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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, my name is Mike Baldwin and I’m the president of ICPS.

It’s been a busy year for the ICPS, and I wanted to take a moment to share a few of the larger activities that the ICPS has been up to recently.

- *ICPS Conference 2010 and 2012*: ICPS Conference 2010 in Leiden was a great success. The dust did not have time to settle before talks about the ICPS 2012 started to germinate. The New England Carnivorous Plant Society was selected to host the ICPS Conference 2012 to be held August 11–13, 2012, in Seekonk, Massachusetts with field trips following for several days afterward. To receive conference announcements, please send an email to Emily Troiano, NECPS Vice President, at emily.troiano@gmail.com.
- *Rare Nepenthes Conservation Project*: Previously mentioned in the CPN, one of the things we’ve been very excited about is our partnership with The Ark of Life, and the Hortus Botanicus Leiden in establishing the *Rare Nepenthes Collection*. Thank you to the folks who have contributed time, money, and plant material! If you have a moment, please check out the website (www.arkoflife.net).
- *Social Media*: The ICPS is 39 years old (WOW!). While we’ve had the CP e-mail Listserv, Website, and Forum for a few years now, thanks to the help of awesome volunteers, the ICPS has stepped firmly into the 21st Century by entering into the world of social media. If you have not seen them yet, the ICPS now has a Facebook page, a Flickr photo sharing group, and the ICPS tv channel on YouTube that allows members and people in the extended CP family to connect and share their CP experiences! If you go to our website (www.carnivorousplants.org), you can follow the web links to each.

As our name states, we are an international organization with about 1400 members around the globe. Over the past year, members of the board have had some interesting discussions about what the word “international” in our name means. I would like to hear from you – if you have a moment, send me an email about the word “International” and what you think that means for the ICPS.

We have some great volunteers who help the ICPS on a regular basis, and we’re on the lookout for more! If you want to help out on a project, let me know. In the next year, we will have some projects and activities that will need your help.

Lastly, I’d like to thank all of you who have donated or contributed to the various ICPS conservation projects or projects closer to home. Your contributions of time and money are greatly appreciated, and make a difference. If you’d like to make a donation, or know of a conservation project, let us know.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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