

Council Members who have served 4 terms and must stand down are:

Peter Keeping, Canada
Jürgen Knickmann, Austria
Monika Pretzer, Belgium.

Nominated to Council:

Lyndy Broder, USA.

17. Ratification of nominations for the Golden Clematis Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in clematis matter by both members and non-members of this Society. Klaus Körber, previous President of this Society, accepted responsibility for drawing up the rules and running our Golden Clematis Awards programme.

At the Council Meeting in Sweden in 2007, Klaus Körber presented a number of nominations which he had received for consideration by Council. The accepted nominations will be presented to the Constitutional General Meeting in 2008.

18. Ratification of proposed changes to the Constitution

A number of changes have been proposed to the Constitution to make it more representative of the Society today. The changes are as a result of two concerns; firstly that our Aims were not representative of what the Society actually does today and secondly to make it clearer what a Member of the Society is entitled to.

Note: if you have mislaid your copy of the current Constitution, it is available on the Society's web site at www.clematisinternational.com or from the Secretary.

The Society's Aims:

Linda Beutler, Publicity Officer, with help from Maurice Horn has proposed that the original statement of 'Aims' be replaced by a 'Mission' statement and 'Goals'. This gives a more modern and realistic view of the Society's aims and activities.

Membership:

With the new category of Nursery Membership a number of questions have been raised, demonstrating that our Constitution does not state clearly the Rights and Privileges to which members are entitled.

Originally a Member was one person who paid a Membership Fee, attended meetings, was entitled to one vote at the C.G.M. and received one copy of the Journal. However over the years the Society has allowed two people to be recorded within an entry on the Membership List, with both allowed to attend meetings at the Member rate but only receiving one copy of the Journal between them.

It has always been my understanding that at a C.G.M. these two people, such as myself (Fiona Woolfenden) and Ken, would only have a single vote, though for a number of years I have wondered whether this is appreciated by everyone else. However to date we have never had a vote contested at any Constitutional General Meeting so the issue has never arisen.

With the inclusion of the new category of membership, Nursery Membership, it is time to clarify things. The changes propose the concept of a 'Membership', with one or two 'Members'. One can then define the Rights and Privileges of Membership and, separately, the Rights and Privileges of Members.

I hope that you will support the proposed changes to the Constitution.

19. Ratification of the proposed changes to the Clematis for Beginners List

The Clematis for Beginners List was published by the Society in January 2004, after more than two years of consultation and consideration. Last year the Council decided it was time to review the List, in order to determine if all entries still justified their inclusion.

For clematis to be in the List not only must they be good clematis, they should also be widely available across the world. Thus an exceptionally good clematis that is available across Europe but not in North America nor in Japan, for example, should not be included. Clematis for inclusion should also be available for nurseries to propagate and provide to the public without restrictions.

In the September 2007 Newsletter the Council itemised some proposed changes to the list, along with a revised copy of the Clematis for Beginners List showing additions, amendments and deletions.

I would like to thank everyone who commented on these proposed changes. All comments have been carefully considered and the majority have been incorporated into the latest version of the List, Draft 2.3.

If you compare the version enclosed with this Newsletter (Draft 2.3) with the version sent out with the September 2007 Newsletter (Draft 2.1) you will see that most of the changes in this new version are to do with how cultivars on the List are grouped.

Some of the changes that we had planned to make contradicted the groupings in *The International Clematis Register and Checklist 2002*. I would like to thank Wim Snoeijer for pointing this out and also Duncan Donald, the International Clematis Registrar, for his time spent checking the List and proposing changes.

Specific clematis which have been added or removed from the List since Draft 2.1 are itemised below along with the reasons why:

1. Montana Group – 'Elizabeth' – it has been pointed out that the true 'Elizabeth' is not generally available so it should not be added to the List.
2. Montana Group – 'Tetrarose' – the true plant is also not generally available so it should be removed from the List.
3. Viticella Group – 'Royal Velours' suffers from mildew so it should be removed.
4. Viticella Group – 'Walenburg' has been added to the List as it is available from at least one source in the USA.
5. Integrifolia/Diversifolia Group - × *diversifolia* 'Blue Boy' suffers from mildew and is very similar but less compact than 'Hendersonii' so it has been removed.
6. *C. terniflora* is probably not a good plant to recommend as it has escaped into the wild in a number of countries so has been removed from the list.

Although your particular favourite may not be on the List, I quote Klaus Körber's words "A List is better than no List".

Proxy Voting

I would like to thank those members for the time and effort they have spent on the Golden Clematis Award, the Constitution changes and the Clematis for Beginners List. We have listened to all comments that we have received and have tried wherever possible to take them into account, so I hope all members will feel they can fully support the Society and vote for the proposed motions.

If you will not be attending the Constitutional General Meeting in Nagoya, you can vote by proxy by completing and returning the Proxy Voting Form (printed on page 15 of this newsletter) to the Secretary, to be received no later than 24th May 2008.

Other Clematis Societies Events

British Clematis Society

2008 Events – Provisional programme

We recommend that you check the BCS web site at the address below for up-to-date information about any of the events mentioned below to ascertain their latest status:-

<http://www.britishclematis.org.uk/Events2008.htm>

Saturday May 17th - Visit to Kathy Brown's Garden at the Manor House, Stevington. Also RSPB Gardens at The Lodge, near Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Saturday June 14th - Visit to Hidcote Manor and possibly Snowhill Manor, Gloucestershire.

Thursday July 17th - Visit to Stephanie Richards Garden, Eastleach House, Cirencester and Westwell Manor (to be confirmed), Gloucestershire.

August 9-11th - Holland Visit.

Saturday August 16th - The Orchard, Bishops Frome, Herefordshire (to be confirmed).

November 15th - Indoor Meeting, Kidlington, Oxfordshire with speakers Chris Sanders and Mary Toomey

2008 Shows – Provisional programme

The British Clematis Society expects to be present at the following UK Shows:

24th – 27th April – Harrogate, Yorkshire

8th – 11th May – Malvern, Worcestershire

30th May – 1st June – Edinburgh, Scotland (to be confirmed)

5th – 7th June – Ardingly, South of England Show (below Gatwick Airport)

23rd – 27th July – Tatton Park, Cheshire

12th – 14th September – Harrogate, Yorkshire.

Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection Coming Events

April 27, 2008 Clematis Celebration 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Joy Creek Nursery. FRCC and Joy Creek Nursery, will be featuring the Atragene group, *C. alpina* and *C. macropetalas* to name two. There will be a display table for your early blooming botanicals. For more information: www.joycreek.com www.rogersonclematiscollection.org or [sst0916@hotmail.com](mailto:ss0916@hotmail.com).

May 3 & 4, 2008 Canby Plant Sale.

May 24th Open Gardens Memorial Weekend. This will be a fundraiser for FRCC so stay tuned for a very exciting Saturday!

September 14 Clematis Celebration 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Joy Creek Nursery. It will be a one-day event on Sunday which is the same weekend as Tour de Plants. The speaker at this event will be Linda Beutler and the topic is Late Summer and Repeat Blooming Clematis. There

Thu 25/06/09 Visit to Clematis Nursery.
Visit to Bern - Swiss Capital and old medieval town.
Visit to private garden.
Return towards Zürich via Lützelflüh with its traditional farmer's gardens.
Free evening.

Zürich – Hotels
Zürcherhof & Basilea

Fri 26/06/09 Free morning in Zürich with options for:

Zürich – Hotels
Zürcherhof & Basilea

- City Tour,
- Botanical Garden,
- Succulent collection,
- Art exhibition,
- Shopping.

In the afternoon:

- Garden Center,
- Visit to private garden,
- Apero at Fistarols.

Goodbye dinner in Zürich, at the Patrician's house.

Sat 27/06/09 Breakfast.
End of tour

2010 Portland, Oregon

At our meeting in Ireland in 2006, Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection (FRCC) President, Sally Geist, urged and supported by I.C.I.S. Council member Linda Beutler, invited the I.C.I.S. to return to Oregon, USA for our 2010 Conference and Constitutional General Meeting. It will then be 9 years since our previous (and first) visit to the USA, that one hosted by the Pacific Northwest Clematis Society (PNCS).

The focus of the event will be an extended visit to the new site of the Rogerson Clematis Collection at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego, Oregon, USA (south of Portland), which will have been in development over four years by then. It is probable that this will be a late summer or early autumn event, as the Pacific Northwest enjoys an extended blooming season, and numerous clematis present their best efforts in August and September, even if they initially flowered earlier.

15. Election of Members of the Council

Existing Council Members who are eligible to be re-elected to Council are:

Marianne Fistarol, Switzerland

Sally Geist, USA

Veijo Miettinen, Finland

Berit Kristine Østby, Norway

Murray Rosen, USA

Ralf Martin Schreck, Germany

Bengt Sundström, Sweden

Kozo Sugimoto, Japan

Masako Yasutake, Japan

Note: Linda Beutler and Roy Nunn have been nominated as Officers of the Society.

9. Future Meetings of the Society

2009 Switzerland

It is proposed that the Society will visit Switzerland in 2009. We thank Marianne Fistarol and her friends, who have worked hard to put together an interesting programme.

Switzerland does not, perhaps, have quite the clematis attraction of some other countries, but it has fabulous Alpine Flora and a large part of the programme is focused on this. However we hope to see *Clematis alpina* flowering in the Gastern Valley and/or the Alpine Garden, depending on climatic conditions.

Similarly whilst there are no specialist Clematis breeders, we will visit a nursery with some 400 different Clematis and an excellent Garden Centre, also with a wide range of Clematis.

The approximate cost is estimated to be around €1700 (dependant on exchange rates and the number of attendees). It includes accommodation, transport during the programme, admissions, guides and all meals other than one lunch and two dinners.

The itinerary is provisional and may be subject to some changes. Further details, together with a Request for Registration and payment of a deposit should be published towards the end of 2008.

Date	Activity	Accommodation
Fri 19/06/09	Arriving in Zürich in the afternoon. Apero and get together over dinner in Hotel Zürcherhof.	Zürich – Hotels Zürcherhof & Basilea
Sat 20/06/09	Gardens in the neighbourhood of Zürich. Free evening.	Zürich – Hotels Zürcherhof & Basilea
Sun 21/06/09	Trümmelbachfälle (waterfalls inside the rocks). Walking tour of Grosse Scheidegg-First (magnificent Alpine Flora in the middle of the high mountains of the Alps), easy, 2-3 hours (alternatives if bad weather). Dinner in Hotel Spiez.	Spiez near Interlaken Gästehaus Seeblick
Mon 22/06/09	Mountain railway to Schynige Platte (Alpine Garden, scenic lunch in the middle of the Alps). Trip with small buses into the Gastern valley, where <i>Clematis alpina</i> in the wild should be flowering at this time. Possibility of 1-2 hours walking in the Alps. Dinner in Hotel.	Kandersteg: Hotels Doldenhorn & Victoria
Tue 23/06/09	Train ride through tunnel to valley of the Valais. Alpine Garden at Pont de Nant (beautiful scenery, 1-2 hours walk possible). Biological seed market garden. Wine tasting of regional wine. Dinner in Hotel.	Montreux: Hotel Eurotel Riviera
Wed 24/06/09	Private gardens around Lake Geneva. Jardin des Cinq Sens (in France). Return to Hotel by boat. Dinner in Hotel. Possibility of lectures.	Montreux: Hotel Eurotel Riviera

will be a display table for your late blooming botanicals. For more information: www.joycreek.com www.rogersoncllematiscollection.org or sst0916@hotmail.com.

Other Events

2008 Montana Collection Open Days in UK

Valerie Le May Neville-Parry, the holder of the UK National Collection of Clematis Montana is holding a number of open days of the collection at it's site near Salisbury, Wiltshire, Great Britain during April and May this year. Full details of the garden and the dates of opening (normally it is only open by appointment) can be found on her website at www.clematismontana.co.uk.

With over 50 different cultivars from this group, this is a major collection. If you have the opportunity to visit, I'm sure you will be very impressed.

Events

There are currently three open days scheduled in 2008:

- Sunday 27th April
- Saturday 3rd May
- Wednesday 7th May

Each open day will run from 2-5pm. Marcus Dancer Plants will be present on all 3 dates.

Entry is £3.50, **pre booking please**, cheques to Salisbury Hospicecare Trust - light refreshments included. Coffee sponsored by Cherizena Coffee Beans.

The garden is also open by appointment (groups of 10 or more) between mid-April and mid-May.

Address

By The Way, Lodge Drove, Woodfalls, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 2NH, Great Britain, tel: (+44)1725 511931

Directions

The garden is located 7 miles West of Cadnam (& M27). Take the B3078 & B3080 and turn Left opposite the recreation ground.

2008 Clematis Festival in Holland

Dates

Saturday 9 August 2008

Location

Farm Nursery & Garden "De Boschhoeve", Boshoeve 3, 6874 NB Wolfheze (near Arnhem), The Netherlands, tel : (+) 31 26 482 12 31, Fax : (+) 31 26 482 15 74, www.boschhoeve.nl

Nurseries

Because of the great success of the past Clematis Festivals in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 we will organize the third Festival on August 9th, 2008. Three nurseries, one from Holland, one from Germany and one from Belgium, will sell clematis plants in an unusual range of choices for Holland. All three nurseries together might have about 300 different cultivars and species for sale; even new introductions from 2006 and 2007 will be present.

From the "De Boschhoeve" nursery there will be a large selection of perennials for sale including a wide selection of brown-leaved Dahlias.

The stands

In the stands in the farm shed you will find a range of activities:

- A local florist will show how to use Clematis in flower arrangements.
- The British Clematis Society will be present with their famous sales table selling e.g. mugs, cards, clematis seeds and books.
- On the information stand Ton Hannink will be present.

Programme

- 10.00 Opening
11.00 Lecture in the main shed by Ton Hannink
Title: Clematis in the Garden (in Dutch)
11:30 Workshop demo in the little shed.
Title: Clematis propagation by seed.
14.30 Lecture in the main shed by Ton Hannink
Title: Clematis in the Garden (in Dutch)
17.00 Close

Entrance fee

€3.50, children up to 12 years no admission. This fee is for the Clematis Festival, the garden, the lectures and the demonstrations.

Direction by car

Take exit no 25 Wolfheze on the motorway A12. At the end of the exit follow the direction to Wolfheze. At the first crossing with traffic lights, turn right following the direction to Wolfheze (80 km road). Follow this road into Wolfheze village (50 km road), pass the railway and turn directly right on to the Parallelweg (still 50 km road). Follow this road along the railway and pass the board leaving Wolfheze village. After ± 200 m there is a sign to the left for the Clematis Festival entrance. Parking is free, in a field.

Public transport

Take the stop train from Ede-Wageningen or Arnhem. This service is only once per hour. From Wolfheze station walk opposite the station building on to the Parallelweg. There is a bicycle path on which you can walk. Follow the path, passing the board Wolfheze village and walk another 200 m, turn left on to sand path. The walk will take about 30 minutes.

Light refreshments

In the main shed there is a coffee & tea service, as well as cakes, soup and sandwiches. In this main shed several gardening tools are for sale and some seeds.

Constitutional General Meeting – Agenda Items

7. Accounts for 2007

Income and Expenditure Report – Horst Weihrauch, Treasurer

Please note: these Accounts will be published in *Clematis International 2008*.

1st January – 31st December 2007

Inflows	£	€
Membership	1,997.36	2,931.11
Sales of Journals, Beginners List, RHS Supp.	42.90	
Other Income (Postage, Refund, Transitory)		
Advertising		800.00
Bank Interest	1.65	14.52
Transfer € to £	3,400.00	
Seeds	9.50	85.00
Donations, Gifts	167.24	12.00
	5,618.65	3,842.63

Outflows	£	€
IT, Annual Costs and Maintenance		
Journal Production	3,813.64	
Miscellaneous (RHS Affil., Public Liab.)	75.00	
Office Supplies	1,988.35	79.30
Marita Opalka (Seeds)		139.38
Gifts	32.91	
Bank Charges		86.26
Transfer € to £		5,015.39
	5,909.90	5,320.33

Account Balance 31/12/2006	1,730.49	5,664.79
Inflows	5,618.65	3,842.63
	7,349.14	9,507.42
Outflows	-5,909.90	-5,320.33
Account Balance at 31/12/2007	1,439.24	4,187.09

Society Statement 31/12/2007

British Account	1,439.24	£
German Account	3,161.14	£
Society Asset (\$367 US and €335)	442.16	£
	5,042.54	£

Society Statement in EURO	6,631.44	€
Society Statement in USD	9,873.55	\$ US
Society Statement in YEN	1,065,109.05	¥

Auditor's Statement

I have examined all the receipts and payments (£ and €) for the year 2007. I have found that these accounts are true and fair statement of the Society's financial position as of December 31st 2007 and have no objections. - Helga Rick, Auditor

5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Adoption of Accounts for 2006 and 2007.
The accounts for 2006 were published in *Clematis International 2007*. The accounts for 2007 are published in this Newsletter.
8. Editor's Report.
9. Future Meetings of the Society.
2009 Switzerland – Marianne Fistarol.
2010 Portland, Oregon – Linda Beutler.
10. Election of President.
Szczepan Marczyński has served two periods and must now stand down. Ton Hannink has been nominated by Council for President.
11. Election of Vice-Presidents.
Bill Bird has now served two periods as Vice President and must stand down. Linda Beutler has been nominated for Vice-President.
Ton Hannink, our other Vice President, has been nominated for President. Roy Nunn has been nominated for Vice-President.
12. Election of Honorary Secretary.
Fiona Woolfenden has offered to stand for another period.
13. Election of Honorary Treasurer.
Horst Weihrauch has offered to stand for another period.
14. Election of Honorary Editor.
Ken Woolfenden has offered to stand for another period.
15. Election of Members of the Council.
16. Election of Honorary Auditor(s).
Helga Rick has offered to stand for another period.
17. Ratification of nominations for the Golden Clematis Award.
The nominations for the Society's new award will be presented for approval by the C.G.M. Please see below.
18. Ratification of proposed changes to the Constitution.
The proposed changes will be voted on by the C.G.M. Please see below.
19. Ratification of the proposed changes to the Clematis for Beginners List.
The proposed changes will be voted on by the C.G.M. Please see below.
20. End of the Meeting

Please note: Time for discussion during the C.G.M. will be limited. If you have any substantive issues you wish to raise the Society would be grateful if you would give notice of them to the Secretary, ideally at least one week prior to the meeting.

The garden

The garden is a typical Dutch garden with large lawns, perennial borders and garden rooms. All summer and early autumn perennials are expected to be in flower. The famous vegetable garden shows a wide range of vegetables and herbs combined with annuals and summer flowering bulbs. Clematis can be found around both plots and the summer flowering clematis are expected to be in flower.

Etc.

Photography is allowed in the garden but only for private use. Commercial photography is only allowed after consent. Dogs are allowed but only on lead. The site has reasonable accessible by wheelchair. The currency at the Clematis Festival is Euro.

Seed Exchange – Seed List 2008

Many thanks once again to Marita Opalka for all her work, cleaning, sorting, processing and packing all the seed that you have sent to her so that she can produce the 2008 Seed List. Our thanks as well to those members who collect seed and contribute it to the Seed Exchange.

We are also pleased that we can send seeds to our USA members. The process is slightly contorted in that all seed must go via a recognised and registered importer. Richard Huff has volunteered to take on this task. and we have successfully sent seed.

Members in the USA should fill in their requests and send them to Marita Opalka, the same as everybody else. Marita will wait for a few weeks so that she can package all seeds for the USA in a single parcel. This is sent to US Customs for inspection who, assuming the seeds are OK, send them on to Richard Huff. Richard will have a list of who requested what and he will then forward the individual seed packets to the requesting members.

Obviously this process will delay receipt of seeds by a few weeks, so please be patient. We have successfully used this method in the past and do not anticipate any problems.

Once again the Society has decided there will be **NO** charge for seeds. We used to charged a small fee to cover administration, postage and packing, but we believe this discouraged some Members from requesting seeds, due to the difficulties of sending small amounts of money. If, though, you would like to donate towards the running of the Seed Exchange, please add a little extra to your Membership Fee.

The Society hopes that Members will take full advantage of the availability of free seeds to try to grow some of the more unusual cultivars.

Seed Donors 2008

No.	Donor	Country	No.	Donor	Country
1.	Szczepan Marczyński	Poland	4.	Fiona Woolfenden	UK
2.	Hugh Leader	UK	5.	No name given	France
3.	Werner Stastny	Sweden	6.	Marita Opalka	Germany

We would like to thank all our donors, especially those who have given seed this year.

A note to all Seed Donors:- one of the benefits to you is that you are given first choice of the seeds available, but please send your request to Marita Opalka as soon as possible.

Seed List 2008

The following seeds are available within the I.C.I.S. Seed Exchange Scheme for 2008. Note, the names below are as submitted.

No.	Cultivar	Donors	No.	Cultivar	Donors
1.	<i>C. alpina</i> 'Blue Princess'	6	16.	<i>C. integrifolia</i> 'Pastel Rose'	2
2.	<i>C. buchananiana</i>	2	17.	<i>C. japonica</i>	6
3.	<i>C. chiisanensis</i> 'Lemon Bells'	1	18.	<i>C. montana</i>	2
4.	<i>C. cirrhosa</i> 'Freckles'	2	19.	<i>C. montana</i> 'Rubens'	2
5.	<i>C.</i> 'Comtesse de Bouchaud'	2	20.	<i>C. pitcheri</i>	1
6.	<i>C. crispa</i>	1	21.	<i>C. recta</i> 'Rubra'	6
7.	<i>C. durandii</i>	2	22.	<i>C. stans</i>	4
8.	<i>C. fauriei</i>	2	23.	<i>C. versicolor</i>	1
9.	<i>C. flammula</i>	5	24.	<i>C. viorna</i>	1/6
10.	<i>C. flammula recta</i> ?	1	25.	<i>C. vitalba</i>	5
11.	<i>C. flammula Sardinien</i>	3	26.	<i>C. viticella</i> 'Alba Luxurians'	2
12.	<i>C. florida</i>	1	27.	<i>C. viticella campaniflora</i>	1
13.	<i>C. fusca</i>	1	28.	<i>C. viticella spec</i>	2/6
14.	<i>C. hexapetala</i>	1	29.	<i>C. alpina</i> 'Rosa Flamingo'	6
15.	<i>C. integrifolia</i> 'Arabella'	2			

To order seed:

Please complete, cut out and send the form on the bottom of this page to Marita Opalka at the address shown. This Seed Exchange is free to all Members.

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Send this part to: Marita Opalka, Wagnerstr. 7, OT Schwarze Pumpe, D-03130 Spremberg, GERMANY.

I would like the following numbers from the **Seed Exchange List 2008**:

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If these are not available please send these:

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If you have any other seeds of the following **groups** please send me these:

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

Erich Pranno

It is with sadness that I report the death on 9th March 2008 of Erich Pranno of Estonia. Erich was known to members of this Society through our visits to Estonia and his attendance at other events. In the clematis world, Erich Pranno is best known for his beautiful viorna cross, *C.* 'Kaiu', though in fact he bred and selected many others.

I thank Erika Mahhov of Estonia for her tribute to Erich Pranno, published in abbreviated form below. Her complete tribute will be published in the forthcoming issue of our journal, *Clematis International 2008*.

Erich Pranno - 13 March 1930 - 9 March 2008

Erich Pranno amassed a collection of some 300 hybrids, one of the largest in the then USSR. He was a founding member of Estonian Clematis Club in 1987, the same year when he received a service medal award from the Estonian Horticultural Society. With Uno Kivistik, he was one of the leading promoters of clematis in Estonia. Together they arranged exhibitions in Estonia and other countries and visited internationally recognized Clematis specialists. As a member of the Estonian Clematis Club he participated in the meetings of the International Clematis Society, be it in Germany, Sweden, England, Japan or elsewhere.

Erich Pranno tried his hand also in breeding new Clematis. From seed of *C.* 'Alionushka', he got differing seedlings but with integrifolia characteristics, being hardy and resistant to diseases as well as easy to take care of. They became quite popular and were known as "Pranno's hybrids".

Erich was world-famous for his viorna-group hybrid *C.* 'Kaiu', with its small white urn-shaped nodding flowers, named after his home village. It came from seedlings he obtained from Ukrainian Nikitsky Botanic Garden. He grew these and made a selection in 1982. This hybrid was unknown internationally until some 10 years later when the Soviet "iron curtain" had fallen and the International Clematis Society visited Estonia in 1992. Apart for the beautiful blossom, the cultivar is highly appreciated for its vigorous and hardy growth, and strong health. In our garden, the plant flowers from July to October, almost until the first snows. With this extraordinary hybrid, Erich Pranno remains in the memories of all the Clematis-lovers of the world. As a person, Erich was a humorous, friendly and sparkling companion, with lot of knowledge and experience. He was a wonderful father and the best grandfather for his grandchild. His daughter, sister and brother and their families will mourn for him, as well as his relatives and friends and all Estonian Clematarians.

Erika Mahhov

Constitutional General Meeting - Agenda

Thursday 5th June 2008, Venue: Nagoya, Japan

1. Apologies for absence and registration of Proxy votes.
2. Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held in Dublin, Ireland in 2006. These were published in *Clematis International 2007*
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. President's Report.

From your Secretary

Sadly I report the death of Erich Pranno. I remember visiting his garden many years ago during a visit by the Society to Estonia. I was particularly impressed by the number of clematis that he grew. There is a short tribute from Erika Mahhov on page 3.

This Newsletter includes information about the Constitutional General Meeting to be held this year in Nagoya, Japan on 5th June. If you cannot attend but would like to join in and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution, the nominations for the Golden Clematis Award and the revised Clematis for Beginners List please complete and return your Proxy Voting Form (see page 15) to me before 24th May 2008.

The Society welcomes constructive criticism and comments, and volunteers! Please send them to me, Fiona Woolfenden, at:-

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International Clematis Society

Appointment of Proxy



Instructions: Please delete EITHER
Paragraph 1 OR Paragraph 2 below:

1. I, being a member of the Society, appoint the Chairman of the meeting as my proxy, to vote instead of me at the General Meeting to be held on the 5th June 2008 and at any adjournment thereof in any way he sees fit.
2. I, being a member of the Society, do not wish the Chairman of the meeting to be my proxy, and nominate the person below, also a member of the Society, at the given address, to be my proxy and vote instead of me at the General Meeting to be held on 5th June 2008 and at any adjournment thereof, in any way he sees fit.

Name of proxy:

Full Address:

(If left blank the Chairman will be assumed to be your proxy.)

Signed: Date:

Full Name:

Address:

N.B. This form must be completed and returned to Fiona Woolfenden to reach her by 24th May 2008.

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