

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

TUESDAY MORNING, 6 DECEMBER 1994

The Forty-fourth Meeting of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society convened at 8:00 AM in the Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with President Tom McCloud presiding.

President McCloud: It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania and it is my pleasure to call this session of the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society—Eastern Region, to order. I can guarantee that the weather will be improved from yesterday and you will have much improved tours. We have an excellent program lined up for you and look forward to the next 3 days of seeking and sharing. If you are new to our Society you should be aware that we have a question box. As the meeting progress we know that you will have questions for speakers. Put your questions in the question box and we will have them answered for you. Ralph Shugert and Bruce Briggs are in charge of the question box.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

President McCloud: This morning we are departing from our normal procedure of awards presentations and we will be presenting the awards at this time. The first to be presented is the Fellow recipients. Each year the Eastern Region nominates and selects members who have contributed significantly to our Region. Anna Knuttel is chairperson of that committee will and make the presentations.

FELLOW RECIPIENTS—EASTERN REGION

Anna Knuttel: This is the fourth year that Fellow recipients have been given. We have an outstanding group of individuals for you today. They are recognized for their contributions to the field of propagation, but also for their contribution to the Eastern Region at large. The recipients are the following:

- **Dr. Paul Smeal.** The first person is a retired professor from Virginia Poly Tech. In his spare time he is executive director for the southern region of ASHS. He has been one of the most effective presidents in this organization. His leadership has made a significant difference in how effectively this Society is run. It is my pleasure to present it to Paul Smeal.
- **Clayton Fuller.** The second recipient is a very special person to me. This man has inspired my young people to become propagators. He has shared many of his propagation techniques with members of this Society. He has served the Eastern Region as Director and President. My mentor and close friend is Clayton Fuller.
- **Chris Graham.** The next recipient has quietly and diligently served the I.P.P.S. in many ways. He propagates for the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario. He has served as Director and President of the Eastern Region, and has most recently just finished a stint as the Eastern Region Director to the International Board. I am pleased to present this award to Chris Graham.

- **Kris Bachtell.** The next recipient is a newer member of this organization. He works for the Morton Arboretum as director for the plant collections. He has travelled to China three times on plant hunting expeditions. He has served as a Director on the Eastern Region Board and will come on next year as the Second Vice President. He is being recognized for his diligent work on the Membership Committee. Our next recipient is Kris Bachtell.
- **Charles Heuser, Jr.** Last but definitely not least, the recipient is the editor of the Eastern Region, editor I.P.P.S. International, and editor of the North American Plant Propagator. He is currently an Associate Professor of Horticultural Physiology at Penn State. He knows more about mung beans than anyone else and he is an all-around great guy—Charles W. Heuser, Jr.

AWARD OF MERIT—EASTERN REGION

Anna Knuttel: The next award is the Award of Merit and Ralph Shugert will present it.

Ralph Shugert: I am extremely honored to present to you the recipient for the 1994 Eastern Region Award of Merit. For the edification of our guest, and newer members, this is the highest award of the Eastern Region. The recipient must have minimum of 10 years of active membership within our region, as well as outstanding contributions to plant propagation within the industry, research, teaching, or extension. Ballots are sent to all members, and the Award of Merit committee, chaired this year by Deb McCown, selects the winner.

This prestigious award started in 1957 with Dr. L.C. Chadwick receiving the award. Our Proceedings state that Chad was presented with the award at the 1958 banquet. I remember the 1957 meeting since we then exceeded 300 members and had one person serving as editor, secretary, and treasurer. From 1958 to the present, the office of editor stands alone.

Over the years, presenters have given lengthy background data to this award recipient. I am not going to tell you where this person went to grade school or if they prefer chocolate over vanilla! I will state that our awardee became an Eastern Region member in 1963 at our meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

My friends the two most important executive positions at the International and regional levels are the secretary-treasurer and editor. These two offices give our beloved Society the coherence needed for continued success.

We are blessed, and extremely fortunate to have an Eastern Region member who is not only our regional editor, but also International Editor. He presented us with two Proceedings in 1994!

President McCloud, ladies and gentlemen, the 1994 Eastern Region Award of Merit is presented to my friend, Dr. Charles W. Heuser, Jr. Charles exemplifies our motto of "Seek and Share"—our congratulations, sir!

President McCloud: Charles, my congratulations to you and to all of the Fellow recipients.

Vice-President Beattie: It is my honor to present to President McCloud this plaque for his service to the Eastern Region as president during 1994. Tom, thank you very much.