The report to the BSA Council from the INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The goals of the committee are to increase the skills of the members of BSA in international interactions at a variety of levels throughout the world. The committee will attempt to extend the hand of the BSA around the world to botanical scholars, students, organizations, journals, and universities for publication, meetings, exchange of personnel and material, and other training and research activities including International and regional organizations.

The committee in its few months of existence has begun to compile for the BSA members use comprehensive lists of foreign Botanical Societies, Botanical Journals, International and foreign national meetings, Universities in a variety of nations with outstanding Botany Departments. These will be tabs on the BSA website. Some of these are available now. These are all in progress. Regional outreach throughout the world is particularly emphasized.

Further activities are underway to present to the members in writing on the web site and thru workshops and symposia at meetings on the following topics: Funding for international activities at all levels, How to find International Organization botanical information; finding international positions; participating in international conferences, workshops and meetings; cultural aspects to learn when botanists travel abroad, and botanical delegations.

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