

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR - P. R. BEUSELINCK

**LOTUS SPP. CONFERENCE ??**

Interest in *Lotus* has increased in many countries. Yet there is not a single published source that can be used as the standard reference for *Lotus*. I believe that there is sufficient interest and research progress with the many species of *Lotus* to organize an international symposium to discuss the many facets of *Lotus* research. The publication of the proceedings could provide that reference source that is needed. I believe we can meet in the USA but any offers to act as host will be appreciated.

Many received a questionnaire concerning a *Lotus* symposium with this volume. Please take a few moments to fill it out and return to me. If you do not have a questionnaire I would appreciate hearing your thoughts; please write to me. If there is sufficient interest I will start making contacts this summer.

**COST of the Lotus Newsletter**

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My hope is to continue to obtain support for the Lotus Newsletter to provide you with an unencumbered communication resource.

**SUGGESTIONS?**

Your suggestions are helpful, and I will strive to incorporate them to make this publication more useful. As you compile your data for analysis please think about making a contribution to the Lotus Newsletter. Use the Lotus Newsletter as a resource for communication: it is published to aid you (and me), the international researchers of *Lotus*.

**LIBRARY REQUESTS**

I received requests from researchers who have inquired how their University libraries could be on the distribution list for the Lotus Newsletter. Those libraries now receive copies. If you have a similar need for your research group or center please notify me.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

The mailing list is current and quite extensive. If you have not sent a questionnaire in the last two years please complete one and send it to me. If you know of others interested in receiving the Lotus Newsletter have them submit a questionnaire and they'll be added to the mailing list.

The mailing list will be printed in Volume 22 of the Lotus Newsletter.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Many thanks to you who responded to my request for information about your *Lotus* research. Your contributions to the Lotus Newsletter help generate a better perspective of the research and management on the many species of *Lotus*.