

New System for Fruit and Nut Variety Naming and Registration

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An improved system for naming and registration of new varieties of fruit and nut crops has been announced by American Society for Horticultural Science and American Pomology Society. "Register Lists" of new varieties were published in *HortScience* about every year until 1984, compiled by Reid Brooks and Harold Olmo. List 35 was published in 1991, edited by James Cummins, with a number of authors contributing major portions of the List.

The 13 specialists below have List 36 "in press," to be published shortly in *HortScience*, and have begun registration of new varieties for List 37. Dr. Cummins is continuing to edit the Lists.

With 50 or more new varieties being named every year, the possibilities of using the same name for different varieties is constantly increasing. To address this problem, breeders and

others preparing to name a new variety are urged to contact the appropriate specialist to determine whether the proposed name is already in use. Each registrar has extensive name lists for the commodities covered.

To register a new variety, full information should be sent to the appropriate registrar, including at least the following information: name, synonyms, and identification used during testing; patent number, date of patent, and assignee; parentage if a hybrid, or other origin; name(s) of breeders or finders; where originated and tested; fruit size, shape, color, and finish; flesh color, firmness, flavor; ripening season; storability and shelf life; similarities and differences from other varieties; plant form, vigor, and productivity; pest and disease resistances and susceptibilities; special environmental relations, e.g., chilling requirement.

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Summary of American Pomological Society Membership Survey 1993

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To assist the President and Executive Committee in determining the future course of APS, we circulated surveys in both 1992 and 1993 to our entire membership of almost 1,000. More than 200 completed forms were returned as a combined total for both surveys.

Here are the results:

1. Meeting Frequency. More than half preferred meeting only once a year, with ASHS. Quite a few favored an occasional meeting with another group, with IDFTA drawing the most votes. This is the reason we organized APS participation in the IDFTA meet-

ing in Grand Rapids, February 27-March 2, 1994.

2. Journal Name. Almost half of the respondents favored leaving the name as is. Of the remainder (those who preferred a name change), half favored American Journal of Pomology; a third favored Journal of Pomology; and the rest suggested other names.

3. Journal Content. We have a divergence of opinion on whether to broaden the Journal (64 votes), allowing papers on general pomology, or whether to keep the emphasis as at present, "mostly on cultivars," with some general material (77 votes). It

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