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(Left) Oak Society members enter the forest in the Smoky Mountains at the first stop during the Southern Appalachian Field Trip.

(Bottom) Oak Society members are dwarfed by a large Quercus virginiana (the "Majestic Oak" in Savannah) during the Low Country Field Trip.

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Images from the Third International Oak Conference



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(Top) Dan "The Oakman" Keiser of Minnesota continued his tradition of video documentation at Oak Society events with coverage of the Oak Society plant sale at the North Carolina Arboretum.



(Middle) The seed exchange may be the most popular of all conference events. Here Primrose Harris (England, left), Anke Mattern (Germany, left-center), Jo Bomer (Netherlands, center), Joyce Lee (British Columbia, background), and Greg Freeman (Arizona, right)

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search for special seeds at one of the seed tables where more than 100 different oak taxa were available from member contributions.



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(Bottom) Gathering acorns for propagation back home is a popular part of every Oak Society field trip. Here members harvest a bumper crop from a large *Quercus laevis* (turkey oak) in Aiken, South Carolina during the part of the trip hosted by Bob McCartney of Woodlanders Nursery.

International Oaks



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The third triennial business meeting of the International Oak Society was held during the conference, and the dedicated members shown here gave up an afternoon to participate and help plan the future of the organization.

It takes a great crew to run a great conference! Conference Chairman Ron Lance (with hat) poses with assistant Becky Norton (right) and some of his staff and volunteers during a field trip.



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Participants in the Third International Oak Conference enjoyed beautiful weather at the North Carolina Arboretum.

Awards and Accolades



(Left) *Dr. Ing. Stelian Radu with his Lifetime Service Award, back home in his back yard beneath the ancient Citadel Deva in western Romania.*

(Bottom) *Riet van Hoey Smith watches as her husband Dick (center) receives his Lifetime Service Award from outgoing President Guy Sternberg at the North Carolina Arboretum.*

