

BSA International Committee 2009 Report

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The International Committee made huge progress this year.

A symposium co-sponsored by the International Committee and by the Canadian Botanical Society and the BSA Physiological section had a packed meeting and was For The Future of International Botanical Research: possibilities and strategies for your International collaborations and research, especially in developing nations

[How I learned to do botanical research in the tropics.](#) David Lee

[How to access United Nations and some other sourced international botanical information](#) Anitra Thorhaug

[International Collecting of Botanical Research Materials in the 21st Century](#) Dennis Stevenson

Where to publish your international research Larry Peterson, former editor CJB

International Funding in NSF Patrick Herendeen

Botanical Societies from a series of nations were contacted including Eastern Europe, The Middle East, South America and the Caribbean and Asia. India has offered to host our International web site announcements. Peru will be talking at the South American Botanical Congress about the Peru/ BSA Alliance Workshop with BSA. Several of these groups would wish to participate in small or large workshop exchanges with the BSA, namely Romania, Bulgaria, India, Pakistan, and several South American nations.

The series of informational articles about Botany in Many Nations began in the **Plant Science Bulletin**.

"Botany in Pakistan" by M.Zaide and A. Thorhaug

"Botany in Bulgaria" by A. Thorhaug

In press is "Botany in Equatorial Guinea" A. Thorhaug

In the 2010 will be " Botany in Romania" . Anka Sarbu and Anitra Thorhaug

"Botany in Peru" by Betty Millans, Cesar Arana and Anitra Thorhaug .

Several others are also planned.

The exchange workshop project with Peru was formally begun with a great deal of correspondence between the members of the Peruvian Workshop committee and the US workshop committee. The program was set, although all speakers are not yet in place. The venue is potentially late May 2010 in Lima with field trips to Cuzco , Porto Maldonado, and Trujillo . The number participating totally will be 150. Contact was made with the US Embassy in Peru to help with the workshop. The sponsoring unit is the Sociedad Peruveana Botanica , the oldest botanical Society in Peru. San Marco University (the oldest University in the hemisphere) and La Molina University are the chief academia sponsors. The participating Universities will be between 12 and 20 from Peru. Plans to raise funds for speakers, venue requirements, translations are ongoing. The goal is to create research linkages in many disciplines with the Peruvian botanical researchers.

Meetings including regional groups such as Pacific, Atlantic and Latin America.

The logistics committee is seeking used laboratory equipment, books, sets of journals and other useful items to send to Universities in the Newly industrializing nations which will help their teaching and research. Funding for shipping the materials is also being sought.

News and information about botanical events and societies can be found under Outreach , then scroll to the nation and click.

Corresponding members from 4 continents were nominated.

A series of people were recommended for corresponding members.