

**Annual Report (July 2023 – June 2024) of the International Affairs Committee (IAC)
for Botany 2024**

(Prepared by Shengchen Shan, June 11, 2024)

IAC membership:

- Shengchen Shan (2024), Chair
- Oluwatobi Oso, Graduate Student Representative (2024)
- Julie Barcelona (2025)
- Funmilola Ojo (2025)
- Susanne S. Renner (2025)
- Veronica Di Stilio (2026)
- Shelley James (2026)
- Elton John de Lirio (2027)
- Ally Richards, Graduate Student Representative (2026)
- Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
- Melanie Link-Perez, (2026) Program Director, ex officio
- Brenda Molano-Flores, (2024) President, ex officio

The IAC met virtually twice from July 2023 to June 2024. Below are the activities we undertook and the topics we discussed:

- Several IAC members, including Veronica Di Stilio, Shelley James, and Shengchen Shan, served on the BSA IBC Travel Award Selection Committee.
- At Botany 2024, several IAC members will help organize the International and Immigrant Mixer.
- We compiled a list of international meetings in 2024 and plan to share this list with BSA later through the newsletter.
- We have started writing a short article titled “How to navigate a big international conference like IBC?” for the *Plant Science Bulletin (PSB)*; we already have an outline and received positive feedback from the editor-in-chief of *PSB*.
- We will keep promoting BSA outside of the US:
 - Shelley James is happy to promote the activities of BSA in the Asia-Pacific-Oceania region.
 - Veronica Di Stilio, a member of CONICET in Darwinion Botanical Institute (Argentina), could help promote BSA in Latin America.