

Newsletter Announcements and Instructions

The Lotus Newsletter has been published annually since 1971 by Dr. W.Grant, Dr. R.McGraw and Dr. P.Beuselinck, and it will be published by INIA, Uruguay in the future. It is intended as a worldwide communication link for all those who are interested in the research and development of Lotus species. Persons interested in lotus improvement, genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, production, marketing, or utilization are invited to contribute to the *Lotus* Newsletter. Previous issues may be used as a guide. It is expected that the work reported will be developed further and formally published later in refereed journals. It is assumed that contributions in LN will not be cited unless no alternative reference is available.

Acknowledgement

INIA is pleased to host *Lotus* Newsletter. We would like to express our gratefulness to Dr. Paul Beuselinck for providing Uruguay the opportunity to edit the Newsletter about the predominant forage legume of the region. In addition to his permanent support, he has been so kind to provide us the original files of previous issues.

As new editor of the Newsletter, I would like to express my gratitude to the first editor Dr. William F. Grant; he has supported our initiative all the way through this edition.

Thanks to all for helping to update the recipient list. To Dr. Grant for the contacts in Canada, to Dr. Juan Sanjuán and Dr. Antonio Márquez for providing information about Spanish staff, to Dr. Sachiko Isobe, Dr. Martin Parniske, Dr. Francesco Damiani and Dr. Kevin Reed for making available links in Japan, England, Italy and Australia, respectively. I would like to express my particularly recognition to Dr. Jens Stougaard and Dr. Toshiki Uchiumi for providing extensive email list of *Lotus* researchers. Thanks to Dr. Mónica Barufaldi and Dr. Oscar Ruiz who provided their links to Argentinean researchers.

I would like to indicate that the session about *Lotus* literature is a merit of contributors. It is necessary to highlight the contribution of Dr. John Ayres, who supplied an extensive list of Australian bibliography, including referenced from other authors and to Dr. Judith Webb for sending her entire list of publications. Dr. Dmitry Sokoloff and Dr. Tatiana Kramina also sent a comprehensive list of Russian botanical bibliography. All this support, together with the volume of references already published in previous issues of *Lotus* Newsletter, will help to build up a reference database for the *Lotus* community.

What to contribute?

Send us the kind of information you would like to see in LN.

- Contributions should be current, scholarly, and their inclusion well-justified on the grounds of new information.
- Results of recently concluded experiments, recent additions to germplasm collections, information on new or tentative cultivars with descriptions. We want to include an

- adequate cultivar description, including disease reactions and origin if possible.
- Notes on acreage, production, varieties, diseases, etc., especially if they represent changing or unusual situations.
- Genome maps and information on probe-availability and sequences, and populations synthesized for specific traits being mapped. Glossy black and white prints of maps should be included, if possible. Partial maps can also be submitted.
- Short reports of workshops, conferences, symposia, field days, meetings, tours, surveys, network activities, and recently launched or concluded project.
- Details of recent publications, with full bibliographic information and short reviews.
- Personal news (new appointments, awards, promotions, change of address, etc.)

How to format contributions

- Include the full address with telephone, fax, and e-mail numbers of all authors.
- Keep the items brief – remember, LN is a newsletter and not a primary journal.
- Give the correct Latin name of every crop, pest, or pathogen at the first mention.
- If possible, table should fit within the normal typewritten area of a standard upright page (not a ‘landscape’ page). You may include figures and photographs (black and white or color). Please send disk-files (with all the data) whenever you submit line figures and maps.
- Supply the essential information: round off the data-values to just one place of decimal whenever appropriate, choose suitable units to keep the values small (e.g. use tons instead of kg).
- All lists of references should have been seen in the original by the author and year. Provide all the details such as author/s, year, title of the article, full title of the journal, volume, issue, and page numbers (for journal articles), and place of publication and publishers (for books and conference proceedings) for every reference. Incomplete references will not be accepted.
- The language of the Newsletter is English, but we will do our best to translate articles submitted in other languages. Authors should closely follow the style of the reports in this issue. Contributions that deviate markedly from this style will be returned for revision, and could miss the publication date. If necessary, we will edit communications so as to preserve a uniform style throughout the Newsletter. This may shorten some contributions, but particular care will be taken to ensure that the editing will not change the meaning and scientific content of the article. Wherever we consider that substantial editing is required, we will send a draft copy of the edited version to the contributor for approval before printing.
- Contact the Editor for detailed guidelines on how to format text.

Material may be submitted at any time during the year. Deadline for Volume 34 will be 30th June 2004. Please send all contributions and request for inclusion in the recipients list to:

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