

Registrar's Report 2020

There is not much to say. A bunch of statistics that are anyway included in the attached ICRA Report of Activities 2013-2019. This report was a form document sent out by the ISHS to the various Registration Authorities to be filled out and returned. This time period extends back to the last Special Commission review of ICRA activities held in 2013. This is a longer reporting period than is usual (normally every five years) due to the change in Commission Secretary in 2018 and the cancellation of the VII International Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants last year. Some of you have seen this report earlier in the year, prior to me sending it off to ISHS, but it includes the numbers for 2019 and may be otherwise interesting to some.

So far this year (July 10), we have received 58 registrations. There is the promise of 20 more from Swenson Gardens, and an additional 5 from Martinus Mooijekind bringing the total to 83. There is no way really to predict final numbers but it should be less than we had last year.

Online Registry

Once I have looked at and written up new registrations, and the names are approved, I send the information to Nate Bremer and Adriana Feng and it shows up in the online registry. There is an ongoing effort to add photos of the older cultivars that are not so well known anymore. To this end, I think I have retrieved all of the usable photos and slides from the box of registration archives. Occasionally we are contacted by persons who have old images and these too are added following some verification that they are true to name. The provenance of the photos and the gardens where they were taken are part of the vetting process.

Reiner Jakubowski