

advancement of knowledge and the improvement of our industry, as a whole. Ladies and gentlemen, I salute you.

RALPH SHUGERT: Thank you very much, Jim. On behalf of the chair, I congratulate you on your tribute (a standing ovation) to Jim Wells.

An author once said that there is a tremendous amount of correlation between philosophy and history, and with these sage works in mind, your program committee felt it would be apropos to use this philosophy at this meeting. The next gentleman on the program is unquestionably one of the most dedicated Society members. He served as Eastern Region President in 1961, and as International President in 1963; he was recipient of the Award of Merit in 1964 and has served faithfully and capably as the International Secretary-Treasurer. A close personal friend of mine and a friend of all Society members — Dr. William Snyder. Bill, it's a pleasure to have you speak on the history of the International Plant Propagators' Society.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROPAGATORS' SOCIETY:**

**1951 to 1970**

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At the invitation of Edward H. Scanlon, 68 persons interested in plant propagation met at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on November 8-9, 1951. The purpose of this meeting was two-fold: first, to hear talks by six well-known plant propagators and second, to consider whether or not an organization of plant propagators should be formed. The result: 20 years later these six speakers at the First Annual Meeting have been followed by more than 450 persons who have presented talks on plant propagation and related subjects and the membership has increased from 68 to 886 persons affiliated with the three regional organizations.

An organization known as the National Association of Propagating Nurserymen was formed in 1919 and survived until 1931, when, due to internal problems and the severe economic conditions of that period, it foundered. In 1926 the first of six annual reports was published. At the 1958 meeting of the Plant Propagators' Society, Roy M. Nordine made an appeal for a set of these reports for the archives of this Society. Dr. Richard P. White, Executive Secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen, donated a complete set to Mr. Nordine and at the 1959 meeting in Philadelphia Mr. Nordine presented the reports to the Plant Propagators' Society. Based on these reports, Alfred J. Fordham has

written a brief history of the National Association of Propagating Nurserymen. This history was first published in THE PLANT PROPAGATOR 15(4):2-10, 1969, and, for the record is reprinted in this issue of the Proceedings (p. 116).

The objective of my presentation is to record the happenings of the International Plant Propagators' Society during the years 1951 to 1970.

In November, 1951, there was an enthusiastic response to the idea of a society devoted to the propagation of plants. On the night of November 8 a committee prepared a draft of a constitution which incorporated many of the ideas and concepts which had developed during the day's discussions. An organizational committee completed the writing of a constitution in July, 1952 in Detroit, during the meeting of the American Association of Nurserymen. Members of this organizational committee included:

L. C. Chadwick	Edward H. Scanlon
Richard H. Fillmore	John Siebenthaler
James IE Ilgenfritz	William E. Snyder
Roy M. Nordine	James S. Wells
Roger Pease	Pieter Zorg

Fillmore and Pease were unable to attend the Detroit meetings. Also in attendance at the 1952 Summer Organizational Meeting were: Ray D. Hartman, Case Hoogendoorn, Carl E. Kearns, Irwin J. Mathews, Frank Turner, Louis Vanderbrook and V. J. Vanicek.

The accomplishments of this meeting included:

(1) establishment of the Plant Propagators' Society on the basis of the 15 individuals present,

(2) election of the first officers: James S. Wells, President; L. C. Chadwick, Vice-president; and Edward H. Scanlon, Secretary-treasurer,

(3) establishment of a Board of Directors consisting of James S. Wells, L. C. Chadwick, Roy M. Nordine, John Seibenthaler, Carl Kern and Pieter Zorg.

(4) establishment of eligibility for charter membership: the 15 present plus any individual attending the November 8-9, 1951 meeting in Cleveland who paid dues (\$10.00) for 1952, and

(5) establishment of a constitution to be voted upon during the 1952 meeting in Cleveland.

Based on the action taken at the Organizational Meeting and on the membership list published in the 1952 PROCEEDINGS, the 42 charter members of the Society are:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anderson, Frank O. (deceased) | * Michalko, John          |
| Arnold, W. D.                 | * Mitiska, Laddie         |
| Beaudry, William A.           | * Monroe, Logan           |
| Carosello, Peter              | * Nordine, Roy M.         |
| * Chadwick, Dr. L. C.         | O'Rourke, F. L. S.        |
| Cron, Wilbur C.               | Pease, Robert             |
| * Dugan, David R.             | Salow, Elmer              |
| * Fenicchia, Richard          | Scanlon, Edward H.        |
| * Fillmore, Richard H.        | Siebenthaler, John        |
| Gens, George F.               | Simon, Gabe               |
| Guarino, Frank                | * Snyder, Dr. W. E..      |
| Hartman, Ray D. (deceased)    | Sweeney, J. A.            |
| Hetz, LeRoy,                  | Swingle, Roger            |
| * Hoogendoorn, Case           | * Turner, Frank           |
| * Ilgenfritz, James IE        | Tyrell, John E.           |
| Kalley, Paul G.               | Vanderbrook, Louis        |
| Kenealy, John C. (deceased)   | (deceased)                |
| Kern, Carl E. (deceased)      | Wachs, Mrs. Theodore      |
| Koskohryz, George             | * Warner, Zophar          |
| Loesch, Peter (deceased)      | Weber, Carl D. (deceased) |
| * Mahlstedt, Case             | * Wells, James S.         |
|                               | Zorg, Pieter (deceased)   |

\* Active members in 1970.

Sixteen of these charter members are still active in the Society; eight are deceased.

Attendance more than doubled at the 1952 Annual Meeting and the number of paid members was 119.: 81 commercial; 23 non-commercial; and 15 junior. The two Canadians included in the 1952 membership list were Constant DeGroot and Leslie Hancock.

The development of the Society can be divided into three periods:

(1) 1951 through 1959. Membership in the Plant Propagators' Society was largely in the northeastern part of the United States and the southeastern part of Canada. Meetings were held in Cleveland (1951 through 1958) and in Philadelphia (1959).

(2) 1960 through 1968. In 1960, a Western Plant Propagators' Conference was held at Asilomar, California and steps were taken to establish the *International Plant Propagators' Society* with two regions: Eastern (North America) and Western (North America).

(3) 1969 to 1970. Addition of the Region of Great Britain and Ireland in 1969 and the 1970 joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Regions here in St. Paul.

As the Society has grown in regional organizations and in number of individual members, there has been no fundamental departure from the principles, objectives and philosophy which were expressed at the 1951 and 1952 meetings and which have been so ably discussed by James S. Wells this morning.

By 1959 there were 21 members of the Plant Propagators' Society who lived west of the Rocky Mountains. The possibility of a western propagators' group was being discussed. In October, 1960 a Western Plant Propagators' Conference was held at Asilomar, California. The Organizational Committee included:

Alley, Curtis J.	Morey, Dennison
Armstrong, David	Roberts, A. N.
Barker, Philip	Sandkuhle, Herman Jr.
Brown, Howard C.	Spring, John J.
Byerly, Russell	Stuke, William
Everett, Percy	Stump, David
Harris, Richard	Van Rensselaer, Maunsell
Hartman, Don	Wick, Jack
Kester, Dale	

Don Hartman served as chairman of this committee. A committee from the Plant Propagators' Society attended this conference. Chairman of this committee was Richard H. Fillmore and the other committee members included Harvey Templeton, Hugh Steavenson, John P. Mahlstedde and Kenneth Reisch. It was during this conference that discussions were held which would lead, in 1961, to the formation of The International Plant Propagators' Society with the two regions.

The Society's first President, James S. Wells, was primarily responsible for the development of the Region of Great Britain and Ireland. After obtaining assurances from the Board of Directors that there were no serious objections *per se* to an "overseas" region, he worked through Brian Humphrey and R. J. Gardner, both IPPS members, and R. F. Martyr, A. D. Weguelin and J. O'Connor. The first meeting was held at Syon Park, England on September 18, 1968 and two meetings in 1969, January 2 at the Pershore College of Horticulture and September 11-12 at Hadlow College in Tonbridge, were well attended and showed that there was definite interest in an organization of plant propagators. Meanwhile the slow wheels of constitutional change were moving within IPPS and the Region of Great Britain and Ireland formally became the third region in December, 1969. Their membership of over 130 far surpassed expectations.

The International Plant Propagators' Society was incorporated in 1965 as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Two years later the Western Region was incorporated in Oregon and the Eastern Region in Indiana.

The major functions of the three regional organizations are to hold the annual meetings and to elect members to the Society. The major functions of the international organization are to publish, in a single volume, the proceedings of the three annual meetings; to publish the quarterly journal, THE PLANT PROPAGATOR; and to coordinate the activities of the regions.

CONSTITUTION: The Constitution adopted at the 1952 meeting was modified only slightly until 1961 when the International Plant Propagators' Society was organized and a new constitution was adopted. The major changes included:

1. changing the name from Plant Propagators' Society to International Plant Propagators' Society,
2. establishing an international board charged with the responsibility of publishing the PROCEEDINGS and THE PLANT PROPAGATOR, and
3. establishing the policy of active participation. Article 3, Section II states " — — It shall be the duty of a member to attend a minimum of one regional meeting each three years, or, in lieu of attendance, to contribute a written article for publication in the newsletter." The objective of this requirement is to maintain a society of actively participating members.

It is of interest that only the change in the name of the society precipitated any discussion when the 1961 constitution was voted upon.

The constitution was again modified in 1969 to permit the addition of the Region of Great Britain and Ireland to membership.

MEMBERSHIP: The Society is an organization composed of individuals engaged in the commercial propagation of plants and / or in teaching and research related to plant propagation. Members are required to share freely their knowledge and experiences in plant propagation. All members are required to attend one of the three regional meetings each three years, or, in lieu of attendance to contribute material in writing for publication in THE PLANT PROPAGATOR or the PROCEEDINGS. Individuals may be elected to membership only at the annual meetings. Each of the regions has a membership committee whose responsibility is to screen each application to make certain that the applicant has the required qualifications. Over the years these committees have performed a "yeoman's task" and have been responsible for maintaining the high standards required for membership.

The five classes of individual membership are;

- (1) Commercial — any person actively engaged in the propagation of plants for commercial purposes,
- (2) Non-commercial — individuals who are engaged in the teaching or research in plant propagation not directly nor indirectly commercial,

(3) Junior — individuals who lack the required five years' experience in plant propagation,

(4) Privileged — individuals who have actively participated in the Society for ten years or more and who have retired, and

(5) Honorary — a special category of membership for individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of propagation or horticulture.

The number of members of the three major classes are recorded in Table 1. These numbers are based on the listing of active members on December 31st of each year and published in the PROCEEDINGS. From 1951 through 1964 there was a uniform increase in membership. During the years 1964 to 1968 the rate of increase of members in the Eastern and Western Regions decreased slightly. In 1969, the membership increased by 172, largely as a result of the 135 members of the Region of Great Britain and Ireland which became a part of the Society. At the present, the Eastern Region accounts for 54 per cent of the membership, the Western Region for 30 per cent and the Region of Great Britain and Ireland for 16 per cent.

**Table 1. Number of Members in the Society — 1951 — 1969**

Year	Commercial	Non-Commercial	Junior	Total
1951	50	18	—	68
1952	81	23	15	119
1953	104	40	23	167
1954	145	58	16	219
1955	177	60	25	262
1956	195	61	26	282
1957	215	70	43	328
1958	233	71	30	334
1959	262	86	24	372
1960	304	116	32	452
1961	343	127	26	496
1962	400	143	38	581
1963	391	148	44	583
1964	437	165	39	641
1965	452	175	46	673
1966	452	183	61	696
1967	439	186	68	693
1968	440	195	79	714
1969	528	258	100	886

The percentages of members by classification are: commercial, 59 per cent; non-commercial, 29 per cent; and junior, 12 per cent. This distribution of membership class holds for each of the three regions.

Members are affiliated with the region within which they reside unless the member specifically requests otherwise. Those who reside outside the geographical boundaries of the three regions may become affiliated with the region of their choice. Members are listed in each volume of the PROCEEDINGS.

In 1951, the 68 individuals attending the first meeting in Cleveland represented only eleven states. Ohio led with 44 members. The first Canadians became members in 1952 and in 1954 there were three members residing outside of North America (2 from Holland and 1 from New Zealand). By 1959 (the year before the Western Region was organized) the membership was from 37 of the United States, 4 provinces of Canada and 8 countries outside North America.

When the International was organized in 1960, members represented 36 states, 5 provinces and 9 countries. California had 80 members, Ohio had 72 members and Ontario had 22 members.

In 1969, there were 644 members from 45 states, 78 from seven provinces, 131 from Great Britain and Ireland, and 31 from other countries.

There are two privileged members: Martin Van Hof of the Eastern Region and Percy C. Everett of the Western Region.

The Society has elected four honorary members. Those so honored include:

- Dr. L. C. Chadwick
- Dr. S. L. Emsweller (deceased, 1966)
- Mr. Ray D. Hartman (deceased, 1964)
- Dr. F. L. Skinner (deceased, 1967).

A total of 460 names have been removed from the membership roles:

Deceased .....	41
Resigned .....	137
Non-payment of dues .....	165
Failure to actively participate .....	112
Other reasons .....	5

A vast majority (80 per cent) of the membership loss has occurred since 1963.

**OFFICERS:** The officers of the Plant Propagators' Society for the years 1951-1960 and of The International Plant Propagators' Society for the years 1961-1970 are recorded in Tables 2 and 3. Tables 4, 5, and 6 list the names of the officers of the three regional organizations. A total of 36 members have served as officers in the Society. Only one past president, James S. Wells, has the distinction of serving more than one term (1951 and 1952). Louis Vanderbrook, president in 1956, is deceased.

Table 2. Officers — Plant Propagators' Society, 1951 — 1960

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary-Treasurer	Editor
1951	James S. Wells	L. C. Chadwick	Edward H. Scanlon	Edward H. Scanlon
1952	James S. Wells	L. C. Chadwick	Edward H. Scanlon	Edward H. Scanlon
1953	L. C. Chadwick	Richard H. Fillmore	Edward H. Scanlon	William E. Snyder
1954	Richard H. Fillmore	Edward H. Scanlon	William E. Snyder	William E. Snyder
1955	Edward H. Scanlon	Louis Vanderbrook	William E. Snyder	William E. Snyder
1956	Louis Vanderbrook	Hugh Steavenson	William E. Snyder	William E. Snyder
1957	Hugh Steavenson	Roy M. Nordine	Kenneth W. Reisch	John P. Mahlstedde
1958	Roy M. Nordine	Harvey M. Templeton Jr.	Kenneth W. Reisch	John P. Mahlstedde
1959	Harvey M. Templeton Jr.	Martin Van Hof	Kenneth W. Reisch	John P. Mahlstedde
1960	Martin Van Hof	William E. Snyder	Louis Vanderbrook	John P. Mahlstedde



Table 3. Officers — International Plant Propagators' Society, 1961 — 1970

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary-Treasurer	Editor
1961	Harvey M. Templeton, Jr.	Don J. Hartman		
1962	Don J. Hartman	Martin Van Hof	Louis Vanderbrook	Charles E. Hess
1963	William E. Snyder	Herman Sandkuhle, Jr.	Sidney Waxman	Charles E. Hess
1964	Percy C. Everett	John P. Mahlstedde	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1965	John P. Mahlstedde	William J. Curtis	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1966	William J. Curtis	John B. Roller	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1967	John B. Roller	Howard C. Brown	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1968	Howard C. Brown	J. Peter Vermeulen	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1969	J. Peter Vermeulen	Henery J. Ishida	William E. Snyder	Charles E. Hess
1970	Henry J. Ishida	Ralph Shugert	William E. Snyder	Hudson T. Hartmann

**Table 4. Officers — Eastern Region, International Plant Propagators' Society, 1960 - 1970**

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary-Treasurer	Editor
1961-62	William E. Snyder	John P. Mahlstedde	Louis Vanderbrook	Charles E. Hess
1962-63	John P. Mahlstedde	John B. Roller	Sidney Waxman	Charles E. Hess
1963-64	John B. Roller	Vincent K. Bailey	Sidney Waxman	Charles E. Hess
1964-65	Vincent K. Bailey	J. Peter Vermeulen	Sidney Waxman	Charles E. Hess
1965-66	J. Peter Vermeulen	Stuart H. Nelson	Sidney Waxman	Charles E. Hess
1966-67	Stuart H. Nelson	Ralph Shugert	Frederick O. Lanphear	Charles E. Hess
1967-68	Ralph Shugert	David R. Dugan	Frederick O. Lanphear	Charles E. Hess
1968-69	David R. Dugan	Charles E. Hess	Frederick O. Lanphear	Leonard P. Stoltz
1969-70	Charles E. Hess	Thomas S. Pinney, Jr.	Frederick O. Lanphear	Leonard P. Stoltz

Table 5. Officers — Western Region, International Plant Propagators' Society, 1960 — 1970

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary-Treasurer	Editor
1960-61	Don J. Hartman	Herman J. Sandkuhle	Dale E. Kester	Richard W. Harris
1961-62	Herman J. Sandkuhle	Percy C. Everett	Dale E. Kester	Hudson T. Hartmann
1962-63	Percy C. Everett	William J. Curtis	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann
1963-64	William J. Curtis	Robert M. Boddy	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann
1964-65	Robert M. Boddy	Harold C. Brown	Curtis J. Alley	Dale E. Kester
1965-66	Harold C. Brown	Henry J. Ishida	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann
1966-67	Henry J. Ishida	Robert Ticknor	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann
1967-68	Robert Ticknor	Walter D. Krause	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann
1968-69	Walter D. Krause	Bruce A. Briggs	Curtis J. Alley	Wesley P. Hackett
1969-70	Bruce A. Briggs	Andrew T. Leiser	Curtis J. Alley	Hudson T. Hartmann

Table 6. Officers — Region of Great Britain & Ireland, International Plant Propagators' Society 1968 — 1970

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary-Treasurer	Editor
1968-69	Brian E. Humphrey	Robert J. Garner	A. Bruce McDonald, Secy. John O'Connor, Treas.	Richard F. Martyr
1969-70	Robert J. Garner	A. D. Weguelin	A. Bruce McDonald, Secy. P. D. A. McMillan-Browse, Treas.	Richard F. Martyr
1970-71	A. D. Weguelin	A.R. Carter	A. B. McDonald, Secy. P. D. A. Mc Millan-Browse, Treas.	Richard F. Martyr

**GOVERNING BOARDS:** The International Plant Propagators' Society is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the following:

- Past President
- President
- Vice-President
- Past Presidents of the three regions
- Presidents of the three regions

The vice-presidents of the three regions may serve as alternate members of the Board. The Board appoints a secretary-treasurer and an editor annually. The International Board meets each year in conjunction with one of the annual regional meetings. The term of office for the officers and Board of Directors is from January 1st to December 31st.

The regions have executive committees which consist of the following:

- Past President of the Region
- President
- Vice-President
- Two to four elected members.

The regions also appoint the secretary, treasurer and editor annually.

The elected members of the executive committee of the Plant Propagators' Society were:

Name	Term of Office	Name	Term of Office
Skinner, Henry T. . . . .	1953	Van Hof, Martin . . . . .	1956-57
Kern, Carl . . . . .	1953	Nelson, Stuart H. . . . .	1957-58
McGill, Wayne . . . . .	1953-54	Templeton, Harvey M., Jr. . .	1957-58
Vanderbrook, Louis . . . . .	1953-54	Fenicchia, Richard A. . . . .	1958-59
Pease, Roger . . . . .	1954-55	Ravesteyn, John . . . . .	1958-59
Turner, Frank . . . . .	1954-55	Buckley, A. R. . . . .	1959-60
Hancock Leslie . . . . .	1955-56	Lancaster, Arthur J., Jr. . . .	1959-60
Siebenthaler, Jack . . . . .	1955-56	Galle, Fred C. . . . .	1960
Meahl, Robert . . . . .	1956-57	Waxman, Sidney . . . . .	1960

Elected members of the regional organizations include:

**EASTERN REGION:**

Name	Term of Office	Name	Term of Office
Galle, Fred C. . . . .	1961	Pinney, Thomas S., Jr. . . . .	1964-65
Waxman, Sidney . . . . .	1961	Forster, R. Ray . . . . .	1965-66
Hill, John B. . . . .	1961-62	Shugert, Ralph . . . . .	1965-66
Flemer, William, III . . . . .	1961-62	Cannon, Thomas F. . . . .	1966-67
Roller, John . . . . .	1962	Hess, Hans . . . . .	1966-67
(Served only 1 yr. elected Vice-Pres.)		Cunningham, William E. . . . .	1967-68
Reisch, Kenneth W. . . . .	1962-63	Vanderbilt, Richard . . . . .	1967-68
Dugan, David W. . . . .	1963	Tukey, Harold B., Jr. . . . .	1968-69
(Completed term of John Roller)		Law, James B. . . . .	1968-69
Halward, Ray E. . . . .	1963-64	Flemer, William, III . . . . .	1969-70
Vermeulen, J. Peter . . . . .	1963-64	Nielsen, Peter . . . . .	1969-70
Leach, David G. . . . .	1964-65		

**WESTERN REGION:**

Name	Term of Office	Name	Term of Office
Schneider, Gerd	1960	Roberts, A. N.	1964-65
Stuke, William E.	1960	Ticknor, Robert	1965-66
Lindquist, Robert V.	1960	Leiser, Andrew T.	1965-66
Usrey, Martin W.	1960-61	Armstrong, David	1965-66
Melott, Wayne	1961	Hartman, Hudson T.	1966-67
Frolich, Edward F.	1961-62	Wood, Edsal A.	1966-67
Kershaw, Gordon	1961	Christie, W. D.	1967-68
Batchellor, Oliver A.	1962-63	Fazio, Steve	1967-68
Morey, Dennison	1962-63	Real, Fred	1968-69
Briggs, Bruce A.	1963-64	Wagner, Gottlob	1968-69
Barker, Philip A.	1963-64	Van Vloten, Walter	1969-70
Ishida, Henry J.	1964-65	Pinkus, Ralph	1969-70

**REGION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND:**

Name	Term of Office
Chandler, G. P.	1969-70
Clark, David N.	1969-70
Weguelin, A. D.	1969
(Served 1 yr. elected Vice-Pres.)	
Gaggini, J. B.	1970

**FINANCES:** The Society is financed primarily by annual membership dues. Secondary sources of income are from the sale of publications to institutional libraries and from interest on surplus funds. The fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. From 1951 through 1960 annual dues were:

Commercial Member	\$ 10.00
Non-commercial Member	5.00
Junior Member	required to purchase copy of Proceedings

In 1961, the dues were increased to:

Commercial Member	\$ 12.50
Non-commercial Member	7.50
Junior Member	5.00

A second increase in dues was effected in 1967:

Commercial Member	\$ 15.00
Non-commercial Member	10.00
Privileged Member	10.00
Junior Member	7.50

Honorary Members do not pay annual dues.

The regions have accrued funds by an initiation fee charged new members, interest on surplus funds, a surplus from the annual meetings and, on two occasions, a partial rebate of the annual dues.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** The regional vice-president is charged with the responsibility of arranging the program for the annual meeting. Many of the speakers are selected from the membership, however, guest speakers have made valuable contributions to the programs. As listed in the first 18 volumes of the PROCEEDINGS, there have been 454 different speakers. One hundred-forty-six of the speakers have been on the program two or more times. At the 1953 annual meeting a speaker-exhibitor session was inaugurated. At these sessions a speaker is limited to 5 or 10 minutes to tell of some aspect of plant propagation which he feels would be of interest to the group. Also, at the 1953 meeting a "Plant Propagator's Question Box" was started. Members write questions on a card, drop the card in the "Question Box" and a moderator asks for volunteers to answer the question. Both of these features have become traditional parts of the meetings. Tours of local nurseries, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc. are arranged as an optional part of the program.

Members may attend any of the regional meetings. Members may also invite prospective members as guests, however, a guest may attend only one meeting.

The time and place of the regional meetings are determined by the regional executive committees. Meetings are usually held at a time which fits best into the nursery production schedule of the region. The dates and locations of the annual meetings are listed in Tables 7 and 8. Both the Eastern and Western Regions have held one annual meeting in Canada.

**Table 7. Dates and places of the annual meetings of the Plant Propagators' Society**

Year	Place and Dates	Year	Place and Dates
1951	Cleveland, Ohio November 8—9	1956	Cleveland, Ohio November 29 — December 1
1952	Cleveland, Ohio December 12—13	1957	Cleveland, Ohio November 21—23
1953	Cleveland, Ohio December 10—12	1958	Cleveland, Ohio December 4—6
1954	Cleveland, Ohio December 2—4	1959	Philadelphia, Pa. December 10—12
1955	Cleveland, Ohio December 15—17		

Table 8. Dates and places of the annual regional meetings — International Plant Propagators' Society

	EASTERN REGION Place and Dates	WESTERN REGION Place and Dates	REG. OF GR. BRIT. & IRE. Place and Dates
1960	Cleveland, Ohio December 1—3	Asilomar, Calif. October 14—16	
1961	* Washington, D. C. December 6—9	Asilomar, Calif. October 25—27	
1962	Cincinnati, Ohio December 6—8	* San Dimas, Calif. October 18—20	
1963	* St. Louis, Mo. December 5—7	West Lynn, Oregon October 3—6	
1964	Rochester, N. Y. December 3—5	* West Sacramento, Calif. October 15—17	
1965	* Cleveland, Ohio December 8—11	Los Gatos, Calif. October 21—23	
1966	Newport, R. I. December 7—10	* Anaheim, Calif. October 13—15	
1967	* Mobile, Ala. November 29 — December 2	Vancouver, B. C. September 7—8	
1968	Toronto, Ontario December 3—7	* Fresno, Calif. October 16—18	Syon Park, Middlesex September 18
1969	* New York, N. Y. December 3—6	Olympia, Wash. September 2—5	Pershore, Worcs., January 2 and Tonbridge, Herts. Sept 11—12
1970	<b>JOINT MEETING</b> * St. Paul, Minn. September 9—12		Sutton Bonnington, July 22—25 Nr. Loughborough, Leics.

\* International Board of Directors met concurrently.



**PROCEEDINGS:** Each year the talks, papers, discussions and reports of the regional meetings are published in a single volume, called the PROCEEDINGS. A copy of the PROCEEDINGS is distributed to each member and purchased by more than 100 libraries of colleges, universities, experiment stations, botanical gardens and arboreta for use as reference material. Back issues of the PROCEEDINGS may be purchased by members and libraries. The 1951 PROCEEDINGS has recently been reprinted in a limited quantity. Volume 12 (1962) is out-of-print and the supplies of Volume 4 (1954) and 15 (1965) are almost exhausted.

The 1951 PROCEEDINGS contains seven articles and since 1964 there have been more than 60 articles in each volume. The 1951 PROCEEDINGS contained only 50 pages but Volume 18 contained 453. Since Volume 15, the PROCEEDINGS have been bound in a hard cover. The 18 volumes represent a total of 4,637 pages and 800 articles. Cumulative indices were prepared for Volumes 1-5 and 6-10, and since 1962 each volume has contained an index.

The Editor of each region is responsible for editing the Region's material in the PROCEEDINGS. The International Editor is then responsible for final editing and publishing. Distribution to members and sales to libraries are handled through the International Secretary-Treasurer. Nine members, listed in Tables 2-6 have served the Society as editor during its 20 years of existence.

Of special note in Volume 18 is the report prepared by Dr. S. H. Nelson on "Incompatibility Survey Among Horticultural Plants." This is the most complete stock-scion compatibility compilation available and the Society has reprints of the report.

**THE PLANT PROPAGATOR:** The International Editor is also responsible for the preparation and printing of the quarterly journal, THE PLANT PROPAGATOR. Volume I was published in 1955. Volumes 1 through 10 were mimeographed and several styles were used. Starting with Volume 11 in 1965, THE PLANT PROPAGATOR has been printed by photo-offset on 8½ x 11. THE PLANT PROPAGATOR contains notes and articles on plant propagation submitted by the members as well as announcements and news of the Society. It is distributed to each member and to institutional libraries which purchase the PROCEEDINGS.

**INSIGNIA:** The original insignia was selected by Edward H. Scanlon for the first issue of the PROCEEDINGS. It showed the hands of a propagator holding a piece of grafting wood and a grafting knife. In Volume 8 (1958) of the PROCEEDINGS the name and date of founding of the Society — Plant Propagators' Society, 1951 — surrounded the insignia. In 1967 the insignia was revised by changing

the name to “The International Plant Propagators’ Society and the motto of the Society, “ *quaere et imperitare* ” was added. The motto, which means “to seek and to share” was adopted at the suggestion of J. Peter Vermeulen and exemplifies the basic philosophy of learning and sharing knowledge with one another — a philosophy on which the Society was founded.

**MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES:** The basic concepts of the insignia were kept in the membership plaques which, in 1968, were purchased and distributed to all members. The plaque consists of a 6 x 6 inch white tile set in a background of 10 x 10 birch wood. Gold lettering on a black background was used for the name, motto and founding date. The background of the insignia was green; the piece of grafting wood was gold and the propagator’s hands were white. A thin gold line within a black line on the outer edge of the tile framed the insignia. A place for an annual membership date tag lies below the insignia. An embossed name tag was affixed to the birchwood immediately below the title.

**PLANT PROPAGATORS’ AWARD OF MERIT:** The Plant Propagators’ Award of Merit is made by the Eastern Region to the individual who, in the opinion of the membership and the Awards Committee, has made a significant contribution to the field of plant propagation. The criteria for selection includes scientific discovery and application of facts related to propagation practices and techniques and/or for service rendered to the science and practice of plant propagation. Recipients of this award are:

- 1957 Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Ohio State University
- 1958 Dr. F. L. Skinner, Morden, Manitoba, Canada
- 1959 Mr. James S. Wells, Red Bank, New Jersey
- 1960 Mr. Harvey M. Templeton, Jr., Winchester, Tennessee
- 1962 Mr. Carl Kern, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1963 Dr. Charles E. Hess, Purdue University
- 1964 Dr. William E. Snyder, Rutgers University
- 1966 Mr. Martin Van Hof, Newport, Rhode Island
- 1967 Mr. John P. Mahlstedt, Iowa State University
- 1968 Mr. Leslie Hancock, Cooksville, Ontario, Canada
- 1969 Professor F. L. S. O’Rourke, Colorado State University

**STUDENT AWARDS:** To stimulate interest and research in plant propagation the Eastern Region has established student awards for the best paper on a subject dealing with some phase of plant propagation. Two awards may be given: one for the best paper submitted by an undergraduate student and another for the best paper

submitted by a graduate student. Winners of the undergraduate award are:

- 1967 Donald C. Ferguson, Cornell University
- 1968 George R. McKinnis, Purdue University

Winners of the graduate student award are:

- 1967 John A. Wott, Cornell University
- 1968 Wayne O. Doede, Purdue University
- 1969 Chong Il Lee, University of Rhode Island

“IDIOT’S STICK”: A symbol of office of the president of the Plant Propagators’ Society was presented to L. C. Chadwick, the second president, by Jack Siebenthaler. It is a huge mallet suitably inscribed on the handle in red paint “IDIOT’S STICK”. This “idiot’s stick” was passed to each succeeding president of the Plant Propagators’ Society and is now the badge of office of the president of the Eastern Region.

The members of The International Plant Propagators’ Society have every reason to be proud of their Society — its philosophy, objectives, standards and accomplishments during the past 20 years. But pride of the past must be accompanied by the dedication of each member to make the future excel the past.

### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROPAGATING NURSERYMEN<sup>1</sup>

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Much of the great technological advance made in plant propagation during recent years can be credited directly to the organization known as The International Plant Propagators’ Society. This unique body has successfully brought together those concerned with the scientific investigation of propagation and those involved in the more practical aspects of commercial plant production. Most people, however, are unaware that its origin is traceable to the existence of a previous and somewhat similar group.

This organization, first known as the National Association of Propagating Nurserymen, was formed in 1919 and survived until 1931, when, due to internal problems and the severe economic depression of that period, it foundered. The group met in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Association of Nurserymen and hence moved about the country to different major cities each year. Meetings consisted of one night sessions which were supposed to convene at 8 o’clock but rarely did.

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