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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ICPS CONFERENCE - JAPAN: POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

The 13<sup>th</sup> ICPS Conference in Himeji, Japan, has been postponed until May 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ICPS is working with the conference hosts to determine the exact dates and logistical issues and we will communicate this as soon as practicable. We thank the conference organizing team for their patience and persistence to ensure this event will be a success.

## WORLD CARNIVOROUS PLANT DAY

World Carnivorous Plant Day was first brought to the attention of the ICPS Board of Directors in 2020 by Krzysztof Banaś of Poland. Krzysztof envisioned a day that brought carnivorous plants into the spotlight of public awareness and education.

The ICPS is proud to promote this day which will be the first Wednesday of May (May 5, 2021). Why, you might ask, select a day in the first week of May? Although numerous important events relevant to carnivorous plants occurred during the first week of May, perhaps the earliest is the first edition of Linnaeus' "Species Plantarum" (the starting point of plant nomenclature, and thus the first date on which carnivorous plants have been described with validly published names) was published on May 1, 1753.

To feature these wonderful plants, the ICPS will be hosting a number of online events. These include a photo contest and a FREE web-based conference featuring a global selection of botanists, horticulturalists, and other enthusiasts invited to share their knowledge of and experiences with carnivorous plants from all over the world in a universally accessible way.

World Carnivorous Plant Day 2021 will serve as the preeminent event of the year regarding carnivorous plants. If you are interested in participating as a contributing speaker for World Carnivorous Plant Day, please contact Carson Trexler at [carson@carnivorousplants.org](mailto:carson@carnivorousplants.org).