

2012 IPS BIENNIAL  
GENERAL INFORMATION

Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden,  
Thailand, September 11-18, 2012

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org). See details under Registration Procedures. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2012 Biennial is included as pages 9-10 of this Supplement to *Palms*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. Registrants must be IPS members before registering. Membership is available online for those not already members.

Similarly for those interested in signing up for the Pre-Tour to South Thailand, a separate Registration Form for this event is also included within the pages of this Supplement to *Palms*, as pages 14-15. The same instructions apply for this event.

### Biennial Overview

The 2012 Biennial meeting is shaping up to be one of the most exciting destinations ever – a return IPS Biennial visit to Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden in Thailand.

In September 1998, the IPS Biennial was hosted by Kampon Tansacha and the Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden. Without exception, participants in that event consider it one of the premier Biennials of all time. The IPS was quick to accept the offer from Kampon and the Garden to revisit this marvelous garden and areas in September 2012.

The 2012 Biennial will kick-off with a Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and will conclude with the breakfast on the following Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the Biennial, IPS members attending will also have the opportunity to participate in one of the two following additional optional events, each requiring separate registrations:

- an optional Pre-Tour to Southern Thailand (Trang / Krabi / Phang-Nga / Phuket areas) arranged by the IPS through Nong Nooch Garden.

and/or

- an optional Post-Tour to Vietnam (Trang / Krabi / Phang-Nga / Phuket areas) arranged by Dr. Andrew Henderson through the New York Botanical Gardens.

All 3 events are described in this Supplement.

### Thailand Visa Requirements

Per the Government of Thailand website [www.mfa.go.th/web/2482.php?id=2490](http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2482.php?id=2490), “passport holders from 48 countries and 1 special administrative region – Hong Kong SAR – are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days on each visit.” The 48 exempted countries include Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, USA, United Kingdom and Vietnam, among others. This information is valid as of 1 March 2012, but is subject to change by the Thai government. IPS participants visiting Thailand are responsible for determining their own visa requirements, based on their individual citizenships, and all are encouraged to contact their travel agent, visit the Thai visa website and/or view other Thai government information for the full list of exempted countries and visa requirements for citizens of other countries. Countries not exempted (per this website) include India and Mexico, amongst others.

### Thailand

Thailand is a southeast Asian, predominantly Buddhist kingdom almost equidistant between India and China. For centuries known by outsiders as Siam, Thailand has been something of a Southeast Asian migratory, cultural and religious cross-road for centuries. With an area of some 510,000 square kilometers and a population of some 57 million, Thailand is approximately the same size as France. Thailand shares borders with Myanmar to the west and north, Laos and Cambodia to the east, and Malaysia to the south. Thailand also shares a maritime boundary with Vietnam on the east of the Gulf of Thailand.

Geographically speaking, Thailand is divided into six major regions: the mountainous north where elephants work forests and winter temperatures are sufficiently cool to permit cultivation of temperate fruits such as strawberries and peaches; the sprawling northeast plateau, largely bordered by the Mekong River, where the world's oldest Bronze Age civilization flourished some 5,000 years ago; the central plain, one of the world's most fertile rice and fruit growing areas; the eastern coastal plain, where fine sandy beaches support the growth of summer resorts; western mountains and valleys, suitable for the development of hydro-electric power; and the peninsular south where arresting scenic beauty complements economically vital tin mining, rubber cultivation and fishing.

### **Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden**

Focus for the IPS Biennial will be at Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden in Chon Buri province, near Pattaya.

Wikipedia has an excellent write-up on the Nong Nooch Gardens, our primary destination: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nong\\_Nooch\\_Tropical\\_Botanical\\_Garden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nong_Nooch_Tropical_Botanical_Garden).

Per Wikipedia, **Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden** is a 500-acre (2.0 km<sup>2</sup>) botanical garden and tourist attraction at kilometer 163 on Sukhumvit Road in Chonburi Province, Thailand. It is also a major scientific center dedicated to cycads, with its own Cycad Gene Bank.

In 1954, Pisit and Nongnooch Tansacha bought 1500 rais (approximately 600 acres or 2.4 km<sup>2</sup>) of rolling hills and valleys at kilometer marker 163 on Sukhumvit road in Chonburi province with the intentions of developing the land as a fruit plantation. However, Mrs. Nongnooch during a trip abroad was inspired by the beauty of the world-renowned gardens and decided to turn the fruit orchard into a tropical garden of ornamental flowers and plants and also establish a wildlife conservation project. The garden opened to the public in 1980, and management has since been transferred to their son Kampon Tansacha. The garden currently fills 500 out of the 600 acres (2.4 km<sup>2</sup>).

The Nong Nooch palm and cycad collections are superb, and unmatched anywhere in the world.

Palms are the main focus of Nong Nooch followed closely by cycads. There is nowhere you can go that you will not find beautiful

specimens of palms growing from every corner of the tropics. Over 1,000 species are planted with most represented by three or (generally) more individuals. Some of these are even undescribed species. The year round tropical weather and superb growing conditions has created the perfect scenario for some of the most beautiful specimens to be seen anywhere. Many are housed in the **Hortus Botanicus** collections where they can be easily studied by researchers wanting to do horticultural and taxonomic work on live plants. The Asian species are foremost in the collection, but species from around the world are very well represented.

For cycads, the garden focus is on Southeast Asian, tropical American and central African species of cycads, but a collection of almost every species can also be seen here. In connection with conservation agencies, the gardens cycad collection serves as an important *ex situ* conservation site for this endangered and ancient plant group. Continuing research at the garden concerning taxonomy and horticultural use of cycads has increased the knowledge about this plant group worldwide.

The Gardens are divided into numerous different themed gardens some of which are:

- **Palms of the World Garden** features many of the 1,000+ palm species that inhabit the Gardens. Generally there are not just one or two specimens of a species, but rather six or more specimens of hundreds of species. A fruiting *Lodoicea maldivica*, several large *Copernicia baileyana* planted next to *Hydriastele costata* and *Corypha lecomtei* next to *Dypsis decaryi* add to a surreal atmosphere of perhaps the best grown palms you will see anywhere in the world.
- **Cycad Garden** showcases one of the foremost cycad collections in the world. Most are mature specimens and beautifully grown. The Asian *Cycas* specimens are a prime focus for conservation efforts.
- **Hortus Botanicus** is an area of the Gardens that contains collections of palms, cycads, heliconias, gingers, cordylines and other plant families. Plants of each family are separated into their own area. There is a further breakdown of "new world" species (the Americas) separated from "old world" species. Plants are arranged by species in long raised beds where they can be viewed and compared with other species of the

same genus. Many of the more than 1,000 palm species which are not planted elsewhere in the gardens can be found here and most are mature fruiting specimens. This is a shade facility with primarily understory species being showcased. To see all the plants here can take several days.

- The **French Garden** is a reconstruction of a formal European Garden with sheared plants and intricate designs and pathways.
- **Stonehenge** is a reconstruction of the original Stonehenge in England that sits in a formal garden next to the French Garden.
- **Cactus & Succulent Garden** features a large representation of these plants from around the world. Much of this Garden is covered to protect the arid plants from Thailand's tropical rains.
- The **Variegated Garden** shows off the variegated oddities that have been grown at Nong Nooch and elsewhere. There is also one of the foremost collections of variegated *Rhapis* palms.
- Nong Nooch also offers a separate **Orchid & Bromeliad Display Garden**, a **Flower Valley**, the **Cart Cross Arboretum** and other focus plantings.

In a non-palm arena, Nong Nooch Gardens has won the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show 2011 Gold Medal of the Great Pavilion Awards, repeating for a second consecutive year. Check out details on the Nong Nooch website, <http://www.nongnoochtropicalgarden.com/en/Tourism.php735.php>.

The Nong Nooch Orchid Gardens feature the largest variety of Orchids in Thailand. More than 670 native species and hybrids are kept at Nong Nooch for breeding and research purposes.

In addition to examining the numerous garden plantings and wildlife, participants are able to experience religious ceremonies, martial arts demonstrations, massages, and elephant shows. The shows are presented 3 or 4 times daily featuring elephants with special skills in playing football, dancing, and interacting with tourists! "Come ride on elephants, sightsee the garden via mini bus or relax in our lake on a pedal boat."

There are also restaurants, a small zoo, a hotel with a swimming pool and Thai style rental houses on the grounds:

1. Nong Nooch Resort: 70 rooms (triple bed) plus VIP accommodations

2. Lakeside Villa:  
25 rooms (double bed)

## Other Areas to be Visited by the Biennial

In addition to the Bangkok and Chon Buri areas, IPS Biennial attendees will also be visiting **Khao Yai National Park**, which is situated in the western part of the Sankamphaeng Mountain Range, at the southwestern boundary of the Khorat Plateau. This park lies largely in Nakhon Ratchasima Province (Khorat), but also includes parts of Saraburi, Prachinburi and Nakhon Nayok provinces.

The **Khao Yai** is the third largest national park in Thailand. It covers an area of 2,168 square kilometers, including evergreen forests and grasslands. Its altitude mostly ranges from 400 to 1,000 meters (1,300 to 3,940 feet) above sea level. There are some 3,000 species of plants, 320 species of birds (including the red jungle fowl and the green peafowl) and 67 species of mammals, including Asiatic black bears, Asian elephant, gaur, a few resident tigers, gibbons, Indian sambar deer, pig-tailed macaques, Indian muntjacs, dholes and wild pigs. Its waterfalls include the 80 meter (262 foot) Heo Narok, Kong Kaew, and Heo Suwat made famous by the film *The Beach*.

**Kong Kaew Waterfall** is a low waterfall, which is especially beautiful in rainy season. It is caused by Huy Lam Takong stream, on the border between Nakhon Nayok Province and Nakhon Si Thammarat Province. The waterfall is situated 100 meters from Khao Yai National Park Office and Traveling Service Center and is and suitable for water contact activities.

In 1984 **Khao Yai National Park** was made an ASEAN Heritage Park, and on July 14, 2005, the park together with other parks in the same range and in the Dong Phrayayen mountains further north was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under the name *Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex*.

The IPS Biennial will also visit the **Tub Larn National Park**, which contains the "biggest Fan Palm (*Corypha lecomtei*) forest" in Thailand. It is the second largest national park in Thailand with total area of 2,240 square kilometers (1,400,000 rais). The area within this national park offers various activities regarding the study of nature and wildlife. It has both plains and mountainous areas, some along the Panom Dongrak mountain ridge with its highest point on Lamonk mountain. The Lamonk

mountain is the line separating Prajinburi Province from Nakorn Ratchasima Province with the height of 992 meters (3,250 feet) above mean sea level. Tub Larn Park contains the origin of various rivers and creeks such as Huay Kamin, Huay Pla Kang, Huay Kum Sae, Huay Kee Rad, Huay Moon Sam Ngam, Huay Poo Hom, Huay Kra Ting, Huay Lum Lek, Huay Kood Tah See, and Huay Lum Duan, which come to meet one another and become Moon River, one of the important rivers of the northeastern region. In addition, other streams and rivers originating there include Huay Hin Yao, Huay Chom Poo, Huay Salika, Huay Wang Mid, and Huay Lam Yai Yai, which merge to become the Bang Pa Kong River, one of the important rivers of the eastern region. Visitors there can possibly site some of the almost forty wild elephants, barking deer, deer, as well as various species of birds.

### **Day-by-Day Biennial Schedule**

The IPS cannot guarantee that the following itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be maintained by the IPS Biennial organizers..

## **IPS Biennial September 11-18, 2012**

### **Day 1. Tuesday, 11 September 2012**

Arrival of Biennial meeting participants at Bangkok Suwannaphum Airport. Attendees will be met at the airport, assisted after their arrival and transferred to the Grand Four Wings Hotel, Bangkok.

A welcoming dinner and social event will occur at 1900 hrs (7:00pm) at the hotel. IPS-hosted dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 2. Wednesday, 12 September 2012**

This is the day that the tours begin. Air conditioned buses will carry participants on a full day visit to Khao Yai National Park including the Kong Kaew Waterfall. The full day's schedule will be:

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at hotel/check out
- 0800 (8:00am): Leave hotel for Khao Yai
- 1130 (11:30am): Arrive Khao Yai National Park
  - We will eat lunch in Khao Yai National Park and later see *Pinanga sylvestris*, *Licuala poonsakii* and other palm species near Kong Kaew Waterfall

- 1600 (4:00pm): Leave for the Tawaravadee Hotel in Kabinburi district in Prachinburi Province (1.30 hrs. drive)
- 1900 (7:00pm): IPS-hosted dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 3. Thursday, 13 September 2012**

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at hotel/check out
- 0800 (8:00am): Leave hotel for Tub Larn Park to see wild populations of *Corypha lecomtei*
- 1200 (12:00pm): Lunch at Nong Nooch 2 Garden, Prachinburi
- 1300 (1:00pm): Tour of the Nong Nooch 2 Garden
- 1400 (2:00pm): Leave for Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden (NNTBG) in Pattaya (~3 hrs. drive)
- 1700 (5:00pm): Arrive at NNTBG, Pattaya, check in to hotel.
- 1900 (7:00pm): IPS-hosted dinner at NNTBG

### **Day 4. Friday, 14 September 2012**

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at NNTBG
- 0800 (8:00am): Start the Nong Nooch garden tour from Orchid House, Palms Garden, French Garden, Variegated Gardens, Cactus Garden by sightseeing buses
- 1200 (12:00pm): Lunch at the Nanta Building, Nong Nooch Garden
- 1300 (1:00pm): Continue the tour of the Nong Nooch gardens by sightseeing buses to Palms of the World Garden and the Cart Cross Arboretum
- 1930 (7:30pm): Dinner at NNTBG, also featuring a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

### **Day 5. Saturday, 15 September 2012**

- Free day on your own for all Biennial attendees other than IPS Directors and key committee members.
- 0800 to 1700 (8:00am to 5:00pm): IPS Board of Directors meeting in the Chamchuri meeting room in the Nong Nooch Resort. Directors and their guests will be provided a buffet lunch as part of the Board Meeting arrangements.
- Dinner on your own for all participants (including IPS directors and guests)

## Day 6. Sunday, 16 September 2012

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at NNTBG
- 0800 (8:00am): Start today's portion of the Nong Nooch garden tour with the Cycad Collection, Hortus Botanicus Plant Collection\ by sightseeing buses
- 1200 (12:00pm): Lunch at the Nanta Building, Nong Nooch Garden
- 1300 (1:00pm): Continue the tour of the Nong Nooch gardens
- 1800 (6.00pm): Pre-dinner Palm Lecture at NNTBG
- 1930 (7.30pm): Dinner at NNTBG,

## Day 7. Monday, 17 September 2012

- 0730 (7:30am): Breakfast at NNTBG
- 0930 (9:30am): Thai Cultural Performances and Elephant Show
- 1200 (12:00pm): Lunch on your own (not included in Biennial registration fee)
- The afternoon will be on your own; with no organized activities planned
- 1830 (6:30pm): Biennial Farewell Dinner at Nanta Lawn. Those who attended the 1998 Biennial Farewell dinner and the associated lawn ceremonies at the end of the evening do attest to the overwhelming emotional and spiritual content to this Biennial finale.

## Day 8. Tuesday, 18 September 2012

- Breakfast at NNTBG
- Transfers to Bangkok Suwannaphum Airport for your flights back home, to Hanoi for the NYBG Vietnam Palm Post-Biennial Tour, or to your next destination of choice.

The 2012 Thailand Biennial at Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Gardens is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and not to be missed. Check out the registration materials in this *Supplement* to *PALMS* and on-line at the IPS web site, [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org). We look forward to seeing you at the IPS Biennial in Thailand.

**IPS Biennial Registration Form and Payment Information are included on pages 9 & 10 of this Supplement.**

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**General Information:** Registrations are limited to a maximum of 300 persons. Should lodging room maximum for Nong Nooch be reached, overflow lodging will be provided (for

same registration fee) at the nearby Botany Resort.

**All prices are in US Dollars and only payments in US Dollars will be accepted.**

## Key Dates: Main Biennial:

- May 4 (Friday)** Early registration ends; US\$100 Late Fee applies hereafter
- August 17 (Friday)** **Biennial Registration closes**  
**No Registrations will be accepted by the IPS after this date!**
- Sept. 11 (Tuesday)** Biennial attendees' arrival, hotel check-in, and Welcome Dinner
- Sept. 15 (Saturday)** All day meeting of the IPS Board of Directors. All other Biennial participants have a free day on their own.
- Sept. 17 (Monday)** Farewell Dinner. Biennial officially ends
- Sept. 18 (Tuesday)** Biennial Participants resume their personal travels, either home or onward elsewhere

It is advisable for attendees traveling from great distances to arrive in Bangkok no later than Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, to comfortably adjust to local time. Extra, earlier nights can be booked at the advantageous rate of US\$75 (including breakfast) at the initial event hotel, the Grand Four Wings Hotel, Bangkok. Details on this are provided elsewhere in this *Supplement*.

## Early Arrivals and Late Departures:

Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. IPS room rates for the designated Bangkok hotel will apply immediately before the Biennial and are available to IPS attendees through Nong Nooch. Charges for these extended stays are not included in the registration fee and must be paid separately directly by the attendee.

Requests for extra lodging nights *must be made through Nong Nooch, but such requests should be funneled through Jim Cain / Kim Cyr of the IPS.* See contact information elsewhere in this *Supplement*.

**Biennial Location:** The Biennial will begin and end in the city of Bangkok, Thailand. Attendees are advised to ensure that they are

compliant with Thai Visa requirements and to make their airline reservations early.

The IPS cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be honored by the IPS.

### **Cost of Biennial:**

- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by end-of-day May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$1,500.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by end-of-day May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$1,910.
- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID from May 5<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$1,600.
- Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED and PAID from May 5<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$2,010.

The Biennial registration fee includes:

- All IPS tours, guides, and Bangkok airport transfers
- Seven nights hotel accommodations (nights of 11-17 September, inclusive of service charges and city taxes)
- All meals starting with Welcoming dinner on Tuesday (September 11<sup>th</sup>) through breakfast on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – except for two lunches (Saturday and Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) and one dinner (Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>) for which participants will be on their own.
- Breakfast every day is included in the cost of the Biennial registrations.

Not included in the Biennial registration fee are personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, extra meals, trip insurance, airfare and airport charges for all flights to and from Bangkok.

Also not included in the Biennial registration fee are any hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (earlier than September 11<sup>th</sup>), or for those staying over for the night of September 18<sup>th</sup> or later nights.

Biennial Registration does not include fees for any Pre-Biennial or Post-Biennial tour events in South Thailand or Vietnam. Registrations for these tours must be made separately as detailed in this *Supplement*.

**Partial Registration:** Because of the complexity of the Biennial's itinerary and the fact that the group is traveling to multiple areas, partial attendance is unavailable and no reduced rate for partial registration is being offered. Attendees with "special schedules" (i.e., partially attending the Biennial) must pay the full registration fee and arrange their individual transportation to accommodate their specific needs. All attendees will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations.

### **Air Travel to/from Bangkok, Thailand:**

Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own flights to/from Bangkok. It is also suggested you book your flights before you register for the Biennial. The primary airport for the Biennial is **Bangkok Suwannaphum Airport** which has inherited the IATA airport code BKK.

**Book now!** Be prepared for possibly strict, time-consuming security inspections at all airports for all flights. Make sure your passport does not expire within six months of the date of return travel from the Biennial.

### **REFUND POLICY**

The IPS must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the 2012 Biennial. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extended lodging booked separately by attendee (outside of the IPS Registration process). For those, check with your travel agent for applicable refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before end-of-day May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012: Full refund minus ten percent (10%).
- Refunds requested after May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 but before end-of-day August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012: 50% refund of amount paid.
- Absolutely no refunds allowed after August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **Airport Reception and Transportation to Hotel:**

Attendees will be met at Bangkok Suwannaphum Airport (BKK). IPS arrivals will be met upon exiting the customs area and provided transportation to the Grand Four Wings Hotel, but only if attendees have informed the IPS Biennial Registration Contact staff with their flight arrival and

departure information at least seven (7) days before their arrival. To do this, please send an e-mail with your flight arrival and departure information to Jim Cain at [jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com), with copy to Kim Cyr at [kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com](mailto:kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com).

If you wish to be met at the airport and will be arriving Bangkok (and Grand Four Wings Hotel) prior to September 11<sup>th</sup>, *it is imperative* that you provide your arrival details (date, airline, flight number and originating airport) to Jim and Kim well in advance of your travel.

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## **CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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### **Biennial Registration**

Biennial Registration is available on-line. For on-line registration and payment, visit [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) and select the Biennial Registration link.

If you do not use on-line Biennial registration, mail or fax your forms and payment to:

Jim Cain  
12418 Stafford Springs Drive  
Houston, TX 77077-3910  
E-mail: [Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com](mailto:Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com)  
Tel: (832) 215-5551  
Fax: +1 281-556-1084

### **Specific questions on items relating to your registration and/or your personal travel logistics and/or special needs:**

Contact Jim Cain at any of the above, or:

Kimberley Cyr  
P.O. Box 60444  
San Diego, CA 92166  
E-mail: [kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com](mailto:kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com)  
Tel: +1 (619) 518-7402

**Website:** The IPS website, [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) will provide the capability for **on-line Registration** beginning in early March 2012. Additional links to sites to be visited during the 2012 Biennial will be added to the IPS website as appropriate.

### **Specific questions on the itinerary:**

Contact Paul Craft ([licuala@bellsouth.net](mailto:licuala@bellsouth.net)) of the IPS for additional information.

### **Biennial Hotels (and Contacts):**

Attendees will stay at several different hotels during the Biennial. Details for each are given below, along with nights each will be used.

#### **The Grand Four Wings Convention Hotel**

333 Srinakarin Road, Huamark, Bangkok  
Bangkok 10240, Thailand.

Tel: + 66 (0) 2 378 8000

Fax: + 66 (0) 2 378 8080

E-mail: [hotel@grandfourwings.com](mailto:hotel@grandfourwings.com)

Website: [www.grandfourwings.com](http://www.grandfourwings.com)

- Night 1, Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (one night only):
- Biennial participants arriving prior to that date can reserve additional nights at a rate of US\$ 75.00 per night per room, including breakfast. E-mail your requests to Jim Cain ([jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com)) for additional lodging and Jim will coordinate your needs and reservation requirements with Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Gardens.

#### **Tawaravadee Hotel (or Tawa Ravadee Resort)**

77 Moo 7, Thatoom, Srimahaphote,  
Prachinburi, Thailand 25140

Tel: +66 (0) 3720-8444, +66 (0) 8 5835-1234

Fax: +66 (0) 3720-8470

E-mail: [reservation@mibholding.com](mailto:reservation@mibholding.com)

Website: [www.tawaravadeehotel.com](http://www.tawaravadeehotel.com)

#### **Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden**

34/1 Moo 7 Nojorntion District, Sattahip,  
Chonburi 10240, Thailand.

Tel: + 66 (0) 3 870 9358 or +66 (0) 3 870 9362

Fax: + 66 (0) 3 823 8160 (Sattahip)

Also see website or online brochure for additional Nong Nooch contact information.

E-mail: [info@nongnoochtropicalgarden.com](mailto:info@nongnoochtropicalgarden.com)

Website: [www.nongnoochtropicalgarden.com/](http://www.nongnoochtropicalgarden.com/)

- Nights 3-7 inclusive (primary lodging)
- If all rooms at Nong Nooch are fully booked, additional lodging accommodations will be provided at nearby Botany Resort. Transfers to/from this resort from Nong Nooch will be provided free of charge.

Extra accommodations if Nong Nooch is filled, to be used only if needed, will be:

### **Botany Resort**

245/3 Moo.4 Najomtien., Na Chom Thian,  
Sattahip, Chon Buri 20250, Thailand  
Tel: +66 (0) 3 823 5130 or +66 (0) 3 823 5555  
Fax: +66 (0) 3 823 7096  
E-mail: [bookings@botanybeach.com](mailto:bookings@botanybeach.com)  
Website: [www.botanybeach.com](http://www.botanybeach.com)

- Nights 3-7, if extra capacity is needed

### **Extending Thailand accommodations**

IPS Biennial Participants wishing to reserve additional nights immediately before or after the Biennial should do this by sending an e-mail with requested dates (nights) and desired hotel to Jim Cain ([jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com)) who will coordinate the request with Nong Nooch – who will be responsible for actually making the reservations on your behalf. All attendees will be required to make advance payment for any such extra nights.

### **Optional Pre- and Post-Biennial Tours**

An optional Pre-Biennial tour and an optional separately sponsored Post-Biennial tour have been organized for those wishing to have a longer stay in Southeast Asia.

The Pre-Biennial option is a five-day / six-night tour to the palms of Southern Thailand.

The Post-Biennial tour, led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the NYBG, is a twelve-day "Vietnam Palm Tour, which will depart from Hanoi, Vietnam.

Full details and descriptions of all of these events follow further below – including details on how to sign up for each of them.

All inquiries, registrations, etc., for any of these optional excursions should be made directly with the organizing group or individual. This same contact information is also being made available on the IPS website.

**For the IPS Biennial and /or  
for the IPS South Thailand Pre-Biennial`**

**REGISTER NOW**

**ON-LINE AT**

**<http://www.palms.org>**

### **Key Dates: Pre-and Post-Tours only:**

- May 4 (Friday)** **IPS Pre-Tour** early registration ends; US\$100 Late Fee applies hereafter
- August 17 (Friday)** **IPS Pre-Tour Registration closes. No IPS Pre-Tour Registrations will be accepted by the IPS after this date!**
- September 5 (Wednesday)** [South Thailand pre-tour only] Arrival in Bangkok, hotel check-in, evening before Pre-Tour starts
- September 6 (Thursday)** [South Thailand pre-tour only] Departure from Bangkok Don Muang Airport for South Thailand
- September 11 (Tuesday)** [South Thailand pre-tour only] Flight Back to Bangkok to join the main IPS Biennial program
- September 18 (Friday)** [Vietnam NYBG Post-Tour] Departure from Bangkok to Hanoi for the NYBG Vietnam Palm Tour.

*All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.*

- September 30 (Friday)** [Vietnam NYBG Post-Tour] Departure from Hanoi to destinations of participants' choice.

*All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.*

**For New York Botanical Garden Vietnam  
Palm Tour**

**immediately after the IPS Biennial**

**REGISTER NOW**

**ON-LINE AT**

**[www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/](http://www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/)**



# IPS BIENNIAL 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

## Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden, Thailand

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS AT BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE; MAXIMUM REGISTRATION IS 300 ATTENDEES; FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT is (end-of-day) May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, for early registrations and August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with additional \$100 per person Late Fee.

COMPLETE NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE **2012 IPS BIENNIAL** AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON(S) [give accompanying number here, with name(s) provided below.]

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE \_\_\_\_\_

### **BIENNIAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars): [Use OTHER FORM for Pre-Tour]**

- **BIENNIAL** Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED by end-of-day, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$1,500.00. \_\_\_\_\_
- **BIENNIAL** Registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED by end-of-day, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, is US\$1,910.00. \_\_\_\_\_
- **BIENNIAL** Rate per person for double occupancy RECEIVED May 5<sup>th</sup> through end-of-day August 17<sup>th</sup> is US\$1,600.00. \_\_\_\_\_
- **BIENNIAL** Rate per person for single occupancy RECEIVED May 5<sup>th</sup> through end-of-day August 17<sup>th</sup> is US\$2,010.00. \_\_\_\_\_
- If you wish to book additional hotel room(s) for night of Sept 10 and/or earlier before the Biennial, please make these bookings directly with the hotel as requested in this *Supplement*

**TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid / to be billed to credit card)** \_\_\_\_\_

Do not include payments for dues, books, etc. with registration fees; make them separately.

**[IPS membership is required *prior to* registration.]**

### **METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):**

\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a personal check\* or cashier's check or money order (international money order outside the US) in US Dollars made payable to **The International Palm Society** for the total amount indicated above on this IPS Biennial Registration Form and have completed this form in its entirety. (\*Notice: Checks / International Bank Drafts must be payable in US Dollars and drawn on a US Bank)

(OR)

\_\_\_\_ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **The International Palm Society**, to my: (check selection)  Visa  MasterCard

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (exactly) \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): \_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM is continued on reverse side.**  
**If faxed, please send both front and back sections, completed.**

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE: I have a

physical handicap condition  special dietary  other special needs that may/will need attention.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE **REFUND POLICY** STATED IN THIS *SUPPLEMENT*.  
The Refund Policy as written will **strictly** apply.

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE SELECTION:** Unless requested otherwise, random pairing of roommates will occur with double occupancy with same sex selection and attempts to match non-smokers with other non-smokers. If you wish, please request any rooming preference here:

I WISH TO SHARE A DOUBLE ROOM WITH (other Attendee name) \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A  Smoker  Non-Smoker

**LANGUAGE GROUPING PREFERENCE (for bus tours, etc):** If you would like to be placed on a bus with those fluent in a specific language, please specify your preferred language in the space below. No entry is required for English. Similarly, if you wish to be bussed with any specific individuals, please list that information here. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED FORM WITH BIENNIAL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO:**

Jim Cain

12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077-3910 USA

E-mail: *Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com*

Tel: +1 (832) 215-5551 Fax: +1 (281) 556-1084

I understand that additional information packets will be forwarded to attendees after June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any required Thailand Visas, if required, for my citizenship, as well as obtain my own health and accident or other insurance needed for these events.

**IF FAXED, BE SURE TO FAX BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM!**  
**BOTH SIDES ARE REQUIRED!**

**IN ADDITION to THIS REGISTRATION FORM**

**All IPS Biennial Attendees must sign the associated  
IPS 2012 Thailand Biennial Tours**

**Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form – either the form on  
pages 15-16 or the corresponding on-line form:**

**EACH BIENNIAL ATTENDEE MUST INDIVIDUALLY SIGN THE FORM.**

**Did ALL Biennial Participants sign this required document?**

**IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE SUBMITTING.**

**Signing this form is an absolute requirement prior to participating in any IPS Thailand events.**

## **Pre Biennial South Thailand Tour**

All inquiries, registrations, etc., for the South Thailand Pre-Biennial Tour must be made directly through the IPS, using the same contact information as provided above for the main Biennial

### **Registration Form for the IPS South Thailand Pre-Biennial Tour and associated Payment Information are on pages 13 & 14 of this Supplement.**

Use the *correct form* for the event to which you are registering!

All attendees to any of the Thailand events must sign the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form on pages 15 & 16 (or the equivalent on-line form)

### **Pre-Biennial Tour Expected Itinerary for IPS trip to the South of Thailand for IPS 2012 Trang-Krabi-Phang-nga – Phuket 5-11 September, 2012**

The following is a provisional itinerary and subject to change. More detailed schedule will follow in the next *Supplement* to *Palms* And also be provided online at [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org).

#### **Wednesday, 5 September 2012:**

All participants for Pre tour must arrive in Bangkok this day.

#### **Thursday, 6 September 2012:**

- 0600 (6:30am): Leave from Don Muang Airport by Nokair or Orient Thai Airlines (0740 flight time) to Trang
- 0825 (8:25am): Arrive in Trang and transfer to Tungkhai National Park to see 16 species of palms
- 1130 (11:30am): Leave for Ton Tae waterfall.
- 1230 (12:30pm): Lunch at the waterfall and walk around the area to see more than ten species of palms.
- 1500 (3:00pm): Depart to see *Metroxylon sagu* in Na Khao Sia village and see how to make traditional sago (sago) powder
- 1730 (5:30pm): Check in at Rua Rassada Hotel, Trang
- 1930 (7:30pm): Dinner at hotel

#### **Friday, 7 September 2012**

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at hotel /check out
- 0800 (8:00am): Leave for Wang Wiset District, Krabi (2 hrs. drive)

- 1000 (10:00am): Walk up the hill to see *Maxburretia furtadoana*
- 1230 (12:30pm): Continue to Khao Pa Bang Kram National Park to see more than ten species of palms including *Licuala merguensis* near the Emerald pond. Lunch box will be served.
- 1700 (5:00pm): Check in at Krabi maritime park & spa in Krabi.
- 1930 (7:30pm): Dinner will be provided

#### **Saturday, 8 September 2012**

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at hotel
- 0800 (8:00am): Check out & leave for Khao Sok National park, Surathani
- 1100 (11:00am): Arrive at Khao Sok, see *Borrasodendron machadonis*, *Licuala triphylla*, *Pinanga fractiflexa* and more.
- 1300 (1:00pm) Lunch at a local restaurant.
- 1400 (2:00pm): Leave for Khao Lak
- 1600 (4:00pm): Check in at Kantary Beach Hotel, Khao Lak
- 1900 (7:00pm): Dinner at Hotel

#### **Sunday, 9 September 2012**

- 0800 (8:00am): Breakfast at hotel
- 0900 (9:00am): Check out and leave for tour of Phang Nga Bay and James Bond island with lunch at Panyi Island
- 1600 (4:00pm): Check in at Kantary Bay Hotel, Phuket
- 1900 (7:00pm): Dinner at hotel

#### **Monday, 10 September 2012**

- 0700 (7:00am): Breakfast at hotel
- 0800 (8:00am): Leave for Khao Prataew to see two endemic and restricted palms: *Kerriodoxa elegans* and *Pinanga watanaiana*
- 1200 (12:00pm): Lunch at local Restaurant, then return to hotel
- Evening at own leisure, dinner on their own

#### **Tuesday, 11 September 2012**

- 0730 (7:30am): Breakfast. Followed by flight back to Bangkok .

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## **Post Biennial Vietnam Tour**

As described below, all inquiries, registrations, etc., for the Vietnam Post-Biennial Tour must be made directly with Andrew Henderson:

Andrew Henderson

**The New York Botanical Garden**

Bronx, NY 10458-5126.

Andrew's Telephone: +1 (718) 817-8973

E-mail: [ahenderson@nybg.org](mailto:ahenderson@nybg.org)

**Palm Tour of Vietnam**  
**(by New York Botanical Garden)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

The New York Botanical Garden is pleased to offer for the first time a Palm Tour of Vietnam. This 12-day tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora as well as the culture of Vietnam. We will explore the northern and central parts of Vietnam, a fascinating part of the country with a great diversity of palms. The region includes a variety of palm habitats and we will see several interesting species in the genera *Caryota*, *Arenga*, *Wallichia*, *Licuala*, *Livistona*, *Pinanga*, *Areca*, *Nenga*, and *Phoenix*, and a great variety of rattans (the spiny, climbing palms used in the furniture trade). In particular, we will see several species of the exciting new genus of palms, *Lanonia*.

The trip will take advantage of the cooler weather in northern Vietnam in September. We will travel by comfortable coach and stay in clean and comfortable hotels. Our Vietnamese guide for the entire trip will be Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dung, an expert on the National Parks and Nature Reserves of Vietnam and palms.

We will visit several National Parks and Nature Reserves, including Cuc Phuong National Park; Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park (featured in a recent article in *National Geographic* magazine); Bach Ma National Park; and Ba Na Nature Reserve. We will also travel along parts of the Ho Chi Minh Highway to see some of the spectacular scenery of the Truong Son mountains along the western border of Vietnam. We will also have sight-seeing tours of Hanoi and Hue, and spend nights at the beach resorts of Cua Lo and Lang Co.

The tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden. Henderson is author of *Field Guide to the Palms of Southern Asia*. The 12-day trip is planned for September 18<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, immediately after the IPS biennial in Thailand. For additional information contact Andrew Henderson at [ahenderson@nybg.org](mailto:ahenderson@nybg.org), or by phone at 718 817 8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

Fee: estimated US\$ 2,900 including accommodation, meals, and transport (but excluding air fare to Hanoi).

The following is copied from the NYBG website and is potentially subject to change. Please see "Information Sheet" at [www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/](http://www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/) for the latest version before registering (at that site.)

**VIETNAM PALM TOUR 2012  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Dates: September 18-30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (immediately after the Thailand Biennial)

Departure: Hanoi, Vietnam

Price: US \$2,900 (estimated, depending on exchange rates)

Included:

- Transfers to and from airport in Hanoi
- accommodation and transport
- All meals other than as noted below
- field trips, admissions and guides' services

Not Included:

- Round trip airfare to Hanoi
- passport and visa fees
- alcoholic beverages or meals purchased while travelling to or from Hanoi or on personal excursions not included in the itinerary
- tips for local guides and driver

Tour Leader: Dr. Andrew Henderson, New York Botanical Garden

Reservations: A non-refundable deposit check in the amount of \$400 per person is required to reserve a place on the tour. All checks should be made payable to The New York Botanical Garden and sent to Andrew Henderson, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458-5126. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Payment Schedule:

- US\$400 deposit due at time of registration
- US\$1,200 second payment due Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- US\$1,300 final payment due Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Cancellation & Refund Policy: The initial \$400 deposit is non-refundable. At the time of receipt of written notice of cancellation, the following additional fees will apply:

- Prior to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012: US\$200.00
- March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>: US\$400.00
- After April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 100% of cost

# IPS 2012 PRE-TOUR to SOUTH THAILAND REGISTRATION FORM

Use this form to register for Pre-Tour and the separate form for Biennial.

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS AT BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE; MAXIMUM REGISTRATION IS 120 ATTENDEES; PAYMENT is (end-of-day) May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, for early registrations and August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with additional \$100 per person Late Fee.

COMPLETE NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE **2012 Pre-Tour to South Thailand** AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON(S) [give accompanying number here, name(s) below.]

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE \_\_\_\_\_

## **PRE-TOUR REGISTRATION AMOUNT (in US Dollars): [Use OTHER FORM for BIENNIAL]**

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**PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE:** I have a  
 physical handicap condition  special dietary  other special needs that may/will need attention.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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I AM A  Smoker  Non-Smoker

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**MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT for PRE-TOUR TO:**

Jim Cain  
12418 Stafford Springs Drive  
Houston, TX 77077-3910 USA  
E-mail: *Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com*  
Tel: +1 (832) 215-5551 Fax: +1 (281) 556-1084

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**Did ALL Biennial Pre-Tour Participants sign this required document?**

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**INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY  
2012 THAILAND  
PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT,  
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY AND/OR NONG NOOCH TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN, THEIR AGENTS, OWNERS, OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY ON THEIR BEHALF (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS ("IPS")), I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND DISCHARGE IPS, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, MY CHILDREN, MY PARENTS, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ESTATE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I acknowledge that the 2012 IPS Biennial Tour to Thailand and all excursions and trips during, before and/or after the 2012 IPS Biennial Tour entail known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the 2012 IPS Biennial Tour and the associated IPS Biennial Pre-Tour ("IPS Biennial Tours".)

The risks include, but are not limited to: hazards of traveling in mountainous and jungle areas; travel in remote areas; accident, illness or disease in remote places without medical facilities; the forces of nature; travel by air, boat, automobile, or other means of transportation; tidal conditions and currents; exposure to sun, strong winds, heat, cold, storms and lightning; personal injuries; slips and falls while hiking; and rapidly changing adverse weather conditions.

Furthermore, IPS trip leaders and organizers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness level or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used during the 2012 IPS Biennial Tours might malfunction.

2. I EXPRESSLY AGREE AND PROMISE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS EXISTING IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS AND/OR PRE-BIENNIAL EVENTS IN WHICH I HAVE ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE. MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS IS PURELY VOLUNTARY, AND I ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN SPITE OF THE RISKS.

3. I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES, LIABILITIES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DEMANDS, JUDGMENTS, COSTS, EXPENSES OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM OR WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS, INCLUDING ANY SUCH CLAIMS WHICH ALLEGE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF IPS. I FURTHER RELEASE IPS FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR: (I) ANY ACT OR DEFAULT COMMITTED BY IT; (II) ANY INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT, DELAY OR EXPENSE RESULTING FROM THE USE OF ANY VEHICLE, STRIKE, WAR, TERRORISM, WEATHER, SICKNESS, QUARANTINE, GOVERNMENT RESTRICTION OR REGULATION; (III) ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY ANY HOTEL, AIRLINE, BUS, TAXI SERVICE, STEAMSHIP, RAILROAD, RESTAURANT, THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY, NONG NOOCH TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, THE NATIONAL PARKS OF THAILAND, OR ANY OTHER HABITATS VISITED DURING THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS; OR (IV) ANY OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY, OR DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MYSELF, OR TO MY PROPERTY.

4. I understand that the 2012 IPS Biennial Tours involve exercise and/or hiking and that before participating, I should consult my physician. I ASSUME ALL RISK OF INJURY THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ENGAGING IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS OR BY OTHERS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION AND I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISK OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY I OWN OR IS OWNED BY OTHERS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS.

5. I warrant and represent that I am in good health and that I have no special needs or instructions in regard to my physical condition and that I am able to participate in the 2012 IPS Biennial Tours without limitation.

6. SHOULD IPS OR ANYONE ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF BE REQUIRED TO INCUR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM HARMLESS FOR ALL SUCH FEES AND COSTS.

7. I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY FOR ANY CLAIM MADE IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS.

8. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM WILLING TO ASSUME THE RISK OF ANY MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION I MAY HAVE.

9. I authorize IPS personnel to call medical care for me [and/or my child] and to transport the same to a medical facility or hospital if, in the sole opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed for me [and/or my child]. FURTHER, I AGREE TO PAY ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SUCH MEDICAL CARE AND/OR RELATED TRANSPORT AND I HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS OF AND FROM ALL SUCH COSTS.

10. I irrevocably grant IPS permission to use and own the copyright to any photograph, videotape or other likeness of myself [and/or my child] while participating in the 2012 IPS Biennial Tours; such material, including publishing my name [and/or my child's name], may be used in any medium for any purpose whatsoever. I hereby also assign to IPS my right of privacy, including without limitation, rights under California Civil Code §3344.

11. In the event that I file a lawsuit against IPS, I agree to do so solely in a federal or state court in the State of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of California shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

12. This agreement is binding on my estate, heirs, administrators and assigns.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against IPS on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understand it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

[PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION  
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)]

IN CONSIDERATION OF \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT MINOR'S NAME) ("MINOR")  
BEING PERMITTED BY IPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ACTIVITIES, I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY  
AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS WHICH ARE BROUGHT BY, OR ON BEHALF  
OF MINOR, AND WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SUCH PARTICIPATION BY MINOR.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_