

Some Thoughts about the International Cooperation between the Carnivorous Plant Societies

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Current Situation

In general the present cooperation between the different C. P. Societies is limited to the exchange of journals. That's it. Why?

Possible Fields for More Cooperation

Sure there are many fields where we could have more exchange and more cooperation. More cooperation would bring advantages for all: For our societies, for our members, for science and for our common hobby.

The following ideas might not all be realistic, but they are all worth pondering.

- Official admission to all events (for example: annual meetings, plant sales and exchanges, excursions) for all members of the other C. P. Societies. Therefore a quicker exchange of information between the societies would be necessary.
- General permit for other societies to translate and reprint the articles of their journals.
- Common database and / or
- Large index of all articles of the C. P. journals
- Exchange of plants and seed not only between the societies but also immediately between their members.
- There are surely many other possibilities of more cooperation. Proposals are welcome. But where to perform and discuss them?

Problem: Lack of Communication

We are missing a platform for discussing these ideas. A platform where representatives of all C. P. Societies could participate without having too many costs and without losing too much time. Phone calls and letters are not practical.

Possible Solution: Carnivorous Plant Societies' Mail-list

The new technologies offer us the solution: A *Carnivorous Plant Societies' Mail-list* as a platform for discussing the above mentioned subjects. A new mail-list, working together with the large international C. P. Discussion Group (which is too large for our purposes - our goals would be drowned in the flood of information) and with mail-lists of the societies. A brainstorming of the C. P. Societies. A platform for discussing problems shared by the other societies in the past, present or future, and new ideas. And a platform for the exchange of information about events and other important subjects.

Just some suggestions. It's up to you - to us - to think about them and perhaps to realize some of them.

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