

ICS Committee for Historic Camellia Conservation Background, Objectives and Draft Agenda for Inaugural Meeting

Date for Inaugural Meeting: Monday 26 March 2018

Time: 14.30-17.30

Place: Nantes Métropole (in front of Congress venue).

Immeuble Champ de Mars, 2 cours Champ de Mars, 44000 Nantes

Venue Room: Salle de la Loire (7th floor). Magali Brunelli of the *Mairie de Nantes* will escort us from our luncheon venue across the road to this hotel venue.

NB: provision in room made for up to 25 observers.

Background:

This new Committee aims to generate within the ICS a new focus on conservation of historic camellias, reflecting growing awareness and interest in many parts of the camellia growing world. This has been encouraged by emerging new knowledge about historic camellias, as a result of the accumulation of valuable information over successive ICS international congresses and seminars. With the encouragement of our President Guan Kaiyun, this Committee replaces an informal working group that had an interest in preservation of historic camellias since it first convened at the ICS Kurume Congress in 2010. The new Committee's establishment has now been approved by the ICS Board and Directors.

Objectives:

The objectives of this new Committee are:

- To inform the ICS and its membership about the historical and cultural context of such cultivars, including newly uncovered ethnobotanical detail;
- To advise the ICS of strategies that would better encourage conservation and preservation of historic cultivars globally;

- To bring together ICS representatives from various global regions with an active interest or expertise in conservation matters;
- To identify individual cultivars from different global regions which could be promoted and supported for preservation particularly through exchanges of scions or cuttings;
- To receive feedback and ideas from ICS members (including at congresses).

The Committee will report annually to the ICS Board.

DRAFT AGENDA: INAUGURAL MEETING 26 MARCH 2018

14.30 Gathering in Salle de la Loire, 7th floor Nantes Métropole

14.35 Bienvenue (Welcome) and roll call: the Chair

14.40 Opening Remarks: ICS President Guan Kaiyun

14.50 Acceptance of draft agenda. Further brief remarks on scale and scope of historic camellias – priority on conservation of cultivars: the Chair and initial questions.

15.00 Initial reports from Committee representatives: no more than 10 minutes please initially. I would be grateful if representatives could include (i) a notional list of 5 examples of historic camellias within their respective global zone of interest and (ii) provide contact lists of known enthusiasts or historic collection holders who might have an interest in becoming part of our network to add to our circulated database. Aim to conclude this item by 16.00.

Order of reporting:

- (a) United States
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) Benelux and Central Europe
- (e) Spain

- (f) Britain
- (g) Italy
- (h) South East Asia
- (i) Australasia
- (j) Portugal and Atlantic (if representative present)

10 minute break

16.10 Discussion of Next Steps

- (i) How can we advance our objects?
- (ii) Compilation of historic camellia catalogue (photo plus short paragraph as to why it should be conserved for posterity).
- (iii) Future propagators?
- (iv) Initial recommendations to ICS.

17.00 Release of new historical vignettes: the Chair.

17.05 Questions from observers (can be directed to anyone).

17.20 Next meeting?