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ABOVE: International Oak Society members (left to right) Eike Jablonski of Luxembourg, Dorothy Holley of England, and Erik Schulte of Germany, examine *Quercus velutina* tree during field trip to the Spaeth Arboretum in Berlin following last year's Oak Open Days (picture by Jaro Josh).

## OAK OPEN DAYS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER IN THE FRENCH RIVIERA

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 1999 **Oak Open Days** in the French Riviera at Vallauris, not far from Nice (southeast France, near Italian border) for 4 days from Friday, 1 October to Monday, 4 October 1999.

We will see natural stands (forests, chapparal, etc.) of *Q. coccifera*, *Q. ilex* (very large), *Q. suber*, *Q. petraea*, *Q. pubescens*, *Q. cerris*, and hybrids such as *Q. X hispanica*, *Q. X auzandei* and *Q. X morisii*. We also plan to visit botanic gardens, nurseries and private collections with exotic oaks (*Q. leucotricophora*, *Q. mirbeckii*, etc.) and other

genera. Some French oak specialists will serve as guides on our field trips and may also present indoor programs. In order to help us with our preliminary planning for this event, please let me know right away if you think you would be interested in participating. You can contact me at the e-mail, fax or phone numbers shown below.

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- Thierry Lamant

## Calendar of Events

July 3, 1999

Oak/Beech Symposium  
Arboretum Trompenburg  
Rotterdam, Netherlands  
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Gert Fortgens  
Honigerdijk 86  
3062 NX  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

October 1-4, 1999

Oak Open Days  
The French Riviera  
For additional information:  
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May 20 -25, 2000

OAK 2000 - Improvement and wood quality and genetic diversity of oaks  
Zagreb, Croatia  
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October 30-31, 2000

Third International Oak Conference:  
North Carolina Arboretum  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Pre- and Post-Conference field trips are also scheduled.  
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## TEAMING UP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OAK SOCIETY

Many of our members might not realize that this organization is run entirely by volunteers. As we continue to hold membership dues down to a level affordable to all, we also will continue to try to maintain and increase the quality of our publications and other member services. Several members have stepped forward during the past few years to offer assistance. Would you like to become more directly involved with the programs and services offered by the International Oak Society?

Our recent success has been possible in large part due to some generous donations. The first, in 1997, helped support our second conference. Then, during that conference, a member stepped forward with a grant to fund the republication of our first journal, long out of print. Each member recently received a copy of that landmark issue. And following the conference, another member contributed to support quality printing and enable us to include illustrations for the proceedings.

Our membership includes people with diverse backgrounds. Some may have occasional free time available; some have organizational or technical skills; some have access to institutional support; and some others enjoy various levels of financial independence. For those members who are in a position to contribute time, talents, or funding, we would like to suggest some ways that you could help:

1. Place an oak-related advertisement in the newsletter *Oak News and Notes* for \$25 per issue. These ads reach more than 500 oak enthusiasts on six continents.
2. Give a two-year gift membership for \$25.
3. Have the book, *The Life of an Oak*, placed in your local library for \$25.
4. Give that same library (or your own bookshelf) a complete set of our journals, *International Oaks*, for about \$75.
5. If you live in the United States and can donate approximately 20 hours of time, you

can prepare one issue of *International Oaks* for mailing to over 500 members worldwide (mailing labels, envelopes for foreign addresses, postage, and instructions will be furnished).

6. Contribute \$100 to help us produce 1000 new membership brochures.
7. If you have relevant scientific training, you can help with peer review of papers submitted for publication in the journal. Members can also submit written materials for inclusion in the journal or newsletter.
8. If you have a strong background in English grammar, you can help with copy editing. This may include helping authors whose first language is not English.
9. Furnish break refreshments for our next conference with a gift of \$150.
10. Donate \$250 to cover the cost of mailing an issue of the newsletter.
11. Donate \$300 to cover our design fees for production of an issue of the journal
12. Donate \$750 to fund the postage and packing materials required for worldwide distribution of one issue of *International Oaks*.
13. If you are a European member, you can assist with the planning and organization of the annual Oak Open Days held in Europe.
14. Contribute \$750 to fund the printing costs for our next membership directory.
15. Contribute \$1500 to furnish a complete meal for every participant in our next conference, allowing us to keep the cost of registration low so more members can attend. Other contributions can help fund conference brochures, van rentals for field trips, rental of conference facilities, and other conference expenses.
16. Contribute \$1500 to fund the design and production of a basic issue of *International Oaks*, with photostatic reproduction and sev-

eral half-tone screened illustrations, similar to issue 8. An additional \$1500 will enable us to use steel-plate printing on high-quality paper, with many monochrome photographs and a color cover, similar to the special commemorative republication of issue 1.

If you are inspired to lend a hand in any of these (or other) ways, please contact any officer listed in your directory to discuss your potential participation. The International Oak Society is a tax-deductible organization, and all financial contributions by US members are fully deductible under section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Guy Sternberg, President

### FINAL DUES NOTICE

Please check mailing label to determine your *International Oaks Society* membership status. If date in upper right corner is 12-31-98, you have not renewed for 1999. Keeping with Society's bylaws, your membership terminates on 7-1-99. To renew send \$15 (1 year), \$25 (two years) in US dollars, payable to *International Oaks Society*, to Richard Jensen's address in *Points of Contact* on page #3 of this publication.

### Membership & Payments

Some of our members have been frustrated because there have been lags in processing checks and handling members accounts. Two things have transpired to delay processing of dues payments and membership applications.

First, all financial operations (e.g., bookkeeping, depositing checks, processing credit card orders) have recently been moved to a new state to the office of Treasurer Peter van der Linden. It has not been possible to conduct "business as usual" during this transition. At approximately the same time, membership Chair Richard Jensen experienced health problems that kept him out of his office for over three weeks. He is now "catching up" on all payments, etc. that accumulated on his desk during that period. We apologize and ask your patience as we work to get things back on an even keel. If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact Richard Jensen by mail at the address in *Points of Contact*, or email him (rjensen@saintmarys.edu).

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## Points of Contact

As we grow and develop as individuals, we outgrow clothes, houses, and old ideas which served us well in our early lives. So it is with the International Oak Society. We are not yet so large that we can afford a central office and professional staff, so we now have several addresses which should be noted for your future reference:

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## MILLENNIUM PROJECT TARGETS OAK PLANTING

*The following is an excerpt from a news story reprinted from the Northern Scot, a newspaper in Scotland. It highlights a project that is the brain child of International Oak Society member Edward Munyard. His "Oak Millennium Project" was launched in March, 1997 with the intent of planting 2000 oaks to commemorate the Millennium. News of this project has spread and in addition to the donated oak seedlings described below, Ted is also providing seedlings for each of the hundred schools in the Aberdeen Education Department; to the Aberdeen County Authority; to the Project 2000 in Cramington, Northumberland, England, which is planting 2000 species of trees; to Barmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire; and even to Buckingham Palace! Ted refuses to take credit himself and tells all that the International Oak Society is the source of the seedlings and behind the project. Congratulations Ted, and thanks for a job well done.*

### Society donates 400 Oaks to Moray

Friday, February 5, 1999

Moray's tree population should be increased by 400 oak seedlings early in the Millennium. The International Oak Society has donated the seedlings to Moray Council. The seedlings are from a wide range of climates and countries, but all will be suitable for this part of the world. Mrs. Angela Oatridge, who is currently writing a history and guide book of Burghead, said that the 19th century historian recorded that Burghead Fort on the promontory had been built with oak trees from an ancient forest, now long gone, and her committee felt the seedlings would, in a small way, replace it. Mrs. Oatridge said she felt it was particularly nice to think the new Burghead "forest" would comprise oak trees from all over the world.



## THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL OAK CONFERENCE

Oct. 29 to 31, 2000 at The North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville, NC U.S.A.

As Conference planning continues, a framework for a memorable oak-affiliated experience is being built in the mountains of North Carolina. A call for papers soliciting interesting and enlightening presentations on the oaks of the world has been distributed to a wide field of potential presenters, including all Oak Society members. If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster, remember to send an abstract to Ron Lance by August 31, 1999. As the papers and proposals are sorted and the program formed and fine-tuned, a Conference to intrigue and enlighten those who appreciate oaks and oak products will be created.

Field trips will enable participants to experience a memorable slice of the forest variety and ecology of the Southeastern United States. Highlights will include high elevation spruce-fir forests of the Appalachians;

scenic mountain roads through autumn-dressed deciduous forests; green and lush swamp forests; scrub-oak and pine forests; maritime forests of live oak and palmetto; as well as old, young, champion-sized and rare oaks. All this and more, at what hopes to be the most comfortable time of the year in the Southeast. If you have a secret desire to see a *Quercus oglethorpensis* over 10 feet in circumference, then this will be that opportunity! A final important note is that most acorns will have finished their fall to the ground.

Questions about advertisements, displays, exhibits, or sponsorship of this conference should be directed to Ron Lance (See *Points of Contact*). Look for registration information in a forthcoming newsletter issue.

- Ron Lance



## Publications Update

By now all members should have received a republication of the first issue of the *Journal of the International Oak Society, International Oaks*, which has been out of print for some time. It was made possible by a generous donation by one of our members, Diana Gardener. We are delighted to have this now finished and distributed, and feel that it will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in oaks. Unfortunately it did take a considerable amount of time and energy to complete. So I'm sure many of you are now asking, "When are we going to receive Journal Number 9, the Proceedings of the Second International Oak Conference in San Marino? It did take place more than a year and a half ago." Patience, patience. We had hoped that it would beat this issue of the Newsletter to press, but recent unplanned events delayed its printing. The hard drive on the computer of Russell Stare, the person who is putting the Journal together decided to crash in late April instead of at the start of the Millennium. As a result all of the layout and formatting - which was nearly complete - was lost. But work has resumed in earnest and the printing is now near. Expect it to arrive in your mailbox within two months! It will be by far the largest issue of the Journal so far - over 150 pages total - containing 22 papers presented at the Conference on a wide variety of oak related topics. We hope that it will be worth the wait.

We would also like to take this occasion to thank member Pat McNeal of Texas, who just made a generous contribution toward publication of the following issue of *International Oaks*.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I have watched [the International Oak Society] since its beginnings — with admiration and hope. The messages I receive in the mail all spell upbeat and success. Keep it up! I have a grand plan for the re-oaking of the Catskill Mountains in New York State — more later, when we are further down the path.

Dr. E.H. Ahrens, Jr. (now 84 & still eager!)  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Election 2000 -BOARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Third International Oak Conference is only 16 months away. One vital item of Society business is the election of the Board of Directors. The election for the entire ten-member Board is held every three years and coincides with the Conference.

President Guy Sternberg asked me to oversee the election and I agreed to be appointed Chair of the Election Committee. Briefly, the procedure is to solicit names of people willing to run. I will prepare ballots and send them out to members. We hope to conduct the election itself by mail in the summer of 2000. Of course, those who prefer to cast their ballots at the business meeting may do so.

It is now time to recruit a slate of candidates and I am soliciting names of anyone who is willing to run. You can be a candidate by volunteering or you can nominate someone else provided that person is willing to serve.

Qualification requirements are only that a candidate be a member in good standing and be interested in serving the Society. Having access to email is strongly recommended. Travel is not required as business is conducted by mail, telephone, fax and email. There is no financial compensation to Board members. This is an international organization and it is hoped that the makeup of the Board reflects that. Every member is encouraged to think about what he or she may have to offer and consider giving time and talent to our Society. You can do this by running for the board.

Individually and collectively this is a working Board and there are many great opportunities to contribute. The four officers are chosen by the elected Board and there are committees which conduct much of the business.

Think it over. This is a great organization with a wonderful membership. If you or someone you know is willing to be nominated, please submit the name. If you submit your own name, please send a biographical note of about 120 words. If you have been on the Board before, please be sure to include your accomplishments on the Board.

Send all correspondence to me at the address below.

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