

PLANT REGISTRATION

Registration

The aim of registration is to prevent duplication of names within a denomination class, generally a genus, but sometimes within a family or other logical grouping. By preventing duplication, which can lead to confusion and misidentification, registration allows national and international regulations around phytosanitary issues, market protection and plant conservation to be formulated. As all information about a plant is linked to its name, registration is essential for the horticultural trade in obtaining market transparency. Registers are also extremely valuable in accumulating and disseminating reliable information concerning the origins, appearance and classification of cultivated plants.

Registering a name

New cultivar names can be registered with the appropriate International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA). A list of ICRA's and the plant groups for which they are responsible can be found [here](#). ICRA's are appointed by the [International Society for Horticultural Science](#) (ISHS) and may be an institution, plant society or individual with an interest in a particular genus or group of plants. Registration is very much an international effort and is supported at an international level.

Registration is a voluntary process and does not convey any legal status on the name. However, within some genera, whole international plant communities abide by the registration process and encourage participation in it. Registration is generally free, although some ICRA's may charge a small fee for administration purposes.

Information, other than the name, gathered during the registration process may include the name of the hybridiser, parentage of the plant and, most importantly, a description of the plant, especially in relation to the features that make it unique. Other information gathered is likely to be in respect of the name itself, so any trade designations or the granting of Plant Breeder's Rights will be recorded. Some registration authorities may also record any awards made to a cultivar and/or instances where a cultivar has appeared in a nursery catalogue.

Ideally registrations will be accompanied by photographs or a specimen of plant material, which can be pressed and designated a [nomenclatural standard](#).

Registration ensures that names adhere to the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants and that they are validly published. This is achieved through printed publication of the names that have been registered. This may be in the form of a list in a Society's journal, through the publication of an entire Register or through the regular publication of Supplements. Electronic publication (such as on a website) is not sufficient in itself to establish registered names.

Reserving names

Registrars, the people who are appointed by an ICRA to gather registrations, may agree to reserve previously unused names. Usually names are reserved for a year. After this, if another party wants to use the same name, the two parties are put in touch with each other and are asked to come to an agreement between them.

Changes to ICRA's

There have already been some significant changes to the list of ICRA's as given in Appendix I of the Cultivated Plant Code (Directory of International Cultivar Registration Authorities) and these will be reflected in changes to the web pages on the ISHS website. Some of the most important are listed below.

African Violet Society of America, Inc.

The fax number relating to *Saintpaulia* registrations is now: (+1) 409 839 4329.

American Hemerocallis Society

The registration page link should be revised to: <http://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/regform.php>

American Hosta Society

The email address for the Registrar, Gayle Hartley Allen, should be changed to: GiboshiGayle@gmail.com for queries, while for sending registration material please use hostaregistry@gmail.com.

American Peony Society

The email for the registrar, Reiner Jakubowski, is now: registrar@americanpeonysociety.org

Arboretum Kalmthout Foundation - *Hamamelis*

The contact details for the Registrar, Abraham Rammeloo, should be changed to: Arboretum Kalmthout, Heuvel 8, B-2920 Kalmthout, Belgium. Email: abraham.rammeloo@arboretumkalmthout.be

Beijing Botanic Garden

The link to the registration page is now: www.malusregister.org/Web.

Blahnik, Ing. Zdeněk - *Lonicera*

The contact details should be changed to Jungmannova 564, 25101 Ricany, Czech Republic. Email: blahnik@post.cz.

European Kalmia Society

The link to their registration page should be listed as: <http://www.kalmia-society.org/registrar.php?&lang=gb>

Gesneriad Society, Inc.

The email for the Registrar, Irina Nicholson, is now: gesneriadregistry@gmail.com

Heather Society

Registration contact details are now The Honorary Secretary, The Heather Society, 84 Kinross Road, Rushington, Totton, Southampton SO40 9BN, UK with an email of secretary@heathersociety.org

Heliconia Society International – Costaceae

The contact details for the Registrar, David Skinner, should be changed to: 1411 Lucy Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, USA. Email: Dave@gingersrus.com

Indian Agricultural Research Institute – Bougainvillea

The contact details for the new Registrar, Dr S.S. Sindhu, should be listed as Registrar, International Centre for Registration Authority (ICRA) on Bougainvillea, Head, Division of Floriculture & Landscaping and School Coordinator, School of Horticulture, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (Pusa Campus), New Delhi-110012, India, with email sssindhu2003@yahoo.co.in.

International Camellia Society

Note that this ICRA now has representatives handling cultivars used as a source of oil and for those used for producing tea, as follows:

Oil Cultivars

Contact: Dr Li Jiyuan, Research Institute of Subtropical Forestry, Chinese Academy of Forestry, No. 73 Daqiao Road, Fuyang, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, People's Republic of China (jiyuanli@126.com)

Tea Cultivars

Tea Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Contact: Prof. Liang Chen, 9 South Meiling Road, Hangzhou 310008, People's Republic of China (liangchen@tricaas.com)

International Carnivorous Plant Society

The list of registered cultivars can now be found at:

<http://carnivorousplants.org/cultivars/names.php>

International Cultivar Registration Center for Osmanthus

The postal address for the Registrar, Prof. Qibai Xiang, should be listed as:

Room 7C-301/7C-303, Department of Botany, College of Biology and the Environment, Nanjing Forestry University, 159 Longpan Lu, Nanjing, Jiangsu 210037, People's Republic of China.

International Maple Society

The email for the registrar, Peter Gregory, is now: pgregoryuk@gmail.com

International Oak Society

The email address for the Registrar, Ryan Russell, should be changed to: russelly76@yahoo.com

International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society – *Nelumbo*

The link to their registration page should now be:

http://www.nelumbolotus.com/en_login.asp

Lakeland Horticultural Society - *Astilbe*

The new Registrar is Malcolm Pharoah, Lower Tithe Barn, Marwood, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 4EB, UK. Email: malcolmpharoah@gmail.com. The link to their registration page should now be

www.nelumbolotus.com/en_login.asp.

Meconopsis Group

The contact details for the new Registrar, Dr Geoff Hill, should be listed as: Cedar Gables, 33

Pencuick Road, Roslin, Midlothian EH25 9LJ, Scotland. Email: meconopsisregistrar@btinternet.com

The fax number should be deleted.

Morton Arboretum - *Ulmus*

The new registrar is Matthew S. Lobdell (email mlobdell@mortonarb.org). The postal address remains the same.

Passiflora Society International

The contact details for the new Registrar, Robert Kennedy Rice, should be listed as: The Old

Vicarage, High Street, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6AA, UK. Email: Registrar@PassifloraCultivars.org

Registration Page: <http://www.passifloracultivars.org/application>

Plumeria Society of America

The new registrar is Mark Wright, 28198 Carnoustie Drive, Missouri City, Texas 77459, USA Email:

wright5447@sbcglobal.net

Polly Hill Arboretum

This is now the ICRA for *Stewartia*. The registrar is Mr Timothy M. Boland, who can be contacted at Polly Hill Arboretum, P.O. Box 561, West Tisbury, Massachusetts 02575, USA.

Email: tim@pollyhillarboretum.org.

Proteaceae Cultivar Registration Authority

The email contact for the Registrar, Joan Sadie, should be changed to: JoanS@daff.gov.za

The link to the registration page is now:

<http://www.daff.za/daffweb3/Portals/0/General%20Publications/The%20International%20Proteaceae%20Register%20%E2%80%94%202010.pdf>

Royal Horticultural Society – *Clematis*

The email address for the registrar, Duncan Donald, should be changed to:

clematisregistrar@rhs.org.uk

Royal Horticultural Society- Conifers

The contact details for the Registrar, Sharon McDonald, should be changed to:
Ms Sharon McDonald, 22 Route de Ruffec, 79110 Couture d'Argenson, France.
Additional email: sharonmcdonald@rhs.org.uk

Royal Horticultural Society – Dahlia

The contact details for the Registrar should be changed as for Conifers above.

Royal Horticultural Society – Lilium

The email address for the Registrar, Duncan Donald, should be changed to: lilyregistrar@rhs.org.uk

Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture

The address for the Registrar, Murray Dawson, should be changed to: Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture, PO Box 85012, Lincoln University, Lincoln 7647, New Zealand.

St-Pierre, Dr Richard

This ICRA (*Amelanchier*) has now ceased to operate and the entry should be deleted. New *Amelanchier* registrations should now be directed to Stefan Lura (Stefan.lura@ars.usda.gov) at the US National Arboretum (Acting for the American Public Gardens Association, who are the ICRA for unassigned woody plant genera).

Swedish Hoya Society

This ICRA has ceased to operate and there is no longer an ICRA for *Hoya* cultivars.

New ICRA

On 1 February 2017 the ISHS Special Commission for Cultivar Nomenclature appointed the Epiphyllum Society of America (ESA) to be the ICRA for *Schlumbergera* and *Rhipsalidopsis*. This is the first time these genera have been covered by an ICRA. The ESA have been ICRA for *Cactaceae* Tribe *Hylocereeae* since 1958 and will continue in that role. The new Registrar is Lee Goodfellow, 1120 Sunrise Drive, Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada V9K 1C3 Email: leegoodfellow@telus.net Lee has already prepared a draft checklist for these genera. At the same time as making this appointment, the Special Commission has designated these two genera as belonging to the same denomination class for the purposes of registration: in other words new cultivar epithets may no longer be duplicated between the two genera.

Revised denomination classes

Following recent taxonomic revisions the genus *Saintpaulia* is now treated as a section within the genus *Streptocarpus*. This change has been accepted both by the African Violet Society of America (AVSA), who have been ICRA for *Saintpaulia* since 1966, and by the Gesneriad Society who have had responsibility for the remainder of the family *Gesneriaceae* since 1958. The AVSA will thus now become the ICRA for *Streptocarpus* sect. *Saintpaulia* and the Special Commission has designated two denomination classes within *Streptocarpus*, one for *Streptocarpus* sect. *Saintpaulia*, the other for the remainder of the genus.