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MESSAGE FROM THE IPPS PRESIDENT

Dear IPPS Members,

2010 is here, with promise of a new year and a new decade. The IPPS officers have been working hard to realize some longstanding goals that will strengthen our society to form a solid foundation for the future.

The most noticeable change for this year is the unveiling of our new IPPS website (<http://www.parasiticplants.org>). We obtained this permanent URL and now have a professional web manager who is able to give it high quality features and timely upgrades. I can safely say that the old webmaster (yours truly) was not up to the job in terms of skill or time commitment. He was rightfully sacked (and is glad to be relieved of the burden!).

A nice feature of the new website is an emphasis on parasitic plant photos. We all know that these organisms are both beautiful and intriguing; photos are a great way to attract interest in the site and provide information to visitors. Each time the page reloads you will see new photos in the banner and the main part of the page. To find full images, plant names and photo credits, click on the "Photos" button of the menu. We are happy to add more, so I invite all of you to send me a few of your favorite parasite photos.

Another move forward for our society is the development of an improved dues system. Although perhaps less thrilling than parasitic plant photos, this matter is critical to our functioning as a society. In the past, dues were primarily collected along with conference registration, so everyone who attended a conference automatically became a member. However, payment of dues outside of a conference registration was inconvenient and expensive, especially in the large percentage of cases involving an international money transfer, so anyone who missed a conference would end

up in a limbo of lapsed membership. The result was confused members and a society with no fair way of determining who its active members were. The new website will solve this by providing a secure system for payment based on the PayPal tool, which is simple, inexpensive, and familiar to most people. By improving the ease of paying and establishing a predictable cycle, we can stabilize our active membership and reach out to potential members who are not regular attendees of our conferences.

Discussing dues is probably next to discussing taxes in terms of dampening people's interest, but it's important nevertheless. The new standard membership rate of 30 Euros for two years is still a modest price, and will enable IPPS to provide better services to members. Members will receive discounts on meeting registration that will more than offset the cost of dues, and will enjoy benefits of a stronger society. IPPS will use dues in many ways: to keep the website evolving to meet new needs, to provide grants that help students and other deserving members attend our conferences, to expand the prizes for best posters at conferences, and to continue our practice of honoring our outstanding members.

I will end with a reminder that this is your society. Input is always valued, so if you have ideas on what features we should have on the website or how we should collect and allocate our resources, please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

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**LORANTHUS EUROPEAUS, NEW TO BRITAIN,
AND NOTES ON VISCUM ALBUM, BOTH NEW
TO KEW GARDENS**

There has been a flurry of short reports recently on the curious appearance of the central-southern European mistletoe *Loranthus europaeus* at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. These include Spooner (2009), Clement (2008), Cope (2008) and Nelson (2008), though the original report was by Vines (2006). In summary *L. europaeus*, previously unknown in Britain, was discovered, as a mature plant, growing on a young *Quercus velutina* (black oak) at Kew in May 2005. Its origin is a mystery; the oak, an American species, was grown from seed at Kew and the mistletoe was probably deliberately introduced, albeit unofficially

Vines (2006), and Clement (2008) quoting Vines, mention a previous occurrence of *L. europaeus* at Kew in the 1870s. Nelson (2008) and Cope (2008) correct this assertion, quoting original correspondence that shows the 1870s *Loranthus* records were actually from the Glasnevin Botanic Gardens in Dublin. Clement adds, however, that there are other records for *Loranthus* at Kew for the late 19th/early 20th century period. All these *L. europaeus* plants were, apparently, very short-lived.



Fig 1. *Loranthus europaeus*

The recent discovery of the Kew *Loranthus* coincided with, and may even have been prompted by, an initiative I'm involved in to establish *Viscum album* at

Kew and other London sites. Before this initiative *V. album* had been entirely absent from the Kew Gardens inventory. This was a curious omission, partly because *V. album* is a regular feature of Botanic Gardens across the British Isles, even those well outside its natural British range (well-known examples include Edinburgh BG, Cambridge BG and Glasnevin BG at Dublin) but largely because *V. album*'s biggest London population, established at least 200 years, is around Bushy and Home Parks at Hampton Court and so very close to Kew. The 2004/5 initiative to establish *Viscum* at Kew was part of the original London Biodiversity Plan (London Biodiversity Partnership 2007), which had designated mistletoe as a Priority Species within Greater London on the basis of its rarity and popularity. New, managed, *Viscum* populations have been established as part of this initiative at Chelsea Physic Garden, Lambeth Palace Garden, Buckingham Palace Garden, Down House and several other London sites as well as Kew. All these new *Viscum* colonies are very young, and will not be apparent to visitors for a few years yet.

So Kew Gardens has recently acquired two species of mistletoe, one each from the two main mistletoe families - and has the distinction of being the only site



Fig. 2. *Viscum album*

(any other records out there?) for *L. europaeus* in Britain. If the *Loranthus* thrives (unlikely on historic precedent) Kew could become a site of 'pilgrimage' for

those wishing to compare these two mistletoes in Britain as they are, in many ways, very similar. The *Loranthus* has a similar branching pattern to *Viscum* but has brown, not green, stems. Leaf shape for the *Loranthus* is broader and leaves are not so obviously paired as in *Viscum*. Flowers in both species are small and green, so this *Loranthus* is very different to the tropical Loranthaceae with their more showy flowers. And then there are the fruits; similar-sized single-seeded berries, yellow in the *Loranthus* and creamy-white, of course, in the *Viscum*. They are often known as the yellow-berried and white-berried mistletoes respectively. Host preferences are very different - but the biggest difference has to be the fact that the *Loranthus* is deciduous, not evergreen.

Similarities and differences are not just botanical - they have an oddly overlapping role in legend too. Mistletoe on oak was, according to Pliny, sacred to the Druids, the priest caste of the Celts in Britain and Brittany; and James Frazer (1922) in *The Golden Bough* quotes 'Thus among the Celts of Gaul the Druids esteemed nothing more sacred than the mistletoe and the oak on which it grew'. They are generally assumed to have worshipped it at the winter solstice (though it is uncertain that Pliny actually states this). *Loranthus* is frequent on oak; *Viscum* is very rare on oak. And *Loranthus* is native to the areas of Europe where the Celtic tribes originated, so it is possible that they would be familiar with this species on their oaks. But *Loranthus* isn't evergreen, so it would have relatively little significance, compared to the evergreen *Viscum*, at midwinter. So which is the true mistletoe of the druids? Perhaps the druidic tradition is based on a combined folk memory of both these European species - but we only have Pliny's writings to draw on, and those are not necessarily accurate!

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BIOCONTROL OF *STRIGA*

Mycorrhizal fungi have for many years been identified as possible agents for controlling *Striga*. Jürgen Kroschel and colleagues (Kroschel et al, 1996) identified what became known as *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *strigae* isolate Foxy 2 and have undertaken intensive development work on this organism as a potential mycoherbicide for *Striga hermonthica* and *S. asiatica*. The Real IPM Company (K) Ltd (www.realipm.com) is a biocontrol company based in Kenya, which has developed various potential bio-pesticides as well as producing predatory mites such as *Phytoseiulus persimilis* for use by the horticultural industry in Kenya.

In 2009, in collaboration with the University of Hohenheim, The Real IPM Company (K) Ltd was awarded a match-funded grant from the African Enterprise Challenge Fund (<http://www.aecfafrica.org/>) to commercialise Foxy 2 as a mycoherbicide. All 'pest controlling products' which include all bio-pesticides require registration with the Kenyan authorities (Pest Control Products Board) (www.pcpb.or.ke) which includes compiling a full toxicology package on the fungi as well as undertaking independent efficacy trials. This process has begun and hopefully will lead to full registration in 2010 of what we think will be the first commercially available mycoherbicide in Africa!

Late in 2009 UK Department for International Development (DFID)'s Research into Use programme (www.researchintouse.com) launched a Best Bets competition with the objective of fast-tracking 'best bet' research findings and getting them into use in developing countries. A multi-partner bid (Real IPM, Greendown House Ltd, Bangor University, University of Hohenheim and KARI) were successful in proposing a strategy whereby farmers will undertake "on farm" seed priming with an enriched phosphate solution of their own farmer saved seed (e.g. maize, sorghum, millet), a technique developed by David Harris at Bangor (Harris, 2006) and then treat the seed immediately prior to planting with the Foxy 2 isolate to combat *Striga*. The product will be sold to farmers in an easy to use, low-cost pack, designed for the small scale subsistence grower.

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GEBISA EJETA – WORLD FOOD PRIZE

To see a CNN clip covering Gebisa's award see: <http://awearnessblog.com/2009/11/draft-world-food-prize-award-w.php>

And for a tribute and other coverage from the Purdue Agricultural Newspaper 'Connections' see: http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/connections/fall2009/01_world_food_prize_winner_01.shtml

COST 849 - PARASITIC PLANT MANAGEMENT IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

This programme, funded by the European Union via European Science Foundation, and concerned with the problems from *Orobanche* and *Phelipanche* in Europe was wound up in 2006. However, programmes, abstracts and reports of meetings are still available on the COST849 web-site (<http://cost849.ba.cnr.it/>) and a further final output has just been published in the form of a special issue of *Weed Research*, Volume 49, Supplement 1. The papers included in this supplement, each of which is reviewed under Literature below, are:

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- Kohlschmid, E. *et al.* Impact of *Fusarium oxysporum* on the holoparasitic weed *Phelipanche ramosa*: biocontrol efficacy under field-grown conditions. pp. 56-65.
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- Vaz Patto, M.C. *et al.* Extent and pattern of genetic differentiation within and between European populations of *Phelipanche ramosa* revealed by amplified fragment length polymorphism analysis. pp. 48-55.

Dita, M.A. *et al.* Gene expression profiling of *Medicago truncatula* roots in response to the parasitic plant *Orobanche crenata*. pp. 66-80.

Castillejo, M.A. *et al.* Comparative proteomic analysis of *Orobanche* and *Phelipanche* species inferred from seed proteins. pp. 81-87.

PRESS RELEASE

'Save Share Nigeria: SS TF KKM project - Changing lives in the savannah' 8th January 2010. (Extract)

Despite the plethora of challenges facing the savannah region of West Africa, agricultural research is helping in transforming the lives of millions of resource poor farmers in those areas. The deployment of improved seeds backed by the dissemination of innovative agricultural practices is helping in changing the fortunes of farmers in northern Nigeria—a savannah region where agriculture is the main source of livelihood—thanks to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture and partners working on the Sudan Savanna Task Force of the Kano- Katsina-Maradi (SS TF KKM) Pilot Learning Site (PLS) of the Sub-Saharan Challenge Program. Local farmers say the improved seeds have raised their incomes, improved health and agricultural productivity. "My family is happy I am now a successful farmer. I can easily feed my family and send my children to school," says Mohammed Mustapha, a farmer in Kunamawa village in Safana Local Government of Katsina State. As a participant in the SS TF KKM PLS project, Mustapha has seen his yield double using the same plot of land but with improved varieties and agronomic practices. "This was possible due to the training and also the improved seeds I acquired from the Sudan Savannah Task Force team that are working on the KKM project. Before I used to get two bags of cowpea from this field but in 2009, I harvested five bags which were more than double the initial amount," he explains. For Hajia Binta Garba, who heads a women farmer group in Bunkure Local Government Area of Kano State, the drought- and *Striga* -tolerant varieties are helping farmers in her farm group to overcome the negative effects of climatic change in the region. She says the varieties which are either early-maturing or drought-tolerant have raised yield by more than 100 percent. "I used to get one and half bags of cowpea but now I harvest nothing less than four bags on this field," Garba says. Like Mustapha and Garba, several farmers in northern Nigeria are tapping the opportunities presented by improved seeds and agronomic practices to better their livelihoods.

The SS TF KKM project, which is funded by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, (FARA) is seeking to mitigate these constraints and also to enhance marketing opportunities for farmers in the region. Partners in the project include the Katsina State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP), Institute of Agricultural Research, Zaria; National Agricultural Extension Research and Liaison Services, National Animal Production Research Institute, Bayero University Kano, Local Government Councils and input and output dealers. Alpha Kamara, IITA-Savanna System Agronomist who is the Sudan Savannah Taskforce Leader, says the dissemination of the solutions is helping in boosting crops' productivity and generating wealth in the drought-prone regions of the savannas. According to him, the team is tackling the limitations via innovation platforms in a holistic manner. For instance, the deployment of drought-tolerant cowpea and maize varieties is helping in mitigating the effect of drought, offering farmers improved harvest and incomes.

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)

BOOK

Die Mistel in der Tumorthherapie 2: Aktueller Stand der Forschung und klinische Anwendung. (Mistletoe in Cancer Therapy 2: Current state of research and clinical application.) Edited by Scheer, R., Alban, S., Becker, H., Holzgrabe, U., Kemper, F.H., Kreis, W., Matthes, H. and Schilcher, H. KVC Verlag, Essen, Germany. 642 pp. ISBN 978-3-933351-82-1 / 39 EUR. This volume is based on the meeting held in 2007 and reported in *Haustorium* 53. The 48 chapters on mistletoe (*Viscum album*) and its potential applications in cancer therapy (all in German but with English summaries) are listed here by their English titles:

- Kreis, W. - Advances in structure elucidation of mistletoe constituents. pp. 17-29
 Kirchner, C. *et al.* - Regulatory options for *Viscum album* L. preparations. pp. 3-13.
 Ramm, H. - Influence of soil chemical factors on the cultivation of oak mistletoe (*Viscum album* on *Quercus robur* and *petraea*) and host specific mineral concentrations of mistletoe extracts. pp. 31-40.
 Stoll, G. - Biochemistry and molecular biology of mistletoe-host tree interaction and specificity. pp. 41-48.
 Dorika, R. *et al.* - Chronobiological phenomena and jasmonate levels in *Viscum album* L. pp. 49-66.

- Urech, K. *et al.* - Viscotoxin and mistletoe lectin contents in *Viscum album* L. - pharmaceutical implications. pp. 67-78.
 Pfüller, U. *et al.* - Glycan motives of mistletoe lectins of the RIP II type and their biological relevance. pp. 79-90.
 Pfüller, U. *et al.* - Self-cleavage of mistletoe lectin I into the A and B subunits by thiol-disulfide exchange reaction. pp. 91-97.
 Classen, B. *et al.* - Interaction of lectin from *Viscum album* L. with arabinogalactan-proteins from *Echinacea purpurea* L. Moench. pp. 99-108
 Adler, M. *et al.* - Immuno-PCR - highly sensitive protein detection: results of the detection of native mistletoe lectin in human serum samples. pp. 109-120.
 Herbst, B. *et al.* - Characterization of arabinogalactan-proteins from *Viscum album* L. berries and herb. pp. 121-132
 Jäger, S. *et al.* - Characterisation and quantification of polysaccharides in extracts from *Viscum album* L. with CE-UV. pp. 133-139.
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 Gutsch, J. *et al.* - Observation study on treatment with standardized *Viscum album* extracts (VA-E) in lymphocytic non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (CLL) - safety and course. pp. 455-465.
 Grah, C. *et al.* - Induction of apoptosis in exophytic tumour tissue through intra-lesional *Viscum* instillation in bronchial carcinoma. pp. 375-384.
 Orange, M. *et al.* - The importance of the primary dosage in mistletoe therapy. pp. 385-400.
 Längler, A. *et al.* - The use of mistletoe-preparations in paediatric oncology - epidemiology and actual practice. pp. 401-402.
 Huber, R. *et al.* - Pharmacokinetics of mistletoe lectins - a phase I study. pp. 405-406.
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 Stumpf, C. *et al.* - Comparison of survival time of patients with different tumor entities - results of retrospective investigations for efficacy of mistletoe therapy vs. data from a tumor registry. pp. 441-453.
 Seifert, G. *et al.* - Molecular mechanisms of mistletoe plant extract-induced apoptosis in acute lymphoblastic leukemia in vivo and in vitro. pp. 243-244.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2nd Workshop on Invasive Alien Plants In Mediterranean Type Regions of the World, to be held in Samsun, Turkey, 2-6 August 2010. The organizers EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization) in partnership with the Council of Europe and the Iğdir University will welcome contributions on parasitic plants as invasive aliens. For further information see: http://archives.eppo.org/MEETINGS/2010_conferences/mediterranean_ias.htm

11th World Congress on Parasitic Plants, to be held in Martina Franca, Puglia, Italy, 7-12 June 2011. For further detail, see the official web-site: <http://ipps2011.ba.cnr.it>

GENERAL WEB SITES

For individual web-site papers and reports see LITERATURE

For information on the International Parasitic Plant Society, current issue of *Haustorium*, etc. see: <http://www.parasiticplants.org/>

For past and current issues of Haustorium see also:

<http://www.odu.edu/~lmusselm/haustorium/index.shtml>

For information on the 11th World Congress on Parasitic Plants in Martina Franca, Italy, June 2011, see:

<http://ipps2011.ba.cnr.it> (available very soon)

For the announcement of Gebisa Ejeta's World Food Prize, including video of Hillary Clinton's address see: <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/about/about.htm>

For abstracts from the 9th World Congress on Parasitic Plants see: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/wcopp/index.html>

For the ODU parasitic plant site see:

<http://www.odu.edu/~lmusselm/plant/parasitic/index.php>

For Dan Nickrent's 'The Parasitic Plant Connection' see: <http://www.parasiticplants.siu.edu/>

For the Parasitic Plant Genome Project (PPGP) see: <http://ppgp.huck.psu.edu/>

For The Mistletoe Center (including a comprehensive Annotated Bibliography on mistletoes, up to 2005) see: <http://www.rmrs.nau.edu/mistletoe/>

For information on the EU COST 849 Project (now completed) and reports of its meetings see: <http://cost849.ba.cnr.it/>

For information on the EWRS Working Group 'Parasitic weeds' see: http://www.ewrs.org/parasitic_weeds.asp

For a description and other information about the *Desmodium* technique for *Striga* suppression, see: <http://www.push-pull.net/>

For the work of Forest Products Commission (FPC) on sandalwood, see: <http://www.fpc.wa.gov.au> (Search *Santalum*)

For past and future issues of the Sandalwood Research Newsletter, see: <http://www.jcu.edu.au/mbil/srn/index.html>

For information on the Kilimo Trust *Striga* project see: www.thekilimotrust.org

For information on the work of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) on *Striga* control in Kenya, including periodical 'Strides in *Striga* management' newsletters, see: <http://www.aatf-africa.org/>

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