

A Gallery of our History

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Where did we come from? Most members may not know about the humble beginnings of this organization. Others will remember, to varying degrees, the sequence of triennial conferences and other activities that have led to the present. Perhaps the recollections expressed in this journal issue by the four prior presidents unwrapped a faint memory or two for you. But a picture is worth a thousand words.

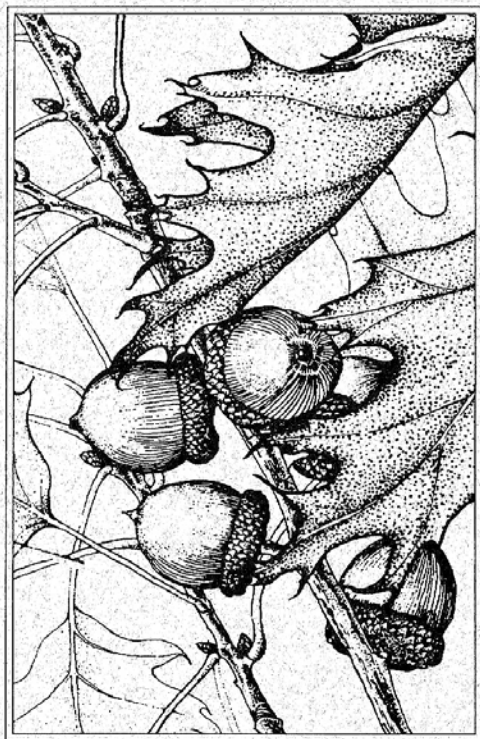
Our popular photo gallery section in previous issues has covered oaks from North America, Europe, and Asia, along with a view of historic oak illustrations. This time, we are taking a different direction. We are a worldwide organization of oak people, and the people part is just as important as the oak part. As my final journal gallery, I have decided to forego the traditional oak illustrations and focus instead upon something retrospective that I hope will generate emotional responses from every member. There may be tears for those you see and remember here who are no longer with us. There could be some amusement at how some of us have changed over the decades. There should be ample respect for the efforts involved in overcoming uncertainty to create the premier oak organization on the planet, with hundreds of members from nearly every continent. There definitely should be overwhelming awe for the level of expertise represented within our membership roster, and for the quality and diversity of information offered by them and by our other authors and conference speakers. Finally, I believe there will be admiration for the trees now growing in so many countries that began with our seed exchanges, and excited anticipation for what is yet to follow.

Hopefully, there also will be a renewal of vigor and energy as we launch into our third decade and our seventh triennial conference this fall. This is my farewell offering to you, as I pass the journal editorship to a successor who will bring some of that new vigor and energy to this publication.

I have met many of my very best friends here. I've seen places I could never have visited, or even known about, on my own. I have learned so much from so many outstanding people, some of whom are the world's foremost authorities on their subjects. I've grown our Quercetum at Starhill Forest into one of the most comprehensive living collections in North America. I have grown old with you, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every bit of the hard work it has taken to get to this point. I urge every member to look at the glimpses of history on the following pages, and then consider participating more actively in our journal, newsletter, seed exchanges, web site content, on-line oak discussion group, oak tours, member recruitment, conferences, board of directors, or committees. Do something that will engage your successors to be inspired. Find your niche -- a place to become an even more effective part of this grand ride.

And look closely at the photos -- everyone is always smiling!

TODAY'S PROGRAM



The First International Oak Conference

OCTOBER 17, 1994



Our First Oak Conference
(We knew there would be more!)



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME to The First International Oak Conference
 PRESENTED BY *The Morton Arboretum* & THE INTERNATIONAL OAK SOCIETY

| AGENDA | |
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| 7:45 a.m., Registration & Coffee | 10:00 a.m., Break |
| 8:00 a.m. Welcome Gerard Donnelly, Director, <i>The Morton Arboretum</i> | 10:10 a.m. Oaks of Central and Eastern Europe - Occurrence, Ecology, Forestry, and Amenity Values Seliian Radu, <i>Arboretum Simeria, Romania</i> |
| 8:35 a.m. Announcements Morning Moderator, Kris Buchell, Director of Plant Collections, <i>The Morton Arboretum</i> | 10:35 a.m. Oaks of Turkey and the Mideast - Occurrence, Ecology, Forestry, and Amenity Values Aytekin Ertaş, <i>University of Istanbul, Turkey</i> |
| 8:40 a.m. Keynote Address: The Re-Oaking of America George Ware, <i>Research Fellow, The Morton Arboretum</i> | 1:10 p.m. Identifying Oaks - Kevin Nixon, L. H. Bailey, <i>Herbarium, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York</i> (<i>Quercus</i> co-author, <i>Flora of North America</i>) |
| 9:00 a.m. Oak Images from Temperate North America - An Introduction to the Genus Guy Sternberg, <i>Starhill Forest, Petersburg, Illinois</i> | 1:35 p.m. Identifying Oaks - The Hybrid Problem Richard Jensen, <i>Department of Biology, St. Mary's College, Director, Greene-Niaueland Herbarium, Notre Dame University, (Quercus co-author, <i>Flora of North America</i>)</i> |
| 9:35 a.m. Hardy Oaks from the American Southwest Michael Meléndez, <i>Trees that Please, Los Linnas, New Mexico</i> | 2:00 p.m. Horticulture and Aesthetics of Hybrid Oaks Ken Asmus, <i>Okos Nursery, Kalamazoo, Michigan</i> |
| | 2:25 p.m. Dynamics of Selected Eastern North American Oaks Curt Hanson, <i>Chronic Gardens, Gates Mills, Ohio</i> |
| | 2:50 p.m., Break |
| | 3:00 p.m. Understanding APHIS - Simplified Acorn Import and Export Ken Kruse, <i>USDA/APHIS Plant Protection/Quarantine, Rosemont, Illinois</i> |
| | 3:25 p.m. Oak Propagation Techniques Mark Coggeshall, <i>Valonia State Nursery, Valonia, Indiana</i> |
| | 3:50 p.m. Growing Oaks on the Great Plains John Pair, <i>Kansas State University, Wichita, Kansas</i> |
| | 4:15 p.m. Maintaining and Restoring Oak Groves - Community and State Efforts with <i>Quercus garryana</i> Michael Reichenbach, <i>Arboreal Enterprises, West Linn, Oregon</i> |
| | 4:40 p.m. Summary - George Ware, <i>Research Fellow, The Morton Arboretum</i> |
| | 5:00 p.m., Announcements and Adjournment |

The program from our first Oak Conference, 1994
 170 registered, and more filled the hallway - 35 stayed on to found the IOS



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In addition to the program printed in Issue #4,
 please keep in mind that there will be more activities....

Monday Night, 10/17/94 -- Social Mixer & Dinner

Featuring "The Mother of all Seed Exchanges!" and Display of
 Oak Seed and Reference Material - I.O.S. Coordinators : Steven
 Roesch and Mike Spravka

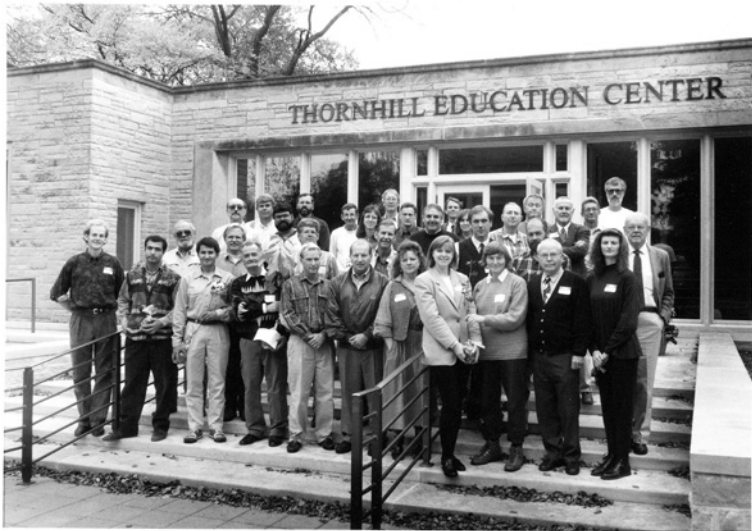
Tuesday, 10/18/94 -- I.O.S. Business Meeting

Moderator - Guy Sternberg

- Group Photos for Journal and Archives - by Morton Arboretum Staff
- Organizational Structure, Bylaws - Ken Asmus, Curt Hanson
- Non-Profit Legal Status - Lisa & M. Nigel Wright
- Heritage Oak Registry and Data Base - Mike Chesebrough
- Seed Exchange Coordination - Steven Roesch
- Oak Reference Information Network - Lisa & M. Nigel Wright
- Suggestions from the Floor
- Elect Officers, Select Planning Committee for Next Conference
- Final Announcements and Closure
- Committee Meetings, Networking (until 5:00 PM)

Also attending will be **Mark Pitman of Kew Gardens, London, England** who
 will be making a special presentation at the members meeting on October 18th.

Our First Seed Exchange and Business Meeting



**PARTICIPANTS IN THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL OAK SOCIETY**

18 OCTOBER 1994, THE MORTON ARBORETUM, LISLE, ILLINOIS USA

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Nigel Wright (Pennsylvania), Aytekin Ertas (Turkey), Michael Melendrez (New Mexico), Stelian Radu (Romania), Damian Beardi (New York), Michael Beardi (New York), Mary Ann Dillon (Michigan), Amy Larson (California), Susan Cooper (England), George Ware (Illinois), Lisa Wright (Pennsylvania);

SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Tom Burleson (New Mexico), Ken Asmus (Michigan), Peter van der Linden (Illinois), John Pair (Kansas), Jamie Friend (England), Ron Lance (North Carolina), E. H. Peter Ahrens (New York);

THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

David Johnson (Ohio), Rocco Damato (Illinois), Tamara Trites (Ohio), John Gammon (England), William Hess (Illinois), Harry Bailey (Georgia);

FOURTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Durell Nelson (Illinois), Greg Morgenson (North Dakota), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), Mark Pitman (England), Sue Shapiro (Wisconsin), Jim King (Illinois), Lawrence Slavicek (Illinois);

FIFTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Piers Trehane (England), Allen Coombes (England), Guy Sternberg (Illinois).



Piers Trehane, founder of the Oak Names Database, and Eike Jablonski, our third president, shown in Luxembourg in August 2008 wearing their t-shirts from the First International Oak Conference (photo courtesy of Eike Jablonski)



FIELD TRIP 19 OCTOBER 1994

- PETERSBURG BANK --
Quercus robur hybrid
- OAK HILL CEMETERY --
Quercus alba
Liriodendron tulipifera
Rutledge Grave
- NEW SALEM VILLAGE --
Quercus lyrata
Lincoln's Store
- WASHINGTON PARK --
Quercus xbebbiana
Quercus alba "Late Nut"
Thomas Rees Carillon
- COTTON HILL --
Quercus xdeami (National Champion)
Quercus mulhenbergii
- OAK RIDGE CEMETERY --
Quercus xruncinata
Quercus bicolor x mulhenbergii
Quercus velutina
Oak Tree Nursery
Quercus xexacta
Quercus xleana
Quercus rubra
Quercus stellata
Quercus lyrata x bicolor
Quercus alba pinnatifida
Abraham Lincoln's Tomb
- STARHILL FOREST --
NATIVE STANDS:
Quercus alba
Quercus macrocarpa
Quercus imbricaria
Quercus rubra
Quercus velutina
Oak Collection

**The First IOS Field Trip
Lincoln's Tomb Trees, 19 October 1994**

Front Row:

Michael Melendrez (New Mexico), Allen Coombes (UK), Aytekin Ertas (Turkey), Susan Cooper (UK), Jamie Friend (UK)

Back Row:

Bill Hess (Illinois), Stelian Radu (Romania), Mark Pitman (UK), Tom Burleson (New Mexico), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), John Gammon (UK), Lisa Wright (Pennsylvania), Guy Sternberg (Illinois), Nigel Wright (Pennsylvania)



To All Members of the International Oak Society

4th September, 1995

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Dear

Oak Open Day 28th October, 1995

On behalf of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum and the International Oak Society I would like to invite you, as a member, to the Oak Open Day to be held on Saturday 28th October, 1995 at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum, home of the National Collection of Oaks.

Entrance to the Gardens on the 28th October will be free to members from 10.30am (please remember to bring your membership card). I will be leading a tour of the oak collection from the main car park at 11am. This will include a tour of our Propagation Unit to see the methods we use for the germination and growing on of oaks. Members are very welcome to bring guests who will be asked to pay the normal group admission price, i.e. £3.50.

A special buffet lunch has been arranged in Jermyn's House (cost £6.50), or alternatively members can obtain light refreshments from the Jermyn's House Restaurant. After lunch members will have an opportunity at an informal meeting to discuss any queries they may have on the Society and talk about oaks.

I do hope you will be able to join me on 28th October. If so, please complete the enclosed form indicating whether or not you require lunch and the number of guests accompanying you. Please note the charge of £6.50 for the buffet lunch is to be paid on the day, although numbers are required in advance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Allen J. Coombes,
Botanist.

European representative on the Board of Directors, and Vice President of the International Oak Society.

Bernard Payne, Directing Officer
Peter C B Robertson County Secretary
The Hillier Arboretum is a Registered Charity (Reg No. 274737)

 Hampshire County Council

Invitation to the first Oak Open Day, 1995



Second IOS Members Meeting - California 1997

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Ron Lance (North Carolina), Larry Slavicek (Illinois), Hugh Angus (United Kingdom), Diana Gardener (Oregon), Nigel Wright (Pennsylvania), Dan Keiser (Minnesota), Zhekun Zhou (China), Doug McCreary (California), James Trager (Missouri);

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Bill Hess (Illinois), Dick Sage (California), Rick Standiford (California), Peter van der Linden (Illinois), Mike Reichenbach (Oregon), Jean Smith (California), Amy Larson (California), Shawn Haddock (United Kingdom), Consuelo Bonfil (Mexico), Larry Schmidt (California), Allen Coombes (United Kingdom), Robert Berry (New Zealand), Maricela Rodriguez (Mexico), Matt Strong (Kansas), Dick van Hoey Smith (Holland), Rei Rasmussen (Oregon), Peter LaHarrague (Argentina), Ed Holm (California), Mark Coggeshall (Indiana), Wayne Erickson (British Columbia), Riet van Hoey Smith (Holland), Guy Sternberg (Illinois).



ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The purpose of *INTOAKS*, the newsletter of the International Oak Society, is to distribute information to its members regarding Society business, items of interest, seed exchange, events and happenings in addition to the information contained in the *Journal*.

We envision publishing the following items in the newsletter:

- Seed Business
- Seed Exchange
- Calendar of Events
- Conference Opportunities
- Reports from Treasurer
- Membership Update
- General Announcements
- Member Advertising

We would like to know what additional items or modifications to the above list you want to see in *INTOAKS*. Please send your ideas to:

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We also need your help to spread the word about the International Oak Society. Many members have already mentioned our group in other publications in the U.S., England, Germany and France. Some of these publications are very prestigious and we are delighted to get our message out to their readers.

If you are sponsoring a meeting or field trip on oaks in your area of the world, please drop us a line or e-mail us. We'll publish your meeting beforehand and give a summary afterwards if you wish. Just let us know.

For our newsletter, we welcome and need unsolicited letters, opinions or short articles written in a more informal manner than what we publish in the *Journal*. Don't be bashful. Send them to the Journal Office.

We plan to distribute *INTOAKS* biannually, in summer and early winter.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to the Society's first newsletter. The initial item which I need to bring to your attention is the enclosed ballot. We have identified the candidates to serve on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2000. PLEASE complete and return the ballot within the deadline date. WE NEED YOUR VOTE!!!

During our first organizational meeting in October of 1994, an Interim Board of Directors was elected to complete our incorporation as a not-for-profit organization and to conduct the initial business affairs of the International Oak Society. Many of you were not yet members at that time, and most of you probably have not met this Board, so let me introduce them to you.

My name is Guy Sternberg and I maintain the North American Plant Preservation Council oak collection at Starhill Forest in Illinois, USA. I was one of several original members of our organization when it was started about a decade ago by Steven Roesch as an international acorn exchange. I organized the First International Oak Conference, held at The Morton Arboretum, and have done some of the work behind the scenes to help establish the organization. I serve as our President.

Allen Coombes is the botanist for the Sir Harold Hillier Botanic Gardens and Arboretum in Hampshire, England (home of England's national oak collection). Allen is our designated coordinator for

European affairs and is our chief scientific consultant for the *Journal* on matters of taxonomy and nomenclature. He has been instrumental in expanding our membership outside the USA and in helping to organize a regional chapter in England. Allen serves as Vice President.

M. Nigel Wright, also one of the original members of the Society, owns Windrose Nursery in Pennsylvania, USA. Windrose grows many oak species, and is one of the most diverse mail-order nurseries in America. Nigel and his wife Lisa publish our *Journal* and newsletter and serve as coordinators of the Society's growing worldwide membership. Together they have devoted an unbelievable amount of volunteer time and effort to the member services you enjoy. Nigel is our Secretary.

Peter van der Linden is the Curator of Plant Collections for The Morton Arboretum in Illinois, USA. The Morton has one of the finest temperate zone oak collections in the Western hemisphere. Peter and his institution provided the magnificent venue for our first conference in 1994, and were instrumental in its success. He has taken on the critical responsibility of managing the financial affairs and budget preparation for the International Oak Society as its Treasurer.

Amy Larson recently served as the Executive Director of the California Oak Foundation (USA) and is a member of our Board. Amy's enthusiasm, energy and experience serves us well -- she is our Conference Coordinator for 1997. The California Oak Foundation will be co-hosting the upcoming conference in October, in cooperation with the Huntington Botanic Garden and Museum in San Marino, California, USA. Amy and her committee are working very hard to put this conference together, and she would like to see every one of you there!

As we approach this second triennial conference and business meeting, it is time to bring new ideas and fresh energy to our organization. We need to establish committees in order to pursue our proposed activities on many fronts. All members should feel that this organization belongs to each of you, not just to the Board of Directors. Please try to attend the meeting in California, if possible, and volunteer if you can contribute as a committee member or a director candidate. The organization, devoted to the greatest genus of plants in the world, needs your help!

Our first newsletter, initially called "Into Oaks" and shortened to IntoOaks (as a contraction of "International Oaks"), published in 1997 via a photocopy machine by our editor Nigel Wright

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AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE EDITOR

As editor, I would like to welcome all our readers to this first publication of the International Oak Society Journal. Given adequate time and opportunity, I anticipate that many more are to follow.

Most of the articles included are of an introductory nature, to ease our way into the horticultural arena before getting involved with exact specifics and scientific debate. Since this is an international organization, I have tried to include a diversity of material that might circumpact the continuity of the whole. But I feel strongly that the articles are stimulating and worthy of bringing together in this first issue. It was also important to get this journal published so that more people could get involved and contribute their knowledge on the wonderful genus *Quercus*.

The I.O.S. evolved out of a very informal correspondence and seed exchange between Steven Roesch in America and Susan Cooper in England. As they exchanged miscellaneous seeds, their requests centered around oak species in particular, namely oaks, and thus began the I.O.S. Mr. Roesch took it upon himself to contact people around the world who were interested in oaks and to set up a network of seeds. When I got involved in the I.O.S. I saw the need for centralization and some kind of literature that could unite its members. I sent letters to addresses that Steven Roesch had given me, asking for help and contributions to what was at first suggested as the I.O.S. Journal.

On future publications, we hope to spotlight at least on oak species and try to involve ourselves more thoroughly into the science of propagating and growing oaks. We would also like to promote our seed exchange and encourage our readers to write to each other and explore the numerous species of oaks available.

Cover and Introduction from our first Journal,
published in 1992 with a photocopied machine
(Republished as a commemorative edition in 1999)



Field Trip - 2000 Conference
Majestic Oak (*Q. virginiana*) - Savannah Georgia



The First IOS Award
Presented by President Guy Sternberg
to Dick van Hoey Smith (with wife Riet at left)
Third Triennial Meeting, North Carolina 2000



Third Members Meeting, IOS
North Carolina 2000



The First Full-Conference Group Photo
2000 - Asheville, North Carolina



The First IOS American Tour - New Mexico 2001



The Second IOS Award
Given in Absentia to Stelian Radu, Deva, Romania
Third Triennial Meeting, 2000



The First IOS European Tour - Spain 2001



**Fourth Triennial International Oak Conference
Hampshire, United Kingdom, 2003**



**The Fifth Triennial Oak Conference
Dallas, Texas 2006**



**Sixth International Oak Conference
Puebla, Mexico 2009**