



EVALUATION AWARDING ISU-PERENNIALS

Rules for awarding perennials

- Plants for evaluation

1. Only ISU members can send plants for free evaluation.
2. Non-members can send plants but for them the fee is 150€.
3. The originator or/and the nominator does not have to be a member of the ISU.
4. The plant has never received an ISU award before.
5. The plant has not been known to the international trade for more than 5 years. The trial committee will decide at the Summer Days in case of discussions on this point.
6. A plant that has already been entered before without receiving an award can be entered once more if it is still within the five year period.
7. Perennial species, newly introduced, cannot be evaluated. Only their new cultivars can be evaluated.

- Application form

1. The sender has to fill in the registration form in English. The website of the ISU offers an online document. Fill it in and send it. Then ISU-office will send it to the trial officer of the trial garden, to the President of the ISU trial commission, to an expert in nomenclature rules and to the national trial officer of the country where will take place the next Summer Days.
2. Only plants with application form filled in as completely as possible can be considered for an award.
3. The sender will send a general photo of the plant and a close-up. They all have to be given without copyright or any restriction to be used for public information.
4. Always use cultivar names, even if trade designations or a trademark name exist.
5. Trademark names and breeders' rights can be mentioned on the application form but are not obligatory for awarding.

- Sending plants

1. Plants must be sent to the ISU trial garden at least the autumn before the Summer Days.
2. They must be accompanied by a label with the correct name.
3. The trial garden needs 5 plants of each variety. Send normal to bigger size of plants, no young plants.

- Preparing the trial ground

1. The host trial garden will make adequate growing conditions for all kinds of plant habitats.

- Follow up by the host

1. Plants out of flowering during the evaluation time must have the same chances of winning the award as plants that are flowering at that moment.
2. Pictures will be shown to the trial delegates (officers) at the Summer Days.
3. Pictures must be of high resolution that can be used for publishing in garden magazines.
4. An interesting presentation should be prepared for the Summer Days explaining the pros and cons of the plants.
5. The trial organisation will spread the list to every trial delegate 1 month before the trials will take place and if possible, inform them with a link to our website with all information.

- Evaluation by the ISU trial delegates

1. Each member country are asked to find two trial delegates to represent the country. They need to have different connection to perennials. Perhaps one perennial plant grower and one landscape architect.
2. Use the evaluation form with the characteristics of the plants that will be handed out in the trial garden. It will make it easier to choose the best plants.
3. Trial delegates who can't attend the session can be replaced by a competent ISU-member of his country. That has to be reported in advance to the President of the trial commission as early as possible.

- Voting for ISU-awards

- Max. 10 % from plants with documents but not more than 10 altogether should get an ISU-Award.
- Before voting, the trial committee will decide a minimum of points and/or a minimum percentage of the points round off to e.g. 25-30 % as a minimum and 40% as a maximum that will be needed for receiving an award. The more plants the lower the percentage will be.
- People of the trial garden who accompanied the trials within a year have three votes.
- Participants of the Summer Days may give one vote to one favorite among the new varieties in the trial. All participants will receive a voting slip. The trial chairman evaluates these. That will give one audience award.
- If a trial delegates have sent plants to the trial, the trial delegate can't vote on his own plants.

- Spreading the information

1. The delegates ask their colleague perennial growers to indicate the ISU award winning plants in their catalogues.
2. They also ask the growers of young plants – even if they are not a member of the ISU-to indicate these award winners in their catalogues.

- Writing and spreading an article about the award-winning plants

1. All novelties submitted are briefly presented on the website www.isu-perennials.org, while the winners are presented in more detail.
2. The president of the ISU trial commission will write an article in English about the awards.
3. The article will put emphasis on the plants, not on persons.
4. The president of the trial commission will distribute the text and the pictures to all national trial delegates.
5. Every delegate will eventually translate and spread the article to the interested magazines in his country. Also, the secretary of ISU will spread all info to the international industry and press.
6. The delegate will send his translated article to his colleague delegates and to the president of the trial commission as well.

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