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Oak Open Days



ABOVE: Members of the International Oak society prepare to plant a specimen of *Quercus robur* 'Hentzei' at the historic park Kassel-Wilhelmshoehe in central Germany. This oak cultivar, donated by Dieter Doring, was named in honor of the first director of the park.

The Third Annual Oak Open Days, held in Germany in September, were a wonderful tribute to the planning skills and hospitality of Eike Jablonski and our German contingent. We saw many oak cultivars growing in the great Kassel-Karlsaue park with Assistant Park Director Ingrid Wagner, who devoted her weekend days to serving as a horticultural tour guide for the International Oak Society. We have since welcomed her as a new member!

The spectacular historic park and arboretum of Kassel-Wilhelmshoehe (where centuries-old trees and artificial waterfalls are as impressive as the name of the park is difficult for Americans to pronounce!) was inspirational. The focus of our day there was a commemorative planting by the entire group, with assistance from Park Director Herrmann Mielke, of a nice specimen of *Quercus robur* 'Hentzei' (a cultivar named for the first director of the park). The grafted tree was donated by nurseryman Dieter Doering, who also served as our host for lunch at his oak nursery in Kassel.

Eike had selected a comfortable and conveniently located hotel, the Kurpark, where we had a leisurely dinner with plenty of time to discuss the events of the day. He followed this with a beautiful photographic presentation on some of the oaks of Southeast Asia, and a few of us participated in an



ABOVE: Oak Open Days organizer Eike Jablonski (left), President Guy Sternberg (center) and Vice President Allen Coombes with the *Quercus robur* 'Hentzei' planted at Kassel-Wilhelmshoehe.

Calendar of Events

June 3-4, 1999

A Future for Valley Oak: Developing Partnerships for the Next Century
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
Visalia, California

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October 30-31, 2000

Third International Oak Conference:
North Carolina Arboretum
Asheville, North Carolina
Pre- and Post-Conference field trips are also scheduled.

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impromptu exchange of seeds, books, and T-shirts.

An extension trip for part of the group included a tour of the Berlin Spaeth Arboretum of Humboldt University, hosted by Director Dr. Paul Bruekner and Technical Director Mrs. H. Kostial. Hans-Joachim Albrecht, former chief of East German State Dendrologists, showed the group around the famous Berlin Spaeth Nursery (once the largest in the world), and Dr. Andreas Plietzsch served as the guide for the Berlin Dahlem Botanical Garden. Erik Schulte helped Eike organize an excursion to the

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Acorn Initiative Narrowly Defeated

In the last issue of the Newsletter we reported that Dick Sage had initiated an effort in Santa Barbara, California to halt the destruction of thousands of acres of oak lands for commercial vinyard expansion. Enough signatures were gathered to place Measure K--the ACORN initiative --on the November ballot. It was drawn up after county supervisors failed to stop Kendall-Jackson winery from bulldozing 900 oak trees a year ago for a new vineyard in Los Alamós Valley. The initiative would have amended county policies "to ensure no net loss, over time" of oak trees, by requiring farmers and ranchers to get a permit before cutting down oak trees of a certain size and number. ACORN, the group sponsoring the initiative (the Alliance to Conserve Oak Resources Now) reports that the vote was so close that the final official tally was not released until November 17, two weeks after the election! According to Dick the final results were 51,647 for;



54,865 against. John Evarts, another leader of ACORN said, "We'll be back. We're definitely not giving up. Measure K may have lost just based on voter confusion..... We've got to do a better job of communicating."

Another approach being promoted by the Board of Supervisors is the Oak Protection Collaborative, which was formed last March and was charged with the responsibility of finding solutions to protecting the county's valuable oak forests, while at the same time protecting and preserving the county's very important agriculture industry. According to a recent newspaper editorial, this collaborative hopes to "find some middle ground to resolve the concerns about oak loss in the County, a balance between outright regulation and the less-restrictive guidelines approach."

Dick asked that we express thanks and appreciation to IOS members who sent money to support the voter education campaign.

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Polish border at Bad Muskau, where Director Cord Panning and his assistant Hellmuth Deetz led a tour of the German and Polish sides of the park.

As a fourth-generation American of German descent, this was my first visit to the land of my ancestors, and one I always will remember. I saw several old friends and made many new ones, and the beautiful old trees helped me use 17 rolls of film. I'm sure the thirty-two people who participated join me in thanking Eike Jablonski for a wonderful event. For the rest of our members who were unable to attend, take heart: the European members will hold another Oak Open Day event again next year, and there are rumors that it will be in France — as always, every member from around the world is welcome!

- Guy Sternberg

Oaks On Line



We're online. Next time you are surfing the web, why not visit the International Oak Society

web page at: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~rjensen/ios.html>. You will find information about the Mission and Goals of the Society, publications, how to become a member, the current officers

and news related to oaks. In fact if you have a story or information about oaks that you think would be of interest to people visiting the web page, send it to our Webmaster, Dick Jensen, so we can evaluate it for posting. Also any comments or feedback about the page would be appreciated. Our Membership Chairperson, Richard Jensen, put the page together and is to be commended for bringing us (ahead of time) into the 21st Century.

Membership Renewals



Earlier this year, the Board announced that all memberships were being converted to a calendar year basis. This means that all membership renewal notices will be mailed on the same date. If your membership expires at the end of 1998, you should already have received your renewal notice. If you have a two-year membership that expires at the end of 1999, then you will not receive a renewal notice until next October. The expiration date of your current membership is indicated on the upper right corner of the mailing label for this Newsletter. If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact Richard Jensen by mail (Department of Biology, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556), telephone (219-284-4674), fax (219-284-4716) or e-mail (rjensen@saintmarys.edu).

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As we grow and develop as individuals, we outgrow clothes, houses, and old ideas which served us well in our early lives. So it is with the International Oak Society. We are not yet so large that we can afford a central office and professional staff, but we no longer can manage all affairs from our former Pennsylvania address. So we now have several addresses which should be noted for your future reference:

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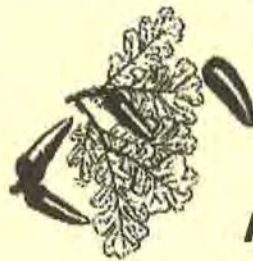
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Oak Physiology Meeting Brings Scientists Together

This past September the *Seventh Workshop on Seedling Physiology and Growth Problems in Oak Plantings* was held in Lake Tahoe California. For the past 20 years, these meetings have been held every three years to share information among researchers about the latest techniques for successfully propagating and planting oaks; oak genetics and physiology; and the natural regeneration of oaks. The Lake Tahoe meeting was attended by about 35 people, which was a somewhat lower turnout than for the past several meetings. However, the meeting was very informative and enjoyable. In addition to hearing about some of the oak regeneration problems and solutions in California, the participants also heard presentations on how to restore bottomland oaks in the Mississippi Valley; different approaches for producing high quality oak planting stock



in different regions; the best silvicultural systems for growing northern red oak; the latest advances in the vegetative propagation of oaks; and how to reintroduce native oaks in Mexico. The meeting was capped by an all-day field trip through various oak forest types in the foothills and mountains of California. For those of you that missed this meeting, don't lament! The abstracts of all of the presentations, as well as an overview of the field trip, will be published as a General Technical Report by the U.S. Forest Service North Central Forest Experiment Station. Look for it to come out in 6-9 months (though we will alert you in this Newsletter).



The Third International Oak Conference

At The North Carolina Arboretum
Asheville, North Carolina: Year 2000

The Third International Oak Conference will have a regional focus on the Southeastern U.S. oaks, their culture, ecology, and utility. Conference presentations will commence Monday, October 30 and conclude on Tuesday, Oct. 31, including a membership meeting, seed exchange, plant sale, and exhibit/poster session. The program of speakers will include professionals in the nursery, forestry, and biological fields that have interesting and significant presentations on the wide variety of Southeastern oaks and oak ecosystems.

The setting for this conference will be in the Southern Appalachians at autumn color season. The Visitor Education Center of The North Carolina Arboretum will provide the meeting location, residing at an elevation of 2200 feet and surrounded by the woodlands of the 426-acre Arboretum and

480,000-acre Pisgah National Forest.

Pre-conference field trips will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 29. These will be walking tours of the oak forests and plantings of the Arboretum, and a motorized tour of regional mountain ecology. Post-conference field trips will include the opportunity to journey into the Atlantic Coastal Plain to view over 40 native oaks and many exotics, in natural and cultivated settings. A four-day tour will visit old-growth hardwood forests, swamps, xeric scrubland, and other unique ecosystems, ending on Saturday evening, Nov. 4.

Four inns are located within 6 miles of The North Carolina Arboretum, with nightly rates of \$50.00 - \$80.00 per double occupancy. Registration information will be available at a later date.

Publications Update

We are moving forward concurrently with three publications that will be of interest to all members. First, a member directory is in preparation, and it should be ready for distribution about the same time this newsletter reaches you. When it arrives, please check your name, address, telephone, e-mail address, etc. and supply any corrections or missing information to Dick Jensen so he can update your record for next year.

Next, the last of the papers presented at our second triennial conference in California are being edited, and we plan to distribute a special proceedings issue of *International Oaks* this winter. An anonymous donor has stepped forward, and due to the generosity of this member we will be able to use steel-plate printing, more illustrations with better reproduction, and a color cover, improving this issue substantially over the type of production we could afford on our limited organization budget!

We also are underway now with republication of our very first issue, as promised. This will incorporate some historical notes as well as all of the original articles contributed by authors from the

United States, France, Holland and Romania. It should be a collector's item for every member, and anyone interested in oaks. Once again, we will be able to provide a quality printing job, due to a major contribution from another member. We expect to release this republication this coming March, on the anniversary of the first issue.

Several papers are in preparation now for the following issue of *International Oaks*, but we would like to have more contributions (text or money!) from members. Please consider participating in a future issue of *International Oaks*, and contact the Editor or President if you would like suggestions or have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The new *World Checklist and Bibliography of Fagales (Betulaceae, Corylaceae, Fagaceae, and Ticodendraceae)* now is available. It includes a complete listing of species names, synonymy and taxonomic references for everything in the oak family (*Fagaceae*) and related families, and is a must for any serious student of oaks. The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew have provided sufficient informational brochures (enclosed) to allow us to furnish them to all members. The book costs £25.30, payable in Pounds Sterling directly to Kew. Payments also may be made in other currency, subject to a substantial conversion charge. An order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Letter to the Editor



To the Editor,

I would like to get acorns of the following species: *Q. alba*, *Q. bicolor*, *Q. coccinea*, *Q. ellipsoides*, *Q. macrocarpa*, *Q. mongolica*, *Q. gambelii*, *Q. velutina*, *Q. vaccinifolia*, and *Q. variabilis*. Because the provenance is important, I hope that someone could deliver acorns from the areas where the most hardy strains of the species occur. Strains collected inland are better than those collected near the coast. I prefer wild origin to cultivated origin and hope acorns to be as fresh as possible.

Thank you for your help.

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