

Newsletter Announcements and Instructions

The Lotus Newsletter has been published annually since 1971 by Dr. W.Grant - Canada, Dr. R.McGraw and Dr. P.Beuselinck - USA, and it has been on the web site of INIA, Uruguay since 2003. 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 trefoil 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.

The life of the Newsletter depends on the contributions. Therefore, many thanks to all contributors and to those that wrote the summary about their activities. In response to several contributors, that requested a more frequent edition of LN, two numbers of Volume 35 will be on the web site this year: Number 1 in August and Number 2 in December.

The web site is under transformation, since it will host two databases. The first database will be available by the end of year 2005 and it will consist of all researchers' information. The second database for the Literature will be available as a small database in 2005 and it will be built throughout year 2006 with the researchers' contributions. I would like to encourage everybody to make contributions to the list of bibliography for next year.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Paul Beuselinck and Dr. William F. Grant for their permanent support and advice. We can provide electronic copies of all articles that are not available on the web, since Dr. Paul Beuselinck donated all his collection of LN issues. Dr. W. Grant made a great contribution last year with the list of cultivars of *Lotus* species of agronomic relevance. Although he will not be able to write new articles for LN, we will all share his permanent enthusiasm through the email.

INIA provided funding for my attendance to the XX International Grassland Congress, held in Dublin in June 2005, where I presented a poster about LN in the session "The role of the International Grassland Congress and Grassland Societies in technology interaction and influencing policy: a discussion session". All papers related to trefoil will be summarized for Volume 35 Number 2, and I invite all who wish to contribute with their view of the Congress.

The priority of the Newsletter was the update of the recipient list, and I am pleased to inform that the registration increased to 185 researchers in August 2005. Thanks to all for helping me with this task.

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 encourage researchers to submit their articles in other languages as well; the translation will be linked within the LN web site. 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 35 Number 2 will be 30th November 2005. Please send all contributions and request for inclusion in the recipients list to:

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