

Back To the Future!



By Mary Teuma, Traden Tubes Pty Ltd

The 39th Annual International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS) Conference was held on the 26th May – 29th May 2011 at the Grace Hotel in Sydney. I had the privilege of attending this conference due to winning a scholarship that was sponsored by the Growers & Suppliers Group, NSW & ACT.

The conference was quite an experience that I would not forget and would definitely repeat. I attended the conference knowing very few people but got the opportunity to meet some amazing people from the US, South Africa, China, New Zealand and almost every state in Australia. These people made me feel so welcome and by the last day I felt as if I'd known them a lifetime. The conversations were so easy because we all had one thing in common. It was very interesting listening to how things were done in other parts of the world. I couldn't believe how everyone was so willing to share his or her knowledge, no matter how many questions were asked, but it was also great to be able to return the favour.

There were many talks given about the different aspects of the industry, a lot that were very helpful, that I could benefit from and go back and implement at my place of employment. Some of the talks given were very interesting but did not relate to me in any way but I'm sure they would have to others. It was a great learning experience, one that I enjoyed thoroughly.

Overall, I made friends with a lot of new people who I feel comfortable enough with to be able to contact if I ever needed help with anything.

Now as a member of the IPPS, I have access to a whole lot of new information and contacts to be able to further my knowledge in the industry.

Looking forward to next year's conference in Toowoomba!!

Thank You..Growers & Suppliers Group, NSW/ACT

I would just like to thank you for sponsoring me to attend the IPPS Annual Conference that was held in Sydney at the beautiful Grace Hotel.

It was great to be amongst people who share my passion for plants and the environment.

I was able to meet people from all over Australia and other parts of the world who shared their knowledge and experiences with me. Throughout the conference I also sat in on many talks which were packed full of tips and information that I did not have before walking in.

I am looking forward to putting things I have learnt into practice and sharing them with others.

It was a wonderful experience!

Thank you!
Kimberley Wells



IPPS Tour Group Visits Jamberoo Native Nursery

Jamberoo Native Nursery had the pleasure of hosting a group of international, and Australian, International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS) visitors in late May.

The visit was part of the pre-conference tour, prior to the annual conference held in Sydney. The tour started in Melbourne and travelled via the Victorian Alps, Kosciusko National Park, Canberra to Kiama where they spent several nights. On the second day, after the annual IPPS International Board meeting, they piled into their coach and headed out to Jamberoo.

After a welcome from Geoff Bailey the 33 delegates were split into 3 rotating groups – one to look at the production areas of the nursery; another to look at the propagation areas and water recycling system; and the third to the office to see a short film on the nursery's history and learn about our sales and marketing processes. Afterwards of course there was the obligatory afternoon tea, which of course had a strongly Australian theme (lamingtons, scones and Anzac biscuits).

The IPPS motto is "Sharing Plant Production Knowledge Globally" and this group well and truly lived up to the motto. Delegates came from all over the world – USA, England, Scotland, China, Japan, South Africa – as well as Australia. All were incredibly friendly, and we learnt as much from them as they might have from us.

We got a huge amount out of this visit, and I would strongly urge other production nurseries to put their hands up when asked to participate in nursery tours. It's such a good way of showing the world what you're doing, but more importantly, it's a wonderful way for our employees to



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