A Gallery of our History

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Where did we come from? Most members may not know about the humble beginnings of this organization. Others will remember, to varying degrees, the sequence of triennial conferences and other activities that have led to the present. Perhaps the recollections expressed in this journal issue by the four prior presidents unwrapped a faint memory or two for you. But a picture is worth a thousand words.

Our popular photo gallery section in previous issues has covered oaks from North America, Europe, and Asia, along with a view of historic oak illustrations. This time, we are taking a different direction. We are a worldwide organization of oak people, and the people part is just as important as the oak part. As my final journal gallery, I have decided to forego the traditional oak illustrations and focus instead upon something retrospective that I hope will generate emotional responses from every member. There may be tears for those you see and remember here who are no longer with us. There could be some amusement at how some of us have changed over the decades. There should be ample respect for the efforts involved in overcoming uncertainty to create the premier oak organization on the planet, with hundreds of members from nearly every continent. There definitely should be overwhelming awe for the level of expertise represented within our membership roster, and for the quality and diversity of information offered by them and by our other authors and conference speakers. Finally, I believe there will be admiration for the trees now growing in so many countries that began with our seed exchanges, and excited anticipation for what is yet to follow.

Hopefully, there also will be a renewal of vigor and energy as we launch into our third decade and our seventh triennial conference this fall. This is my farewell offering to you, as I pass the journal editorship to a successor who will bring some of that new vigor and energy to this publication.

I have met many of my very best friends here. I’ve seen places I could never have visited, or even known about, on my own. I have learned so much from so many outstanding people, some of whom are the world’s foremost authorities on their subjects. I’ve grown our Quercetum at Starhill Forest into one of the most comprehensive living collections in North America. I have grown old with you, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every bit of the hard work it has taken to get to this point. I urge every member to look at the glimpses of history on the following pages, and then consider participating more actively in our journal, newsletter, seed exchanges, web site content, on-line oak discussion group, oak tours, member recruitment, conferences, board of directors, or committees. Do something that will engage your successors to be inspired. Find your niche -- a place to become an even more effective part of this grand ride.

And look closely at the photos -- everyone is always smiling!
TODAY'S PROGRAM

The First International Oak Conference

OCTOBER 17, 1994

Our First Oak Conference
(We knew there would be more!)
## AGENDA

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| 8:00 a.m. | Welcome  
Gerard Donnelly,  
Director, The Morton Arboretum                                    |
| 8:25 a.m. | Announcements  
Morning Moderator, Kris Bachtell,  
Director of Plant Collections,  
The Morton Arboretum  |
| 8:40 a.m. | Keynote Address:  
The Re-Oaking of America  
George Ware, Research Fellow,  
The Morton Arboretum     |
| 9:00 a.m. | Oak Images from  
Temperate North America -  
An Introduction to the Genus  
Guy Sternberg, Storybook Forest,  
Petersburg, Illinois         |
| 9:35 a.m. | Hardy Oaks from the American Southwest  
Michael Melendez, Trees that Please,  
Los Lunas, New Mexico         |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break                                                                 |
| 10:10 a.m. | Oaks of Central and Eastern Europe - Occurrence, Ecology,  
Forestry, and Amenity Values  
Stelian Radu, Arboretum Silvius,  
Romania                      |
| 10:35 a.m. | Oaks of Turkey and the Middle East - Occurrence, Ecology, Forestry, and Amenity Values  
Aytekin Ertas, University of Istanbul, Turkey                         |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Value of a Scientifically Aesthetic Oak Collection -  
The Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College  
Andrew Bunting, Scott Arboretum,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania   |
| 11:30 a.m. | Oaks at The Morton Arboretum - Past, Present, and Future  
Peter van der Linden,  
Curator of Plant Collections,  
The Morton Arboretum        |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch:  
Visit Plant Sale and Exhibits                                      |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Afternoon Moderator - Peter Arheart,  
President, The Mountain Top Arboretum, Tamworth, New York            |
| 1:10 p.m.  | Identifying Oaks - Practical Oak Taxonomy  
Kevin Nixon, L. H. Bailey Hortorium,  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
(Quercus co-author, Flora of North America)                        |
| 1:35 p.m.  | Identifying Oaks - The Hybrid Problem  
Richard Jansen, Department of Biology, St. Mary's College,  
Director, Greene Medicinal Herb Farm,  
North Iowa University, (Quercus co-author, Flora of North America) |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Horticulture and Aesthetics of Hybrid Oaks  
Ken Amon, Oak Nursery,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan                                                  |
| 2:25 p.m.  | Dynamics of Selected Eastern North American Oaks  
Curt Hanson, Crittenden Gardens,  
Cage Mills, Ohio                                                      |
| 2:50 p.m.  | Break                                                                 |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Understanding APHIS - Simplified Acre Import and Export  
Ken Kruse, USDA/APHIS  
Plant Protection/Quarantine,  
Rosemont, Illinois                                                    |
| 3:25 p.m.  | Oak Propagation Techniques  
Mark Coggshall,  
Vallonia State Nursery, Vallonia, Indiana                            |
| 3:50 p.m.  | Growing Oaks on the Great Plains  
John Pair, Kansas State University,  
Wichita, Kansas                                                       |
| 4:15 p.m.  | Maintaining and Restoring Oak Groves - Community and State  
Efforts with Quercus gambosa  
Michael Reichenbach,  
Arborist Enterprises, West Linn, Oregon                              |
| 4:40 p.m.  | Summary - George Ware, Research Fellow,  
The Morton Arboretum                                                 |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Announcements and Adjournment                                        |

The program from our first Oak Conference, 1994
170 registered, and more filled the hallway - 35 stayed on to found the IOS
In addition to the program printed in Issue #4, please keep in mind that there will be more activities....

Monday Night, 10/17/94 - Social Mixer & Dinner

Featuring "The Mother of all Seed Exchanges!" and Display of Oak Seed and Reference Material - I.O.S. Coordinators: Steven Roesch and Mike Spravka

Tuesday, 10/18/94 - I.O.S. Business Meeting
Moderator - Guy Sternberg

• Group Photos for Journal and Archives - by Morton Arboretum Staff
• Organizational Structure, Bylaws - Ken Asmus, Curt Hanson
• Non-Profit Legal Status - Lisa & M. Nigel Wright
• Heritage Oak Registry and Database - Mike Chesebrough
• Seed Exchange Coordination - Steven Roesch
• Oak Reference Information Network - Lisa & M. Nigel Wright
• Suggestions from the Floor
• Elect Officers, Select Planning Committee for Next Conference
• Final Announcements and Closure
• Committee Meetings, Networking (until 5:00 PM)

Also attending will be Mark Pitman of Kew Gardens, London, England who will be making a special presentation at the members meeting on October 18th.

Our First Seed Exchange and Business Meeting
PARTICIPANTS IN THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL OAK SOCIETY

18 OCTOBER 1994, THE MORTON ARBORETUM, LISLE, ILLINOIS USA

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Nigel Wright (Pennsylvania), Aytekin Ertas (Turkey), Michael Melendrez (New Mexico), Stelian Radu (Romania), Damjan Beardi (New York), Michael Beardi (New York), Mary Ann Dillon (Michigan), Amy Larson (California), Susan Cooper (England), George Ware (Illinois), Lisa Wright (Pennsylvania);

SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Tom Burleson (New Mexico), Ken Asmus (Michigan), Peter van der Linden (Illinois), John Fair (Kansas), Jamie Friend (England), Ron Lence (North Carolina), B. H. Peter Ahrens (New York);

THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
David Johnson (Ohio), Rocco Damato (Illinois), Tamara Trites (Ohio), John Gammon (England), William Hess (Illinois), Harry Bailey (Georgia);

FOURTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Durell Nelson (Illinois), Greg Horgenson (North Dakota), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), Mark Pitman (England), Sue Shapiro (Wisconsin), Jim King (Illinois), Lawrence Slavicek (Illinois);

FIFTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Piers Trehane, founder of the Oak Names Database, and Eike Jablonski, our third president, shown in Luxembourg in August 2008 wearing their tee-shirts from the First International Oak Conference (photo courtesy of Eike Jablonski)

FIELD TRIP 19 OCTOBER 1994

PETERSBURG BANK --
Quercus robur hybrid

OAK HILL CEMETERY --
Quercus alba
Liriodendron tulipifera
Rutledge Grave

NEW SALEM VILLAGE --
Quercus lyrata
Lincoln's Stove

WASHINGTON PARK --
Quercus rubra
Quercus alba "Late Nut"
Thomas Rees Carillon

COTTON HILL --
Quercus xdeanii (National Champion)
Quercus xuhlenbergii

OAK RIDGE CEMETERY --
Quercus stellata
Quercus bicolor x xuhlenbergii
Quercus velutina
Oak Tree Nursery
Quercus resinae
Quercus xieana
Quercus rubra
Quercus stellata
Quercus lyrata x bicolor
Quercus alba pinellioide
Abraham Lincoln's Tomb

STARBELL FOREST --
Native Stages,
Quercus alba
Quercus macrocarpa
Quercus imbricaria
Quercus rubra
Quercus velutina
Oak Collection

The First IOS Field Trip
Lincoln's Tomb Trees, 19 October 1994

Front Row:
Michael Molandrez (New Mexico), Allen Coomber (UK), Aytakin Ertas (Turkey), Susan Cooper (UK), Jamie Friend (UK)

Back Row:
Bill Hess (Illinois), Stefan Rabhi (Romania), Mark Pitman (UK), Tom Burlason (New Mexico), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), John Gammon (UK), Lisa Wright (Pennsylvania), Our Steinberg (Illinois), Nigel Weight (Pennsylvania)
To All Members of the International Oak Society

4th September, 1995

Dear

Oak Open Day 28th October, 1995

On behalf of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum and the International Oak Society I would like to invite you, as a member, to the Oak Open Day to be held on Saturday 28th October, 1995 at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum, home of the National Collection of Oaks.

Entrance to the Gardens on the 28th October will be free to members from 10.30am (please remember to bring your membership card). I will be leading a tour of the oak collection from the main car park at 11am. This will include a tour of our Propagation Unit to see the methods we use for the germination and growing on of oaks. Members are very welcome to bring guests who will be asked to pay the normal group admission price, i.e. £3.50.

A special buffet lunch has been arranged in Jernyn's House (cost £6.50), or alternatively members can obtain light refreshments from the Jernyn's House Restaurant. After lunch members will have an opportunity at an informal meeting to discuss any queries they may have on the Society and talk about oaks.

I do hope you will be able to join me on 28th October. If so, please complete the enclosed form indicating whether or not you require lunch and the number of guests accompanying you. Please note the charge of £6.50 for the buffet lunch is to be paid on the day, although numbers are required in advance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Allen J. Coombes,
Botanist,
European representative on the Board of Directors, and Vice President of the International Oak Society.

Bernard Payne, Director & Chair
Pine C. H. Robins, County Secretary
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Hampshire County Council

Invitation to the first Oak Open Day, 1995
Second IOS Members Meeting - California 1997

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Ron Lance (North Carolina), Larry Slavicek (Illinois), Hugh Angus (United Kingdom), Diana Gardener (Oregon), Nigel Wright (Pennsylvania), Dan Keiser (Minnesota), Zhekun Zhou (China), Doug McCready (California), James Trager (Missouri);

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT:
Bill Hess (Illinois), Dick Sage (California), Rick Standiford (California), Peter van der Linden (Illinois), Mike Reichenbach (Oregon), Jean Smith (California), Amy Larson (California), Shawn Haddock (United Kingdom), Consuelo Bonfil (Mexico), Larry Schmidt (California), Allen Coombes (United Kingdom), Robert Berry (New Zealand), Maricela Rodriguez (Mexico), Matt Strong (Kansas), Dick van Hoey Smith (Holland), Rei Rasmussen (Oregon), Peter LaHarrague (Argentina), Ed Holm (California), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), Wayne Erickson (British Columbia), Riet van Hoey Smith (Holland), Guy Sternberg (Illinois).
Our first newsletter, initially called "Into Oaks" and shortened to IntOaks (as a contraction of "International Oaks"), published in 1997 via a photocopy machine by our editor Nigel Wright
Cover and Introduction from our first Journal, published in 1992 with a photocopy machine (Republished as a commemorative edition in 1999)
Field Trip - 2000 Conference
Majestic Oak (Q. virginiana) - Savannah Georgia

The First IOS Award
Presented by President Guy Sternberg
to Dick van Hoey Smith (with wife Riet at left)
Third Triennial Meeting, North Carolina 2000
Third Members Meeting, IOS
North Carolina 2000

The First Full-Conference Group Photo
2000 - Asheville, North Carolina

The First IOS American Tour - New Mexico 2001
The Second IOS Award
Given in Absentia to Stelian Radu, Deva, Romania
Third Triennial Meeting, 2000

The First IOS European Tour - Spain 2001
Fourth Triennial International Oak Conference
Hampshire, United Kingdom, 2003

The Fifth Triennial Oak Conference
Dallas, Texas 2006

Sixth International Oak Conference
Puebla, Mexico 2009