

Otomo-Haydon Research Fund

(Based on information from published ICS Journals)

Thanks to a donation to the ICS of 500,000 Yen by Mrs Otomo, the Otomo Endowment Fund, dedicated to funding scientific research in the genus *Camellia* was set up in 1997.

In the Journal of 2000, the "Otomo Endowment Research Fund Management Rules" were published and were re-published in 2004:

1. The fund shall be a Designated Fund of the International Camellia Society Inc. Moneys donated or earned by interest or other means may be used only for the purpose specified herein.
2. The object of the Fund shall be to encourage and assist any research pertaining to the genus *camellia* which will be of international benefit to growers.

Nomenclature research and publication, being already provided for by another Designated Fund of the Society, are excluded from this Fund, but verification or comparison of plants to establish their correct nomenclature, for example by DNA or other methods, is included in the definition of research for this Fund.
3. Administration of the Fund shall be vested in an Advisory Board of five Members, one of whom shall be Chairman. The Advisory Board shall have sole right to recommend research grants from the Fund, for confirmation by the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be responsible for co-ordinating the initiatives and work of the Advisory Board, for receiving and sending of correspondence, and for acting as liaison with the President, Treasurer and the Board of Directors.
4. Appointments to the Advisory Board shall be recommended by the President after consultation with the Vice-Presidents, and then confirmed by the Board of Directors.

One Member of the Advisory Board shall retire each year on June 30, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. To give effect to this provision, the President shall invite the initial Members to accept a first term of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years respectively.

Vacancies caused by the midterm resignation or unavailability of a Member shall be filled by the same process. The new appointee shall act for the unexpired portion of the term of the retiring Member.
5. When considering invitations to join the Advisory Board, The President and Vice-Presidents should have regard to scientific knowledge and experience, and also to having as wide a geographical spread of membership as is feasible.
6. Fund moneys shall be held and invested by the Treasurer of the Society, and shall form part of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet.
7. While it is envisaged that grants will normally be made from interest earned, the Advisory Board shall have power to

recommend, for confirmation by the Board of Directors, grants requiring payment from capital for any research which they consider to be of sufficient urgency or importance.

8. The Advisory Board may publicise their work, encourage research and invite applications for grants by whatever means they consider appropriate.

9. When grants are made, the contract with the grantee should include recognition of the funding in any published results.

10. Agreement should also be reached with

the ICS Editor for provision of a suitable paper or article for publication in the Journal. The ICS to hold first publication rights to work completely funded, and early rights to any work co-funded.

11. The Chairman shall provide a Report of the Advisory Board's work yearly as at June 30 to the Board of Directors, and for publication in the Journal.

12. These Rules may be altered by majority vote of the Board of Directors in full meeting or by postal vote, as provided for in the By-Laws of the Society.

The Chair, of the Advisory board of the Otomo-Haydon Research Fund, as the Research Fund is called these days, is Mrs. Celeste Richard, who can be contacted via celeste.richard@hotmail.com