

“The IPPS-Southern Region of North America –WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT”

- We hope you catch the Uniqueness & Spirit of the IPPS that makes it special.
- People Have a Passion for this Society.....Volunteerism.
- This organization: IPPS --All about seeking & sharing; our motto: “Seek & Share”
- As members you will be asked to give back to the IPPS with exchange & sharing of your knowledge, helping, volunteering, giving talks and regularly attending annual meetings
- Unique culture of IPPS:
 - Uniqueness of nursery competitors opening up their facilities (with tours) and sharing ideas, openness of the nursery industry.
 - Camaraderie and life-long friendships developed; networking, career opportunities—may find a future business employer or business partner in this group.
 - Knowledge you will gain-- not just about propagation, but all aspects of the nursery industry and about people
- IPPS geared towards the commercial nursery industry, but we are a noncommercial group—nothing is sold here—we share in the exchange of knowledge. One learns quickly at the annual 2-hour question box-bull session on Tuesday night that there is no one best way — rather, many ways to tackle problems successfully. Some of the best propagation and nursery industry minds are here.
- The IPPS was founded in 1951 with 70 propagators in Cleveland by Jim Wells, an Englishman who had a nursery in NJ. Jim Wells was non-traditional and went against the grain. Back then, the British were tight-lipped. Wells broke with tradition. In Britain, propagators & nurserymen just didn’t give away propagation information, which were considered “trade secrets”. Jim realized **you only get better by sharing and exchanging information**. Wells not only founded the first IPPS Region – the Eastern Region - but later helped organize the British-Irish region and spread the seeds for new international regions to be formed.
- Today the IPPS is truly international -- 8 regions around world plus South African Region – 3 regions in US ; 2,200 members world-wide.
- The first IPPS-SRNA meeting was in Mobile, Alabama in 1976. Catalysts of getting the region going were: Charlie Parkerson (1st President), Bryson James, Johnny Wight, Sidney Meadows, John Machen, Jake Tinga, Ray Self, Don

Shadow. The first meeting started with 52 members. We now have around 300 members.

- We hope you catch the spirit of the IPPS to “seek and share”; lifetime career and personal opportunities.
- With Globalization – IPPS has an international exchange program. There are opportunities for young propagators to do study-work-travel programs with nurseries in other regions of the world. Peter Orum of the Eastern Region currently coordinates this and information is on the IPPS Website
- We welcome you! New, participating members are the life blood of this organization!