

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE  
 Special Commission for Nomenclature & Registration  
 ICRA Report of Activities for the period 2013 to 2019  
 Please complete as fully as possible

Report from the ICRA for the denomination class(es): **Paeonia**

Name of body appointed as ICRA: **American Peony Society**

Name, address and email contact of the International Registrar: [registrar@americanpeonysociety.org](mailto:registrar@americanpeonysociety.org)  
 Contact info as in ISHS ICRA webpage entry.

Please advise the number of new registrations in each year for the period 2013 to 2019:

2013: 45	2014: 12	2015: 35	2016: 37	2017: 80	2018: 85	2019: 123
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COUNTRY	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
<b>USA</b>	19	11	5	16	46	44	55	196
<b>Austria</b>							20	20
<b>Canada</b>	3		7	5	16	10	9	50
<b>China</b>	4	1	11		1	13	27	57
<b>Germany</b>	4		4	4	12	9	4	37
<b>Italy</b>							3	3
<b>Lithuania</b>						2		2
<b>Netherlands</b>				4	2			6
<b>New Zealand</b>			1					1
<b>Norway</b>			1					1
<b>Slovakia</b>				2				2
<b>Sweden</b>	15		6	5		4	3	33
<b>Ukraine</b>				1	3	3	2	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	45	12	35	37	80	85	123	<b>417</b>

Were there any particularly significant additions made during this period?

If you maintain a Checklist as well as a Register, how many additions did you make to this in the period 2013-2019? As an ICRA you need to be aware of all names that have been used, whether registered or not.

How many names do you now have on record? : **8057**

Number of Registered names – 1923-1973: **1213**      1974-2019: **1728**      Total: **2941**

Number of unregistered (Checklist) names : **5116**

When and where was your last Register and/or Checklist published?

Published 2008 by American Peony Society: **Peonies - 1997-2007**.

- New registrations from end of 1996 to end of 2007, with descriptions.
- Comprehensive Checklist.
- Intended at the time to bring together all previous checklists and publications into one comprehensible publication.

Do you have plans to publish another Register and/or Checklist? Please give details.

No plans in the works, but see below. Online registry serves the needs, and plan to make available an online checklist to compliment the one published in 2007.

Where do you publish new registrations? Remember the registration process is only complete once the registration is published in hard copy. Please give details.

Previously (to end of 2018), new registrations were published quarterly in the APS Bulletin. Recently, the increased volume of registrations has made this unsustainable because the registrations reduced space available for regular Bulletin features. Beginning in 2019, names of registered peonies are published quarterly, and at the end of the year a Directory of New Cultivars devoted exclusively to registrations for that year is published. This Directory was distributed to all members and has met with a very positive response. It is available for purchase at <https://americanpeonysociety.org/product/directory-of-new-cultivars-2019/>. In order to make the names and descriptions available to the peony community at large as quickly as possible, they are published to the APS online registry as they are processed. <https://americanpeonysociety.org/cultivars/peony-registry/>

Is your registration application form available online? Please give details.

Available as pdf and Word file. <https://americanpeonysociety.org/cultivars/registration-procedures/>

Are there any other relevant publications (electronic or hardcopy) that you would like to bring to our attention?

Described above.

Are you aware of any significant gaps in your current or historical records? If so, please indicate how you hope to deal with them.

There are of course many cultivars of Eastern European origin from behind the former "Iron Curtain" which are unknown to us, and for which names and descriptions are not readily available. This also applies to many of those from China, Japan, and other countries from that region. We anticipate that with access to the online registry, those people with knowledge of these will make us aware of them. This is already happening in small degree.

Have you undertaken any other activities to promote registration in this reporting period e.g. other publications, lectures, conventions etc.? Please give details.

No we have not. For us, anything in this regard would be like preaching to the already converted. We could not do better than the online registry, which is freely available to anyone in the internet community. The tables above show a marked increase in registrations since we went online with this. We are continuously updating the information, especially with photographs as we find them, and so this trend should continue.

Are there any matters you would like to bring to the attention of the Special Commission?  
And finally...

Please can you check and confirm or amend, as appropriate, your ISHS ICRA webpage entry below:

Registrations now appear in an annual Directory of New Cultivars (early November) each year, and in the online registry as they become available. <https://americanpeonysociety.org/cultivars/peony-registry/>

## AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

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Links:	American Peony Society Home Page: <a href="https://www.americanpeonysociety.org/">https://www.americanpeonysociety.org/</a>
Taxonomic group(s) covered:	▶ <i>Paeonia</i> L.
New registrations appear in:	▶ <i>American Peony Society Bulletin</i> (quarterly)
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Please return this report as soon as possible, and by no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, to Melanie Underwood, by post to RHS Garden, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB or by email at [melanieunderwood@rhs.org.uk](mailto:melanieunderwood@rhs.org.uk)