



ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The purpose of *INTOAKS*, the newsletter of the International Oak Society, is to distribute information to its members regarding Society business, items of interest, seed exchange, events and happenings in addition to the information contained in the *Journal*.

We envision publishing the following items in the newsletter:

- Society Business
- Seed Exchange
- Calendar of Events
- Conference Opportunities
- Reports from Treasurer
- Membership Update
- General Announcements
- Member Advertising

We would like to know what additional items or modifications to the above list you want to see in *INTOAKS*. Please send your ideas to:

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We also need your help to spread the word about the International Oak Society. Many members have already mentioned our group in other publications in the U.S., England, Germany and France. Some of these publications are very prestigious and we are delighted to get our message out to their readers.

If you are sponsoring a meeting or field trip on oaks in your area of the world, please drop us a line or e-mail us. We'll publish your meeting beforehand and give a summary afterwards if you wish. Just let us know.

For our newsletter, we welcome and need unsolicited letters, opinions or short articles written in a more informal manner than what we publish in the *Journal*. Don't be bashful. Send them to the Journal Office.

We plan to distribute *INTOAKS* biannually, in summer and early winter.

INTOAKS

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to the Society's first newsletter. The initial item which I need to bring to your attention is the enclosed ballot. We have identified the candidates to serve on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2000. PLEASE complete and return the ballot within the deadline date. WE NEED YOUR VOTE!!!

During our first organizational meeting in October of 1994, an Interim Board of Directors was elected to complete our incorporation as a not-for-profit organization and to conduct the initial business affairs of the International Oak Society. Many of you were not yet members at that time, and most of you probably have not met this Board, so let me introduce them to you.

My name is Guy Sternberg and I maintain the North American Plant Preservation Council oak collection at Starhill Forest in Illinois, USA. I was one of several original members of our organization when it was started about a decade ago by Steven Roesch as an international acorn exchange. I organized the First International Oak Conference, held at The Morton Arboretum, and have done some of the work behind the scenes to help establish the organization. I serve as our President.

Allen Coombes is the botanist for the Sir Harold Hillier Botanic Gardens and Arboretum in Hampshire, England (home of England's national oak collection). Allen is our designated coordinator for

European affairs and is our chief scientific consultant for the *Journal* on matters of taxonomy and nomenclature. He has been instrumental in expanding our membership outside the USA and in helping to organize a regional chapter in England. Allen serves as Vice President.

M. Nigel Wright, also one of the original members of the Society, owns Windrose Nursery in Pennsylvania, USA. Windrose grows many oak species, and is one of the most diverse mail-order nurseries in America. Nigel and his wife Lisa publish our *Journal* and newsletter and serve as coordinators of the Society's growing worldwide membership. Together they have devoted an unbelievable amount of volunteer time and effort to the member services you enjoy. Nigel is our Secretary.

Peter van der Linden is the Curator of Plant Collections for The Morton Arboretum in Illinois, USA. The Morton has one of the finest temperate zone oak collections in the Western hemisphere. Peter and his institution provided the magnificent venue for our first conference in 1994, and were instrumental in its success. He has taken on the critical responsibility of managing the financial affairs and budget preparation for the International Oak Society as its Treasurer.

Amy Larson recently served as the Executive Director of the California Oak Foundation (USA) and is a member of our Board. Amy's enthusiasm, energy and experience serves us well -- she is our Conference Coordinator for 1997. The California Oak Foundation will be co-hosting the upcoming conference in October, in cooperation with the Huntington Botanic Garden and Museum in San Marino, California, USA. Amy and her committee are working very hard to put this conference together, and she would like to see every one of you there!

As we approach this second triennial conference and business meeting, it is time to bring new ideas and fresh energy to our organization. We need to establish committees in order to pursue our proposed activities on many fronts. All members should feel that this organization belongs to each of you, not just to the Board of Directors. Please try to attend the meeting in California, if possible, and volunteer if you can contribute as a committee member or a director candidate. The organization, devoted to the greatest genus of plants in the world, needs your help!

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

The International Oak Society has made several strides forward since the original international acorn exchange members (probably 20 people in all) mailed each other seed collected from all over the world. After the Society published its first *Journal* in 1992, we formally became a group with around 80 members. We printed four *Journals* prior to hosting the First International Oak Conference and organizational meeting in 1994 at The Morton Arboretum and by then we had over 200 members. Since these early successes, the Society has been incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and has increased its membership base to more than 450 people worldwide.

The Society now accepts Visa and Mastercard as payment for new memberships and renewals, which really makes joining and renewing easy. Overseas members no longer need to obtain an international money order or exchange money. Once every three years we combine seminars and field trips with a members' meeting at a conference. We will be hosting our Second International Oak Conference along with the California Oak Foundation at the Huntington Botanic Garden and Museum in San Marino, California, on October 21-23, 1997. Our third conference will be held in the year 2000. Its location will be announced in the near future.

Members are also active in Europe with an Open Oak Day held in autumn of every year. The last two years it was held in England, and this year it will be at the Trompenburg Arboretum in the Netherlands (see *Journal* #1 for details of the Arboretum). European members are joining to form our first Chapter.

Thanks to the contributions from our members, we have come a long way. And only with your continued interest and support, will the International Oak Society be able to expand its services, activities and field trips for its members in the future.

Warmest wishes,

M. Nigel and Lisa Wright

CAL-I-FORN-IA HERE WE COME. . . .

Registrations are now being accepted for The Second International Oak Conference, October 21 - 23, 1997 at the Huntington Botanic Garden and Museum in San Marino, California, USA. You should have received your registration forms by now. Save money by sending your registration in before August 15, 1997. This conference may fill up quickly, so act now to register and book your plane tickets and hotel rooms.

We expect quite an international forum of speakers. So don't miss it! Remember October 21-23, 1997. It's right around the corner.

ATTENTION
OAK SOCIETY MEMBERS!

We have a large international team of oak authorities, mostly fellow members, working on a new worldwide reference book (in English) on oaks. We hope to include the unique collective knowledge available within the International Oak Society and welcome your help.

If you wish to participate, please furnish any of the following data that you can provide, on a separate sheet for each species:

1. Botanical species name, plus your own name and address
2. Local vernacular species name (common name) with English translation
3. Any horticultural or commercial uses within the native range
4. Descriptions of any cultivars (except for common species such as *Q. robur*, *Q. ilex*, *Q. cerris*, *Q. petraea*) or natural varieties
5. Descriptions of natural habitat -- geographic location, elevation, soil, climate and primary associated species
6. Horticultural notes, special observations
7. Exact locations of any known historic or famous specimens
8. Please indicate if you can furnish professional quality slides (photographic transparencies) with herbarium specimens for verification, of any of these oaks; but unless you do not need

them returned, do not send any slides until requested!

We need additional information especially for oak trees and shrubs native to non-English speaking regions of the world including Asia, Southern and Eastern Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Mexico and Central America. Please forward accurate data in English on separate sheets for each species, with your full name and address written on each sheet to:

Guy Sternberg, Editor
Oaks of the World Project
Starhill Forest
Route 1, Box 272
Petersburg, Illinois 62675 USA

This is your opportunity to participate in an exciting project, and to receive credit as a contributor to the first truly comprehensive genus book on *Quercus*. Your information is needed by the end of 1997. Feel free to bring your data sheets to Guy Sternberg at the Conference in California this coming October or send them to the above address. Thank you for your help.

JOURNAL UPDATE

Journal #8 will be mailed in early September, just in time for the Conference in October. This should prove to be yet another interesting issue. If you have material that you would like us to publish in the *Journal*, send it to International Oak Society, Journal Office, P.O. Box 310, Pen Argyl, PA 18072-0310 USA.

We have reprinted *Journal* Issues #2 and #3 because all our original copies had been sold. If you have paid for *Journal* #2, and/or #3 and you still have not received your copy, please write to us at the above address and let us know. We will send you a copy immediately.

Presently, we are sold out of *Journal* #1. We are in the midst of re-editing, reformatting and therefore, reprinting the issue that started it all. We are reformatting it to our current size *Journal* and look forward to offer our members a complete set of journals that match in size. We must admit, we have certainly improved the content and quality of our journals since the first one was published in March of 1992; so it has been recommended to us to update it to match the others. And we are looking forward to the reprint.

(continued from "Journal Update")

Please don't forget, we ALWAYS need new material to print in the Society *Journal*, and we want it to come from our members. Presently, our members include many researchers, botanists, and scientists who may be able to supply us with interesting articles, abstracts, presentations, photographs, etc., of new findings in the world of *Quercus*.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Since the end of 1994, the International Oak Society has offered a life membership. Currently it costs \$350.00. One receives all of the back issues of the *Journal*, a T-shirt of the First International Oak Conference, a certificate of life membership and a membership card. As our Society grows, we hope we will be able to offer more benefits for life members.

Our current life members are:

Curt Hanson, Gates Mills, Ohio, USA
 Guy Sternberg, Petersburg, Illinois, USA
 Lawrence Slavicek, W. Chicago, IL, USA
 Frederick McDonald, Yakima, WA, USA
 Jamie Friend, Shropshire, England
 Stephane Brame, Villen. le Comte, France
 Eike Jablonski, Diekirch, Luxembourg
 M.F. Heathcoat Amory, London, England
 Susan M. Cooper, Worcester, England
 Luc De Jonge, Ninove, Okegem, Belgium
 Ferris Miller, Seoul, Korea
 Elisabeth C. Dudley, Redding, CT, USA
 Brett Slavicek, W. Chicago, Illinois, USA
 Daniel J. Hinkley, Kingston, WA, USA
 Josephine R. Hodgkinson, Kent, England
 Leila Corbet Russell, Shrewsbury, England
 M.W. Bonn, Jersery, England
 Theresa Sackler, New York, NY, USA
 Phillippe de Spoelberch, Wespelaar, Belgium
 K. Sahin, Alphen Aan den Rijn, Netherlands
 Torii Shingo, Osaka, Japan
 Sadahiko Katoh, Kyoto, Japan

SEED EXCHANGE

When we first began producing the *Journal* back in 1992, it included a section called the Seed Exchange. Now that the Society is producing and distributing this newsletter and has more members interested in exchanging acorns, one of its primary goals again is to supply a list of members who have certain acorns to offer and certain ones that they would like to obtain.

Because we are not a larger Society and we do not have the capabilities or resources at this time to provide a full-service seed exchange, we depend on the members to contact each other to make arrangements to exchange seed among themselves. We provide a list along with name, address, e-mail, telephone numbers, etc., in order to make it possible for members to contact each other.

In order to participate in this exchange, just send us your name, address and (if you wish) your telephone number, e-mail address, fax number. Tell us what acorns you can offer and which ones you are looking for and we will list your information in the Seed Exchange. Simple as that.

Our First Requests:

Dr. Michael Avishai, Scientific Director
 University Botanical Gardens - Jerusalem
 The Hebrew University
 Givat Ram
 Jerusalem 91904
 ISRAEL

Tel 972-2-6794012 Fax 972-2-6793941
 Living in a subtropical climate, he is seeking a good representation of the rich and unique oak flora of the Central American mountains for development in their Botanical Garden. He is especially looking for sources from Mexico and S.E. United States. Please contact him if you can help him.

Leif Klingström
 Ekvägen 4
 S-262 61 Ängelholm
 Sweden
 E-Mail: leif.klingstrom@ldecs.ericsson.se
 Looking for sources of:

Quercus fusiformis, *Q. hypoleucoides*, *Q. semecarpifolia*, *Q. suber* var. *occidentalis*, *Q. turbinella*, *Chrysolepis chrysophylla*, *Lithocarpus henryi*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 27-28, 1997

Oak Open Day in Europe will be hosted by Dick van Hoey Smith at Trompenburg Arboretum, Rotterdam, Netherlands. European members will receive invitations from Trompenburg, and all International Oak Society members are welcome. If you live outside Europe and would like to attend the meeting, please contact Mr. van Hoey Smith directly at:

Arboretum Trompenburg
 Groene Wetering 46
 3062 PC Rotterdam
 Netherlands

October 12 - 17, 1997

Diversity and Adaptation in Oak Species Conference, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, USA. To receive more information on this conference contact:

Diversity & Adaptation in
 Oak Species Conference
 The Pennsylvania State University
 306 Ag Administration Bldg.
 University Park, PA 16802-2704
 Fax# (814)-865-7050

October 21-23, 1997

Second International Oak Conference
 Huntington Botanic Garden and Museum
 San Marino, California. If you have not yet received your registration forms, please contact:

The California Oak Foundation
 1212 Broadway, Suite 810
 Oakland, CA 94612
 Tel (510)-763-0282
 Fax (510)-208-4435
 E-mail: oakfdn@igc.apc.org

If you have an event planned for the end of 1997 or sometime in 1998, please let the Journal Office know. Thank you.

Announcement:

Volume 3 of *Flora of North America* (covering oaks and related taxa) is hot off the press. It is available from Oxford Press, telephone 1-800-624-0153. It includes the most current and complete treatment of North American oaks available anywhere.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Wright:

First, may I add my congratulations for your most informative and well produced Journal. From the *Journal* Issue #6, I have gleaned 8 extra oak taxa for addition to *The Checklist of Trees "Hardy" in UK*, that I am compiling, along with 9 other potential ones.

Secondly, please pass on my thanks to Guy Sternberg for his helpful letter with suggestions on "hardiness," hybrid names, etc., in response to my many questions. I well appreciate the difficulties of finding time to look at such long lists in any detail! And I take up his final suggestion to send in an announcement for your new Society newsletter with the same hope that readers will not think they are being asked for overly comprehensive, detailed responses. Thank you for your help.

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Submission for newsletter from Mr. Sanford:

Dear Members:

I am in the final stages of compiling a database for *The Checklist of Trees "Hardy" in UK*, which so far includes 151 species and 205 hybrids for *Quercus* from a current grand total of 3,987 species and primary hybrids. After much good assistance from experts in the UK, several new hybrids were gleaned from Issue #6 of the Society's Journal. I still have plenty of candidates for addition to the *Checklist* that require further details. Information for ANY of the taxa below or, likewise, ANY other potential candidates that have eluded the general literature will be much appreciated.

Likely to be "hardy" in the UK (in appropriate mild climate gardens)?:

Quercus augustinii, *Q. baloot*, *Q. brandegei*, *Q. championii*, *Q. cocciferoides* (+ var: *talienses*), *Q. delavayi*, *Q. devia*, *Q.*

polymorpha, *Q. schottkyana*, *Q. senescens*, *Q. sessilifolia*, *Q. spinosa*, *Q. tardifolia*, *Q. viminea*, *Q. xalapensis*.

Confirmed?:

Quercus x andrewsii [*macrocarpa x undulata*], *Q. cerris x acutissima*: Arnold Arboretum, *Q. cerris x robur*: UK, *Q. coccinea x phellos*, *Q. coccinea x imbricaria*, *Q. x cocksii* [*Q. laurifolia obtusa (ta) x velutina*], *Q. dentata x canariensis*?: NZ-R.Berry, *Q. glabrescens x robur*:-?, *Q. ilicifolia x imbricaria*, *Q. imbricaria x laurifolia*?: NZ-R.Berry, *Q. imbricaria x phellos*, *Q. marilandica x palustris*, *Q. marilandica x shumardii*, *Q. x oviedoensis* [*Q. incana x myrtifolia*], *Q. pontica x pyrenaica*?: NZ-R.Berry, *Q. trojana x cerris*?: Turkey.

Naturally a "Tree" (even if only in its original habitat)?:

Quercus havardii, *Q. havardii x gambelii*, *Q. havardii x mohriana*, *Q. havardii x stellata*, *Q. muhlenbuergii x prinoides*, *Q. virginiana x minima*.

Likely to be "Hardy" in UK? (H?). "Tree"? (T?). Origin? (O?). Parents? (P?). Valid/Accepted Name? (V?):

Quercus acutifolia H?, T?, O?; *Q. benkoi*: Hungary T?, P?, V?; *Q. canbyi* H?, T?; *Q. conszatii* H?, T?, V?; *Q. crispifolia* H?, T?, V?; *Q. deliquescens* H?, T?; *Q. fragrans*: Glasnevin O?, V?; *Q. furfuracea* H?, T?; *Q. gagriana*: Caucasus H?, T?, V?; *Q. hintonii* H?, T?; *Q. hookeri* O?, V?; *Q. insinuata* O?, V?; *Q. koreana* H?, T?, V?; *Q. lacera* H?, T?, O?, V?; *Q. laurina* H?, T?; *Q. macdougallii* H?, T?; *Q. martinezii* H?, T?; *Q. morii* H?, T?; *Q. multinervis* H?, T?, O?; *Q. nubium* H?, T?; *Q. rex* H?, T?; *Q. praineana* H?, T?; *Q. robusta* H?, T?, O?; *Q. sasakii* H?, T?; *Q. sooi*: Hungary T?, P?, V?; *Q. spathulata* H?, T?, O?; *Q. urbanii* H?, T?; *Q. uxoris* H?, T?. (Plus any other species from Mexico: *Q. barbinervis*, *Q. bonplandiana*, *Q. eduardi*, *Q. fulva*, *Q. idonea*, *Q. lanceolata*, *Q. macrophylla*, *Q. pinalensis*, *Q. resinosa*, *Q. rugulosa*, *Q. standleyi*, *Q. tridens*, *Q. tuberculata*, etc. H?, T?, V?.

ADVERTISING SPACE IN SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

After being approached by several members, the Society will accept advertising in future newsletter editions. Deadline for reserving space in the winter issue (due out in late November) is October 1, 1997. Artwork is due to our office by November 1, 1997.

Advertisers must send us camera-ready artwork; business cards may be used as advertisements. The space size will be uniform: the size of a business card = 3 1/2" x 2" w. If we are successful with our advertising section, we may possibly offer different sizes in future newsletters. Cost for advertising is \$25.00 for each advertisement per newsletter (published biannually).

Please contact us at the Journal Office if you are interested in advertising a company or service related to oaks and acorns (nurseries, seed companies, gift items, etc.). Advertisements will be accepted on a space-available basis and at the discretion of the Society Board of Directors.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The International Oak Society took an important step in 1996 when it formally incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois, USA. During 1997, another important step was taken when the Society applied for recognition as a not-for-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. Obtaining legal recognition as a not-for-profit organization will have many benefits for the Society, including much lower postage costs (domestic). The Society also will be exempt from certain taxes, and contributions to the Society will be tax-deductible for the donors.

Revenue for 1996 was \$8,055.70, of which \$7,686.00 came from membership dues. Expenses were \$6,539.59, of which \$3,566.65 was spent for printing, \$1,426.19 for postage and the remainder for conference expenses, office supplies and miscellaneous expenses. Cash on hand on 31 December was \$7,408.68.

The Society established a Visa/MasterCard account during 1996. This should facilitate payment of membership dues, especially by those of you living outside the United States.