



EVALUATION AWARDING ISU-PERENNIALS

Rules for awarding perennials

1. Plants for evaluation

- a) ISU members can send plants for free evaluation, however, a donation of € 60,- per variety is appreciated.
- b) Non-ISU members can send plants against a fee of € 150,- per application.
- c) The breeder or/and the applicant does not have to be a member of the ISU.
- d) The plant has never received an ISU award before.
- e) The plant has not been known to the international trade for more than five (5) years. The trials committee will decide at the Summer Days in case of discussions on this point.
- f) A plant that has already been entered before without receiving an award can be entered once more if it is still within the five (5) year period.
- g) Only new cultivars can be evaluated. Species, newly introduced, cannot be evaluated.

2. Application form

- a) 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. The ISU-office will send it to the trials officer of the trial garden, to the President of the ISU trials committee, to an expert in nomenclature rules and to the national trials officer of the country where the next Summer Days will take place.
- b) Only when the application form is filled in as completely as possible, the plant can be considered for an award.
- c) The applicant will send a general photo of the plant and a close-up. These photos must be free of copyright or any restriction to be used for public information.
- d) Always use cultivar names, even if trade designations or a trademark name exist.
- e) Trade names and trademarks may be mentioned on the application form but are not obligatory for awarding.

3. Sending plants

- a) Plants must be sent to the ISU trial garden at least the autumn before the Summer Days.
- b) The plants must carry labels with the correct name.
- c) The trial garden needs 5 plants of each variety. Send normal to bigger size of plants, do not send young plants, rooted cuttings or plugs.

4. Preparing the trial ground

- a) The people responsible for the host trial garden will make adequate growing conditions for all kinds of plant habitats and will do their utmost best to make sure the plants have optimal growing conditions.
- b) In the trial garden, the plants to be trialled for the ISU-Awards, cannot be integrated in an existing planting and should be planted in a trials area with only the trial plants planted in it.

5. Follow up by the host

- a) Plants without flowers during the evaluation time must have the same chances of winning the award as plants that are flowering at that moment.
- b) Pictures will be shown to the trial delegates (officers) at the Summer Days.
- c) Pictures must be of high resolution that can be used for publishing in garden magazines.
- d) A presentation should be prepared for the Summer Days, showing the development of the plants in the trial garden and explaining the pros and cons of the plants observed during the period the plants were in the trial garden.
- e) The trials committee will spread the list to every trial delegate approximately one (1) month before the trials will take place and if possible, inform them with a link to the ISU website with all information.

6. Evaluation by the ISU trial delegates

- a) All member countries are asked to find two trial delegates to represent the country. They need to have different connection to perennials. For instance, one perennial plant grower and one landscape architect.
- b) 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.
- c) Only delegates present at the Summer Days can vote. Trial delegates who can't attend the session during the Summer Days can be replaced by a competent ISU-member of his/her country. Replacements must be reported in advance to the President of the trials committee as early as possible.
- d) The number of votes each delegate has, is (roughly) 10% of the number of applications, with a maximum of 10 votes each (e.g. 100 or more applications), to be written on a voting slip.
- e) If a trial delegate is also the applicant of one or more cultivars in the trial, he/she is not allowed to vote.

7. Voting for ISU-awards

- a) A maximum of 10% of the plants applied for an ISU-Award (with full application documents) but not more than 10 plants altogether, can receive an ISU-Award.
- b) Before voting, the trials 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.
- c) People of the trial garden who looked after the plants and made observations for a year, have three votes each.
- d) Participants of the Summer Days may give one vote to one favorite of the varieties in the trial.
- e) All participants will receive a voting slip. The President of the trials committee evaluates these slips, resulting in one Public Award.

8. Spreading the information

- a) The delegates, as well as the participants to the Summer Days, are asked to indicate the ISU-Award winning plants in their catalogues, as well as ask their colleague perennial growers to do so. 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.

9. Publication of the plants winning ISU-Awards

- a) All submitted plants, applied for evaluation, are briefly presented on the website www.isu-perennials.org, while the Award-winning plants are presented in more detail.
- b) The President of the ISU trials committee will write an article in English about the awards, putting emphasis on the plants, not on persons.
- c) The President of the Trials committee will distribute the text and the pictures to all national trial delegates.
- d) Every delegate will (if necessary) translate and spread the article to the interested magazines in his/her country. Also, the secretary of ISU will spread all information to the international industry and press.
- e) Each delegate will send his/her translated article to his/her colleague delegates and to the President of the trial committee as well.

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