meeting. Would you please stand and give your name so we may all have the chance to make ourselves known to you over the next 3 days.

Welcome to all of our guests who are not members of the Society. We hope you will enjoy this meeting and want to become more involved in the I.P.P.S. If you would please stand and give your name we would like to meet you and make you feel welcome during the course of this annual meeting.

On behalf of the Southern Region, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Vivian Munday, our long-time Editor for the many years of service that she gave the Southern Region.

I would like to thank the people on the Editor Search Committee for the excellent job they did. They are Jim Gilbert, Mike Miller, and Don Covan, who chaired the committee.

Taking over the Editor's position, we have someone who really needs no introduction. He is a long-time member of the Southern Region-I.P.P.S., and has done just about every job imaginable up to and including the Presidency and serving as a Delegate to the International Board. The Board of Directors unani-

mously selected Dr. Fred Davies as your Editor and I know all of us welcome him aboard as Editor and look forward to working with him for many years to come.

Now I would like to introduce you to our host, Site-Committee Chairman Mike Dirr, and have him make some comments about the meeting.

At this time I would like to welcome to the podium Mike Miller, our Program Chairman, who will be in charge of the technical sessions during the next three mornings.

The first part of the morning session was moderated by Paul Tapia.