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### IFPRA PACIFIC CIRCULAR NO. 1

I am enclosing a copy of the Call for Papers/Brochure on the Inaugural Pacific Region Congress of IFPRA Pacific to be held in conjunction with the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation Conference in Adelaide, South Australia from September 30 to October 4, 1990.

#### **Attendance at Congress**

I would be most grateful if you could attend the Congress and support the formation of IFPRA Pacific. I am sure that you would find the Congress most rewarding from a professional point of view as well as being most enjoyable. If you are to attend and wish to present a paper, the deadline for consideration is February 28, 1990 when you should send an outline of your paper. However, even if you do not wish to present a paper, please let me know if you are to attend and I shall arrange for further information to be sent to you as soon as it becomes available.

#### **Publicity about Congress**

In addition, could you please arrange for information on the Congress to be included in your Newsletter/Bulletins to let as many of your members as possible know of the Congress and hopefully, some of them may wish to attend.

#### **Change of Name to IFPRA Asia/Pacific**

Roger Pollard, President-elect, has suggested that the sphere of influence of IFPRA Pacific be expanded to include Asia. A Commission decision on this is expected shortly.

#### **Adelaide Congress**

An exciting program, both professional and social, has been planned for the Adelaide Congress, the program should be compiled shortly after receipt of the Call for Papers which close on February 28, 1990. The RAIPR is not able to support speakers to attend except that some persons from developing countries may be assisted by the Commonwealth Government, where they qualify under the guidelines.



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## IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC CIRCULAR NO. 2

30 AUGUST 1990

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x China  
+ Hong Kong  
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Iraq  
+ Israel  
+ Japan

Jordan  
Kampuchea Dem  
Korea DPR (Nth)  
- Korea Rep (Sth)  
Kuwait  
Lao PDR  
Lebanon  
- Malaysia  
Maldives  
Mongolia  
Myanmar (Burma)  
Nepal  
Oman  
- Macau

Pakistan  
- Philippines  
Qatar  
- Saudi Arabia  
+ Singapore  
Sri Lanka  
Syrian AR  
Taiwan  
x Thailand  
United Arab  
Emirates  
Vietnam  
Yemen

#### Pacific

+ Australia  
Fiji  
Kiribati  
Nauru  
+ New Zealand  
Papua New  
Guinea  
Samoa  
(Western)  
Solomon Is.  
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The following countries will be represented by IFPRA delegates at the Adelaide Conference:

Japan	Australia	Philippines	Macau
Hong Kong	Israel	New Zealand	USA
Malaysia	Netherlands	England	Korea

#### **INAUGURAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC**

Meeting of the General Assembly of IFPRA Asia Pacific Region

A meeting of the IFPRA Asia Pacific General Assembly will be held on Wednesday October 3 1990 at the Convention Centre, Adelaide, commencing at 8.00pm.

All financial members of IFPRA residing in the Asia Pacific Region are eligible to take part and to vote on issues raised during the meeting.

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Member Countries and Boundaries of Region
4. Language
5. Membership
6. Finances
7. Secretariat
8. \* Sites of Future Congresses and dates - 1993, 1996
9. Notes of Preliminary Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan
10. Commission Members and Officers of the Region
11. Statutes
12. Other Business
13. Closure

\* NOTE: The Commission meeting at Greensboro in May 1989, when establishing IFPRA Pacific, also decided to review its continuance at its meeting to be held in Hong Kong in 1992.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN ELECT IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC REGION**

Nominations from Commissioners residing in the Asia Pacific Region of the International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration for the positions of Chairman and Chairman Elect of the Region, are to be in the hands of the Acting Secretary by September 25 1990.

#### **JAPANESE VISIT BY IFPRA REPRESENTATIVES**

The Parks and Open Space Association of Japan kindly invited, as their guests, the President, President Elect, General Secretary of IFPRA and the Acting Secretary of IFPRA Asia Pacific to attend and address their Annual Conference which was held in Osaka, and at which some 1500 delegates were present. The visit was most rewarding and enjoyable, nothing was too much trouble for our hosts from the time we landed in Tokyo until the time we left.

We were taken to traditional Japanese Restaurants to sample the culinary delights of Japan including one in Gion at which three lovely young Geisha girls entertained us in traditional style. I'm not sure whether it was traditional or not; but the girls tried to teach us one dance, you would have been delighted to see such a spectacle. A very happy and fun evening was enjoyed by all.

#### **GARDEN AND GREENERY EXPOSITION, OSAKA**

Our visit to the Garden and Greenery Exposition 1990 in Osaka was a highlight of the visit, and the created landscapes were very well done indeed. There is no doubt that the landscape architects and the horticulturalists made a wonderful contribution to the liveliness of Expo. The Japanese Government and Tokyo pavilions and the conservatory displays were exceptional as were many of those put on by countries of the world as well as cities and provinces of Japan. Unfortunately our visit was all too short. The Expo does not close until the end of September so there is still time for those who haven't had the pleasure of seeing Expo to make the visit. However, allow yourself 2 or 3 days to ensure you make the most of your visit. I'm sure you will be delighted.

#### **OLD IMPERIAL PALACE GARDEN, KYOTO**

The traditional Japanese garden art forms were very evident at the Old Imperial Palace. Once again, we did not have enough time to stand and stare and absorb all the wonderful nuances of this exquisite garden. The forms, colours and textures of both plant and hard materials, created a very satisfying three dimensional picture of harmony with nature.

#### **CONCLUSION**

I'm sorry I do not have the space to cover all the places we visited and I have mentioned only a few of the highlights. However, I must say that our hosts were most gracious, helpful and forgiving in making our visit so enjoyable and delightful. All in all it was a most wonderful visit and I'm sure we will never forget it, and we all look forward to returning some time in the near future.

#### **FORMATION OF IFPRA CHAPTER IN JAPAN**

It is most pleasing that the first Chapter of IFPRA was launched in Japan on 9 July last. The Parks and Open Space Association of Japan sponsored its formation. They are to be commended for their initiative.



### STATUTES

Hopefully the revision of the Statutes will be completed shortly. As Chairman of the Committee reviewing them, I have had a great deal of input from some members and not every member has agreed with all the proposals put forward. Some issues will have to be decided by the Commission itself.

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My apologies for the lateness of this circular but many things have kept me extremely busy since the Inaugural Conference of IFPRA Asia Pacific which was held in early October 1990, in Adelaide, South Australia, in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation. The Congress was most successful and the delegates both from overseas and Australia found it very worthwhile indeed.

I have received two reports, one from Dr Kanzo Hirano, Executive Director of IFPRA Japan and the other from Mr Samuel Penafiel, OIC Parks, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau from the Philippines.

Report of Adelaide Congress and Study Tour by Dr Kanzo Hirano

It was an exciting trip for us all to visit Australia to take part in the RAIPR's Annual Congress and IFPRA Regional Conference for IFPRA Asia Pacific and to visit several cities aiming to find out how Australian parks are designed and managed.

Congress in Adelaide, South Australia

The congress was well organised and useful for us all. The number of participants, 425 domestic and 65 foreign, was sufficient to make the Congress successful and satisfactory. I heard reports that sessions were so impressive and instructive as to be evaluated as being wonderful. I believe that the success of this Congress was brought about by thorough preparation including appropriate choice of theme, and the distribution of information on the sessions among delegates.

I must express my greatest thanks and pay heartfelt respects to Mr Peter Nicholls, the President RAIPR, Mr Don Marriot, Congress Chairman and all other members of the organizing committee of the Congress.

IFPRA Asia Pacific

I should express my pleasure for all on the establishment of IFPRA Asia Pacific. The regional organization was shown to have been formed by more than 64 people attending from the Asia Pacific region. I believe that this successful result was brought about mainly by Trevor Arthur, Acting Secretary of the Region. The number of countries represented by Commissioners from IFPRA Asia Pacific, at this moment, is too small, only six. This must be increased in the near future by making this new organization more active.



Cooperative efforts must be made before the Hong Kong Congress in 1992. I think it is quite important to make continuous contacts with non member nations and ask them to come and join us.

#### First Asian Congress of IFPRA Asia Pacific

The proposal that regional Congress in 1993 should be held in Japan was approved by all Commissioners present. I hope this positive attitude of members will make this new organization more vigorous and helpful to us all. The newly established organization of IFPRA Japan, the first chapter of IFPRA, is ready to organize the proposed first Asian Congress of IFPRA Asia Pacific in 1993 and will shortly be making friendly contacts with potential delegates.

#### Study Tour of some Adelaide Cities

Well, it was the first visit to Australia for most of the study tour members from Japan. Our trip commenced by visiting the city of Perth, followed by attending the Congress in Adelaide. Next we visited Canberra, then Melbourne and finally Sydney. In every city we received a heartfelt and warm welcome, and were given excellent professional talks and written documents. All of us were impressed with the wonderful landscapes and well managed park systems. These together with the top class beef steaks and delicious wine and warm hospitality have made us want to come back again to Australia. I believe that this kind of professional exchange would open the windows of mutual understanding among both the professionals and technicians responsible for park and recreation. This is the first step for the future development of professional exchange in the related fields.

Our greatest thanks must be given to Mr Trevor Arthur who made the arrangements for our technical visit in the cities mentioned above. We owe it to both organizations of RAIPR and IFPRA that our study tour was successful.

#### Need for more Meetings - Study Tours

I would like to conclude my report by summarizing topics to be considered. It should be quite important to promote our mutual understanding and exchange professional knowledge and experience through international Congresses, Conferences, meetings, seminars, symposia and study tours. All this professional exchange will produce great fruits for the benefit of the communities we serve.

Mr and Mrs G. Shearwood in Perth, Mr G. Jones in Adelaide, Mr P. Harrison in Melbourne, Mr J. Laity in Canberra, Mr J. Mortimer in Sydney and the others who showed us parks can never be forgotten because of their hospitality and the many kindnesses we received which helped to make our visit so enjoyable, professionally rewarding and successful.

Kanzo Hirano  
Executive Director of IFPRA Japan  
(Leader of the Tour Group)



Report of Adelaide Congress by Mr Samuel Penafiel.

Impressions on the RAIPR and IFPRA Meeting

While in Adelaide and Melbourne, I was impressed by how the Australians had developed parklands which provide them with such pleasant areas for outdoor recreation. This must be the product of a prestigious group of park and recreation professionals within the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation. The existence of RAIPR and IFPRA in Australia certainly provides a professional group who could influence policy and decision makers as well as the residents in the communities to create for themselves parklands and recreation areas for wholesome living.

The diversity of animals, plants and landscape architectures in Australian parklands I visited provided me with leisure and entertainment from nature.

Conference

The RAIPR-IFPRA meeting was a big success as far as my expectations during the four day meeting cum symposia. The meeting provided me with insights on how developed countries design and develop their parklands both in the city and in suburban areas. The case studies and presentations on issues pertaining to use and conservation provided me with ideas on how to resolve and approach similar problems in the Philippines. Social and economic factors that affect park and recreation are very much different from Australian conditions. Our parks are often heavily used by low income people and are under a great deal of pressure.

Need for Exchange of Information

I hope IFPRA could promote further the networking and exchange of information among countries through its newsletters and future meetings so that regional efforts in national parks and recreation administration can be carried out under the guiding principles of sustainable development.

Conclusion by Trevor Arthur

May I on behalf of the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation, including myself, warmly thank the delegates from overseas who contributed so much to the success of the Conference. The Conference was presented with two fine papers from IFPRA Asia Pacific members, one by Dr K. Hirano and Dr Y. Tashiro from Japan, who jointly presented a paper entitled "The Development Process of Urban Parks in Japan in the Context of Planning, Past Present and Future."

Mohammed Al-Humaidhi from Saudi Arabia presented a paper entitled "Major Conflict in Coastal Management in Saudi Arabia." A special vote of thanks to these three members for their hard work in preparing and presenting papers in a foreign language. Well done!



Mixing with Australian delegates, sharing information and learning some of the problems that beset parks and recreation activities worldwide, learning something of the cultures, management practices and the delightful landscapes of many overseas parks, all contributed to the experience and understanding of all delegates. We have to carefully manage and defend and preserve the integrity of parks worldwide, so that they are passed on enhanced or unharmed to succeeding generations for their enjoyment and enlightenment.

IFPRA Europe Congress - Orleans, France

The Fourth IFPRA European Congress is to be held in Orleans, France from 2-5 September 1991. The theme is the "Tree and Urban Environment". Six sub-themes are as follows:

- . Tree Morphogeny
- . The Tree and its Visual Characteristics
- . Should we Plant Trees in the Old Town?
- . The Phenological Analysis of the Different Species Planted in Town
- . Socio-psychological Analysis (of the value of trees)
- . The Problem of Replacing Trees in Parks and Waysides

Enquiries (preferably before the end of May) to:

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Chairman-elect  
IFPRA Europe  
80 rue de Coulmiers  
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Roger Brown, President IFPRA has called a meeting of the World Commission to be held during the Orleans Congress.

RAIPR Annual Conference, Melbourne October 27-November 1 1991

The theme of this Conference is "Parks, Recreation and Tourism-Who Dares Wins"! This theme was chosen on the basis that sensible innovation and change are essential ingredients required to help to ensure that parks, recreation and tourism will remain relevant to the needs and expectations of the community.

A brochure outlining the Conference is included with this newsletter for all our non-Australian members. Further details are available from Trevor Arthur.

IFPRA World Congress, Hong Kong 18-24 October 1992

The next IFPRA World Congress is to be held in Hong Kong, the first such Congress being held in Asia. If you wish to be put on the mailing list, please send your name to:

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1992 Congress HQ, Block S4 Kowloon Park  
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## Membership

The following are from the official records for membership of IFPRA Asia Pacific Region as at March 1991.

		Affiliate	Supporting	Corporate	Profess.	Retired
Australia*	27	1		2	21	3
Hawaii	1				1	
Hong Kong*	27	1		5	21	
Israel*	2			1	1	
Japan*	32	2	4	19	7	
Korea	2			1	1	
Macau	2			2		
Malaysia	5			3	2	
New Zealand*	13	1			9	3
Philippines	1			1		
Saudi Arabia	3				3	
Singapore*	2				2	
	117	5	4	34	68	6

\* Commissioners

It is gratifying to see the increase in membership, however, IFPRA would like to see many more professionals join up to ensure that the professional ranks are well represented, and that IFPRA is able to be a strong force in the world by supporting parks, recreation, conservation and the environment. Please see what you can do to encourage greater membership. Membership forms are available from Trevor Arthur.

## Meeting of IFPRA Asia Pacific Region Commission

This was held in Adelaide on Tuesday 2 October 1990. The following notes are from the minutes of the meeting.

### 1. Representation

Three Commissioners from the IFPRA Asia Pacific Region attended the Inaugural meeting - Trevor Arthur (Australia), Ralph Boggust (New Zealand) and Farley Ma (Hong Kong). Two countries were represented by proxies- Dr Kanzo Hirano proxy for Dr A. Sato of Japan and Roger Brown (IFPRA President) proxy for G. Bradbourne, Immediate Past President (New Zealand). This gave a quorum of 5 as required by the current Constitution. Roger Pollard, President-elect declined to take part in the voting of the meeting as he wished to remain impartial.



## 2. Election of Office Bearers

Although small in number, the Commissioners and proxies present represented 85% of IFPRA membership of the region. However it was decided not to proceed with the election of the office bearers. Trevor Arthur was to remain as Acting Secretary. Nominations would be called for office bearers again in 1992 (a meeting of the IFPRA Asia Pacific Region will be held during the Hong Kong IFPRA World Congress).

## 3. Inaugural Asian Congress of IFPRA Asia Pacific Region

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next Congress of the Region in Japan in 1993, and which would be at the time of the 120 years anniversary of the beginning of park administration in Japan. IFPRA Japan and the Park and Recreation Foundation of Japan will organise the Congress with support from Government departments, municipalities and other organisations. The Region was to be given a guarantee of receiving a minimum of \$3,000 (Australia) for its funding as a result of the Congress.

I am sure it will be an excellent Congress and all members are asked to make every effort to be there and to encourage others to attend.

### Meeting of Assembly of Asia Pacific Region


About 26 members of the IFPRA Asia Pacific Region, along with 38 observers attended the inaugural assembly held on Wednesday 2 October 1990. Following an introduction to IFPRA and its history by the President, Trevor Arthur took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

Fortunately for the Acting Secretary, the meeting agreed to use English as its official language for the Region and the secretariat is to remain in Melbourne. (A list of Asia Pacific countries will be included in the next circular.)

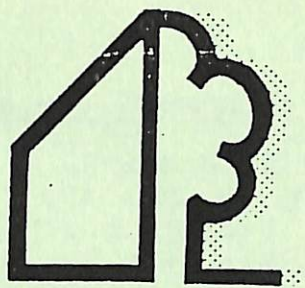
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### Articles, Items of News

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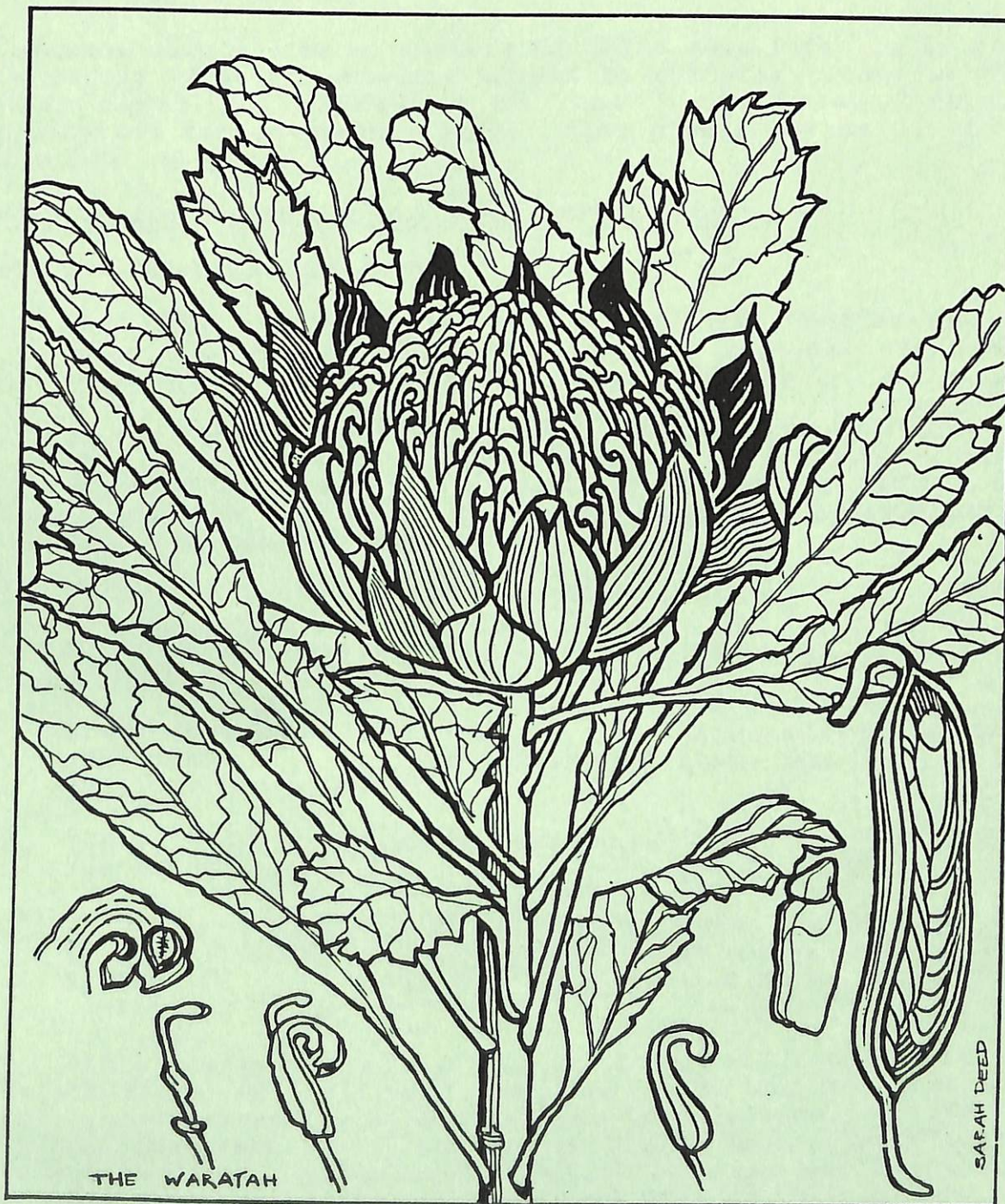




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There is a need for the appointment of additional Commissioners for the Asia Pacific Region. It is hoped that appointments of Commissioners will soon be made for Korea, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia who have IFPRA professional members as well as the Philippines which only has a corporate member. China, Russia and Thailand also should have members. China has shown some interest in membership and I hope that comes to fruition within the next year.

#### Invitation to Visit China

The President, President-elect and myself were invited to visit China this year, by Mr Wang Bingluo, Division Chief with the Department of Urban Construction, Ministry of Construction, the Peoples Republic of China. We would be delighted to accept such a fine invitation; but because of other commitments and weather conditions, it is not possible for us to visit before April next year. I for one am excitedly looking forward to this visit which would include trips to Beijing and South China. Hopefully out of this visit will arise a Parks and Recreation Association of China and both Corporate and Professional membership of IFPRA.

#### The Ornamental Plant Collections Association, Victoria Australia

INTRODUCTION - In my home state of Victoria, Australia, an Ornamental Plant Collections Association (OPCA) has been set up to try to ensure that many fine garden plants are not lost to mankind as has often happened in the past.

Modeled to a certain extent on the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens in Great Britain, the OPCA aims to maintain and eventually increase the diversity of ornamental garden plants available in Victoria, by registering reference collections of various plant taxa. Each collection will act as a reservoir for particular groups of species, varieties and/or cultivars and thus help to ensure their continued existence.

ROLE OF MELBOURNE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS - The Royal Botanic Gardens has provided much active support, helping with identification of plants, providing office space and assisting part time and volunteer staff in many ways. Several senior staff are on the Association's committee along with representatives of various organisations connected with horticulture. Grants have been made by the Nurserymen's Association of Victoria, the Garden State Committee, the Australian Institute of Horticulture and a number of private donations.



REGISTERED COLLECTIONS - Some twenty-three collections have been registered to date and range from Eucalypts to Japanese Cherries, from Banksia to Crocus.

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE OPCA - The Association comprises members who are technical/scientific experts who decide which collections should be registered and are responsible for the quality of the collections. The subscribers are the enthusiasts who may be registered collectors, supporters, collectors of rare plants or just interested! They have regular meetings, lectures and field days.

Volunteer staff help with secretarial work, compilation of a small magazine Genus, photographing collections and computerisation of records.

CONCLUSION - It is hoped that this scheme will spread to all States so that plant resources are not lost and the value of the plants is properly recognised. It is also hoped that proper and continuing funding will be obtained to ensure the program is maintained and expanded.

Perhaps other countries may be interested in implementing a similar scheme. Further information could be obtained from the Acting Secretary.

#### 1993 IFPRA Asia/Pacific Congress in Japan May 11-15

Japan's urban parks were legally enacted in 1873, and so will celebrate their 120 years in 1993. On the occasion of the 120th anniversary celebration, the IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress will be held in Mito city, Ibaraki-prefecture and is scheduled for May 11-15 1993 jointly with the Annual Conference of the Parks and Open Space Association of Japan.

Fortunately, The National Urban-Greening Fair is being co-sponsored by Ibaraki prefectural government, Mito municipality and the Urban Green Space Development Foundation. It will be held in Senba and Kairakuen Parks located in Mito city.

The provisional program offers participants a chance to observe the above fair grounds, Hitachi Seaside National Government Park which is to open in October 1991. Kasama Craft Park opened in 1992 and Tsukuba Science City so that a professionally rewarding, exciting and enjoyable congress is assured for all delegates.

This congress will give park administrators, planners and elected officials at all levels of government, corporations and organisations, educational institutions as well as the private sector an opportunity to share knowledge and expertise in the parks and recreation profession.

Remember, don't miss this exciting Congress, plan to attend and put the date May 11-15 1993 in your diary now!



## The 2nd General Assembly Meeting of IFPRA Japan

IFPRA Japan, which was established on 9th July 1990, with 25 corporate and 6 professional members, held its second General Assembly meeting at Shiba Park Hotel, Tokyo on Thursday 9th May 1991.

There were 31 present at the meeting of which 23 out of 37 members of IFPRA Japan were represented. A senior officer for park development, Parks and Greens Division, City Bureau, Ministry of Construction was in attendance as a special guest.

### Agenda Items of Meeting

1. Reports on projects and final annual accounts for financial year 1990 were adopted.
2. Projects and budgeting for financial year 1991 were approved.
3. Amendments to the rules of IFPRA Japan were approved.
4. Additional appointment was made to the Board of Directors.
5. Organising of 1993 IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress in Japan has commenced.

### Good Wishes for Adelaide Congress of IFPRA Asia Pacific

I apologise for overlooking so many good people who wished success for the first meeting of IFPRA Asia Pacific:

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Hildebert de Chevallier, Commissioner, Germany  
Pieter Delpont, Chairman, Pretoria Regional Services  
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Hans Forsell, Member IFPRA, Sweden  
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Suk Yoon Lee, Chairman of the National Park Authority, Korea  
Franz Meury, Commissioner, Switzerland  
Kaspar Opdal, Commissioner, Norway  
Andre Raad, Secretary, IFPRA Europe  
J. Thomas Riley, Commissioner, Canada  
Dr Akira Sato, Commissioner, Japan  
Paul Schiller, ex Commissioner, Austria  
Professor Norbert Schindler, Honorary Member of IFPRA  
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In sending their greetings, they asked that their apologies be extended for their non-attendance.



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