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Good News About the Future of *Tree Planters' Notes!*

Friends and colleagues— at last, we can make **an official announcement about the future of *TPN* and it is good!** George Hernandez, the new State & Private Forestry RNGR (Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources) team member from the South, is taking over as editor-in-chief of ***TPN***, beginning with the first 1999 issue. I will continue as managing editor, my former role. George will be able to do many more of the things that are necessary for the health of ***Tree Planters' Notes***, such as visiting nurseries, attending meetings, keeping up-to- date on our readers' needs, and soliciting articles. He also has the help of a good clerical staff.

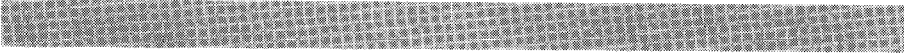
For those of you who don't know George yet, here is a brief biography: George Hernandez has a BS degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture from the University of Kentucky, and the MS and PhD degrees in Forest Resources from Clemson University. George came to the USDA Forest Service in 1995 after a long career in horticultural nurseries, including managing perennial and shrub nurseries for Wayside Gardens, managing greenhouses for Klehm Nurseries, and doing teaching and consulting work independently. He also served in the Peace Corps in Colombia and the Marine Corps in Viet Nam.

George & I and the other members of the RNGR team— the USDA Forest Service's Regeneration, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources National Team— plus Dick Tinus, other Forest Service folks, and the other members of the editorial board have lots of interesting ideas about the future of ***TPN***. An important part of our renewal plan is renewing our commitment to technology transfer. We are planning to have regular columns on tech transfer by members of the RNGR team and our contributing editors. We may even have a question & answer column! Please let us know about your information needs and nursery problems so that we can feature them in articles. We will continue our commitment to publishing relevant peer-reviewed research articles. We will be enlisting our old editorial board members as either contributing editors or reviewers.

We are also working on correcting our time lag. We plan to do 3 issues per year. One of these will be the USDA Forest Service's annual Tree Planting Report (which used to be part of *TPN* in "the old days") that is prepared by Robert Moulton; the other 2 will be regular issues. **Note that we will no longer use the seasonal designations and skip 1998 but continue the volume and issue numbers. Thus the next issue you will be receiving will be marked 1999, volume 49, number 1.**

We are already putting back issues of ***TPN*** on the world-wide web. However, because ***TPN*** is a subscription magazine /journal, only the Table of Contents of a current issue will be posted until 1 year has passed since publication. Check out the new ***TPN*** web page at

» <http://willow.ncfes.umn.edu/snti/tpnlist.htm> «



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The RNGR team is also working actively to develop another journal/ magazine, called ***Native Plants Journal***, with Kas Dumroese of the University of Idaho's Forest Research Nursery as editor and the University as well as USDA ARS & NRCS as partners. Growing native plants (including shrubs, grasses, herbaceous plants, and many non-timber trees) has become an important new aspect of nursery management for many of the RNGR team's customers and the team hopes to move into the forefront of technology transfer and information management on this exciting new field.

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