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This issue of CITES NEWS provides the results of the 9th CITES Conference of the Parties (COP9), held in Fort Lauderdale, USA from 7th - 18th November 1994.

Plants Committee Elections

In issue 2, 1994, our European Representative, Noel McGough, announced his decision not to stand for re-election. During the Conference Margarita Clemente and Bertrand von Arx were elected as European Representative and Alternate European Representative respectively.

Noel McGough has been an exemplary European Representative: in the two periods during which he has represented the voice of the Region, his tireless and rigorous efforts have promoted an active exchange of information and opinions between the countries of Europe. We wish to continue and build on Noel's excellent work by encouraging even greater participation in CITES issues, particularly from those countries that are not yet actively involved, and by drawing on the knowledge of highly qualified professionals and botanists that the Region possesses. On behalf of the European Region we wish to thank Noel for his splendid work and we hope that we will continue to benefit from his expertise.

Chairman

We are pleased to announce that Dr Jim Armstrong has been re-elected Chairman of the Plants Committee. This is a true reflection of the tremendous amount of work he put into his first term as Chairman and at the Conference.

Representatives

To reflect the large numbers of Parties from certain regions, representation has increased in Africa, South, Central America & the Caribbean and Asia. Each now has two Representatives and two Alternates (see table below and back page for addresses).

	Africa	Sth, Ctrl America & the Caribbean	North America	Asia	Europe	Oceania
Rep. 1	Christine KABUYE (Kenya)	Jorge Hernandez CAMACHO (Colombia)	Bruce MACBRYDE (USA)	Zulmukshar SHAARI (Malaysia)	Margarita CLEMENTE (Spain)	Jim ARMSTRONG (Australia)
Rep. 2	Rejdali MOH (Morocco)	Lucia Helena de OLIVEIRA (Brazil)	XXX	Hong de-YUAN (China)	XXX	XXX
Alt. 1	Jameson SEYANI (Malawi)	Dora E. MORA de RETANA (Costa Rica)	Wilfrido MÁRQUEZ RAMIREZ (Mexico)	Wichar THITIPRASERT (Thailand)	Bertrand von ARX (Switzerland)	Janet OWEN (New Zealand)
Alt. 2	To be decided	Frederico BASCOPE (Bolivia)	XXX	Dwiatmo MARTONO (Indonesia)	XXX	XXX

*Margarita Clemente and Bertrand von Arx
Representative and Alternate for Europe*

COP 9 - PLANT PROPOSALS

RESULTS

Ten Year Review Proposals	Proposal
Accepted	
<i>Alocasia sandariana</i>	Delete
<i>Aloe vera (barbadensis)</i>	Delete
<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	AI→AII
<i>Didiciea cunninghamii</i>	AI→AII
<i>Leuchtenbergia principis</i>	AI→AII
<i>Lycaste skinneri</i> var. <i>alba</i>	AI→AII
<i>Mammillaria plumosa</i>	AI→AII
<i>Pachypodium namaquanum</i>	AI→AII
Withdrawn	
<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>	AI→AII
<i>Camellia chrysantha</i>	Delete

Other Proposals	Proposal
Accepted	
Replacement Annotation re: Seedlings and tissue cultures	
<i>Aloe albiflora</i> , <i>A. alfredii</i> , <i>A. bakeri</i> , <i>A. bellatula</i> , <i>A. calcairophila</i> , <i>A. compressa</i> (incl. var. <i>rugosquamosa</i> and <i>schistophila</i>), <i>A. delphinensis</i> , <i>A. descoingsii</i> , <i>A. fragilis</i> , <i>A. haworthioides</i> (incl. var. <i>aurantiaca</i>), <i>A. helenae</i> , <i>A. laeta</i> (incl. var. <i>maniensis</i>), <i>A. parallelifolia</i> , <i>A. parvula</i> , <i>A. rauhii</i> , <i>A. suzanna</i> , <i>A. versicolor</i>	AII→AI
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	AII
<i>Dendrobium cruentum</i>	AII→AI
<i>Euphorbia cremersii</i>	AII→AI
<i>Euphorbia primulifolia</i>	AI→AII
<i>Pachypodium ambongense</i>	AII→AI
<i>Pachypodium brevicaule</i>	AI→AII
<i>Prunus africana</i>	AII
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> (logs, wood-chips and unprocessed broken material only)	AII
<i>Taxus wallichiana</i> (except finished pharmaceutical products)	AII
Rejected	
<i>Berberis aristata</i>	AII
<i>Cypripedium cordigerum</i> , <i>C. elegans</i> , <i>C. himalaicum</i> , <i>C. tibeticum</i>	AII→AI
<i>Dactylanthus taylorii</i>	AI
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> & natural hybrids	AII
Withdrawn	
<i>Aconitum deinorrhizum</i> , <i>A. ferox</i> , <i>A. heterophyllum</i>	AII
<i>Colchicum luteum</i>	AII
<i>Coptis teeta</i>	AII
<i>Dalbergia melanoxydon</i>	AII
<i>Diospyros mun</i>	AII
<i>Entandrophragma</i> spp.	AII
<i>Gentiana kurroo</i>	AII
<i>Khaya</i> spp.	AII
<i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>	AII
<i>Picrorhiza kurroo</i>	AII
<i>Rheum australe</i>	AII

COP9

RESOLUTIONS AND CONFERENCE DECISIONS

Nursery Registration (Res. Conf. 9.19)

A working group was formed to consider the Resolution. The group chaired by Don Thompson worked late into the night to produce a simplified amended text which was later agreed by the Parties.

Nomenclature and Checklists

(Res. Conf. 9.26)

COP9 adopted the CITES Orchid Checklist Volume 1 to be published in 1995 by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. It will be used as a guideline when making reference to the names of species of *Cattleya*, *Cypripedium*, *Laelia*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Phragmipedium*, *Pleione* and *Sophranitis*. COP9 approved the continuation of the process adopted for the production of checklists.

CITES Implementation for Timber

COP directed the Standing Committee to establish a working group chaired by the Chairman of the Plants Committee. The role of the group would be *inter alia* to address the technical and practical problems associated with listings and define relationships with other relevant organisations. The Chair of the group would work on details of membership and terms of reference for the next Standing Committee meeting.

Enforcement (Res. Conf. 9.8)

The proposal for a law enforcement working group was rejected by the parties. A resolution was agreed which included recommendations to strengthen present structures.

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The 10th Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP10) is scheduled for early 1997 in Zimbabwe

Significant Trade - Plants

(Co-ordinator UK Scientific Authority). COP agreed the following programme and asked that a project on medicinal trade in plants be included.

1995

- Completion of review of national reporting procedures for trade in plants.
- Plants Committee to produce recommendations for Parties based on results of review.
- Commence review of trade in *Dendrobium* species.
- Initiate survey of Orchid Trade in Thailand by carrying out analysis of annual reports.

1996

- Completion of review of trade in *Dendrobium* species.
- Commence update of full Significant Trade Review of Plants included in Appendix II of CITES and analysis of annual reports (global).

1997

- Completion of Significant Trade Review and global analysis.
- Preparation of recommendations for COP10.

New Criteria (Res. Conf. 9.24)

(The Fort Lauderdale Criteria?)

A working group chaired by Jim Armstrong addressed this document and successfully amalgamated all opinions into a document that was unanimously adopted by the COP.

Key points include:

- Criteria are non-discriminatory (same for uplisting as downlisting).
- Numerical guidelines remain but are included in the annexes.
- Strong emphasis on the precautionary principle.

Standing Committee

- The UK and Russia were elected to represent Europe.
- Japan is the new Chair with the UK and Trinidad and Tobago as the Vice-Chairs.
- The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in Geneva from 14 - 17 March 1995.

CITES Plants Committee

The Spanish Government have kindly invited the Plants Committee to meet in the Canary Islands from 19 to 25 June 1995.

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