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2008 Membership

Membership as of April 1

18,606

Certification Stats

Certified Arborists	21,883
Certified Tree Workers	767
Utility Specialists	1,279
Board-Certified Master Arborists	221
Municipal Specialists	190
Exams given in February	103



Conference Registration and Housing Now Available

The deadline for early conference registration is May 26. To receive a discounted price on your housing, reserve your space by June 26.

[Register online](#)

[Make reservations online](#)

[Print registration form](#)

[Print housing form](#)

For questions regarding conference registration, contact Lisa Gadbury at 888-472-8733, ext 238 or conferencereg@isa-arbor.com.

For conference programming information, [click here](#) to download the conference registration brochure.

And the International Awards go to...

This year's recipient of the Award of Merit, the highest honor ISA can bestow, is Allan West, president of the TREE Fund. The award recognizes outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture.

Sharon Lilly, ISA's Educational Goods and Services director, is this year's recipient of the Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education recognizing the important role that all forms of education play to enhancing the quality and professionalism of the arboriculture industry.

The Award of Achievement recipient is Derek Vannice, ISA Certification director, and is granted in recognition of sustained outstanding effort or contribution to the advancement of ISA.

Dr. Harvey Holt, Purdue University, is the recipient of the R. W. Harris Author's Citation which is granted to authors of outstanding publications for sustained excellence in the publication of timely information pertaining to the field of arboriculture.

ISA's Honorary Membership award recipient is Chuck Leavell, Charlane Plantation. This award recognizes individuals who are not members of ISA who have continued interest and outstanding service in promoting arboriculture.

Honorary Life Membership is granted to Ken Finch who contributed materially and substantially to the progress of arboriculture and gave unselfishly to support arboriculture.

Dr. George Ware of The Morton Arboretum is this year's recipient of The L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research which is granted to recognize research that has contributed valuable information to arboriculture.

ISA Releases Municipal Arborist Certification Study Guide

If you are planning to obtain your Municipal Specialist credential, this study guide will be an invaluable source of information as you prepare for the exam.

The format is similar to that of ISA's Arborists' Certification Study Guide. Each chapter consists of several sections: narrative, references, a workbook page, and challenge questions. Each chapter also contains a list of objectives and key terms. A glossary, answers to workbook questions, list of additional resources, and useful index complete the book.

Eight chapters cover the following topics:

- Municipal Arboriculture and Urban Forestry
- Planning the Urban Forest
- Assessing and Quantifying the Urban Forest
- Planting the Urban Forest
- Maintaining the Urban Forest
- Managing Risk in the Urban Forest
- Protecting the Urban Forest
- Administrative Duties of the Municipal Arborist

Call 1.888.ISA.TREE to order your copy today!



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Retail Price: \$69.95

Member Price: \$59.95

Register Now for the ISA Inaugural Asia Pacific Conference & Tree Climbing Championships

The ISA Inaugural Asia Pacific Conference and Tree Climbing Championships will be held May 9–14 in Brisbane, Australia.

ISA Australia Chapter (ISAAC) is delighted to host the first Night Footlock Event, sponsored by Stihl. Wild card entries are being offered to Australia's Asian neighbors, making this truly an Asian Pacific event.

Conference registrations for ISA/ISAAC members is \$525 for those registered before April 11. After April 11, registration rates increase to \$585. All fees are in Australian dollars and cover attendance at all conference sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, the Sunday Welcome Reception, conference handbook, conference satchel, and the Annual Conference Dinner.

For more information and the registration form, [click here](#).

Certification Highlight: Computer Based Testing

ISA Certification Department signed the Computer Based Testing (CBT) contract in February and is pleased to be able to offer this service for all five credentials. Paper and pencil exams will still be offered for Certified Arborist exams, but you will find the convenience of testing close to home to be a great alternative. Testing locations will be available all over the world and this means no seat limits. In the meantime, conference calls are taking place between ISA and Pearson-Vue (the testing vendor) to discuss implementation and we are hoping that we will be up and running within about 90 days.

Computer based testing will also take some of the burden off of the chapter volunteers. Each chapter will still receive their 40 percent and ISA hopes CBT will help with proctor burnout.

New Tree Science Compendium is Available!

Maintaining its dedication to ISA Certified Arborists, who are in constant need for intriguing and relevant literature for their re-certification, ISA has completed production on a new digest.

ISA's most recent publication, *Tree Science*, is a collection of previously printed articles with an emphasis on the knowledge and research critical to the observational and diagnostic aspects of tree care. The *Tree Science* booklet offers expansive coverage of the classification, disorders, and biological identification of trees.

The best way for those who hold an ISA certification to earn CEUs toward sustaining their certification is to take advantage of this opportunity, as it will be readers' final chance to earn CEU credits on these specific articles. The collected articles also serve as a good instruction tool for business owners and teachers of the natural sciences.

These articles were selected to meet the demand for tree science/biology credits and have not been published in other compendia. It's an affordable and convenient way to earn more CEUs toward BCMA Science credit requirements and other certification credentials (A,M,T,U,Bs).



#CE1008

Retail Price: \$56.95

Member Price: \$49.95

Notice of Meeting: ASC Z133

The next meeting of ASC Z133 (Arboriculture Safety Standard Committee) will be Tuesday, April 22, at Embassy Suites BWI, Baltimore, Maryland. For more information, please call Peggy Currid, ASC Z133 Secretariat, at ISA (217) 355-9411 x210 or e-mail pcurrid@isa-arbor.com.



David Graham, Wisconsin Chapter past president, received this Monster Pole Saw at the Annual WAA/DNR Conference in February. He said he would take it with him on his travels and so far it has gone as far as Florida. Check out the photos in this issue to see some places it went on Graham's last trip.



Chapter Executives and
Administrators

Save the Date!

The
ISA Annual Fall
Leadership Workshop

will be held

October 23-25

Mark your calendars!



Associate Editors: Applications Due!

Arboriculture & Urban Forestry is modifying its current peer review system to include associate editors. Applications are being accepted for associate editors in the following disciplines. A candidate may apply for, and be appointed to, more than one category.

- Entomology
- Social Issues/Economic Assessment
- Soils/Fertilization/Irrigation
- Biomechanics/Safety/Hazard/Risk
- Pathology
- Utility forestry
- Horticulture/Transplanting/Construction Damage
- Tree Biology/Physiology/Genetics
- Urban Forest Management/Modeling/Assessment
- Ecology/Urban Interface

All application packages are due April 30. Please [click here](#) for more information.

European Congress of Arboriculture to be Held in Italy

The European Congress of Arboriculture will be held June 16–18 in Turin, Italy. The [European Tree Climbing Championship](#) will follow.

A call for papers is underway. The deadline for abstract submissions has been changed. All abstract submissions must be received by April 10. The Scientific Committee will select papers and determine the type of presentation (oral or poster) by April 15, based on the author's preferences and the Congress' needs. Authors will be notified by e-mail.

May 15 is the deadline for full paper submissions (maximum of four pages, including tables and figures) to be included in the conference final program and on the proceedings CD-ROM.

- [Click here](#) for more information about the conference and abstract submission requirements.
- [Click here](#) for the abstract submission form.
- [Click here](#) for an example of a formatted full paper submission.



Graham and The SAW stopped at this covered bridge in Parke County, Indiana, the covered bridge capital of the world.

New Products Available!

Glossary of Arboricultural Terms

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Spanish-English

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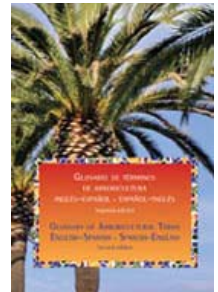
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Here Graham and The SAW are visiting Kathy Keeney, the president-elect of the Kentucky Arborists Association, in Paducah, Kentucky.

Do You Have Integrity?



The TREE Fund is looking for a person with integrity, who understands the need for organizational transparency and accountability, believes in the importance of collaboration, and values discovery. If you have a passion for professional tree care and are interested in our mission of advancing knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry, please consider nominating yourself -- or someone you

know who fits this description -- for the TREE Fund Board of Trustees.

The TREE Fund is especially looking for people who have skills or knowledge in the field of research, not-for-profit law, finance, or fund development. Please contact Governance Committee Chair Ruth Stein by e-mail (rdstein@earthlink.net) or phone 917-846-2081 by April 17, if you're interested or have questions.

And don't miss the all important May 1 deadline if you, or someone you know, would like to apply for a:

- Hyland Johns Grant (up to \$25,000 over a multi-year period)
- Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000 each)
- TREE Fund Education Program Grant

[Click here](#) to download an application.

Be a part of the TREE Fund mission. Become a board member, a funded researcher, a scholarship winner or an educator. Join us in advancing knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees, and the environment!



The SAW and Graham made it to Nashville, Tennessee. Check back next issue to see more travels of The SAW.

The PAVC Committee Needs Your Information

The ISA Plant Appraisal and Valuation Committee is seeking information regarding existing Regional Plant Appraisal Committees (RPAC), those bodies locally charged with gathering plant cost information or refining CTLA appraisal procedure for local application.

Some ISA Chapters (Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Northwest, UKI, Western are some) have formed these RPAC'S consistent with Chapter boundaries. In some areas the RPAC's function as independent committees, and some of them have been taken on by Extension personnel. In still others, individuals have assumed the role.

The ISA PAVC would like contact information for each RPAC, or entity or person serving the function of an RPAC. The goal will be to learn what information (cost information or procedural guidelines) is provided to the appraiser by the RPAC in each region, and to the extent possible the supporting sources and reasoning.

ISA PAVC will compile this information and provide it, as guidance, to interested and qualified parties wishing to form Regional Plant Appraisal Committees in their regions of practice.

Please forward information to Sharon Lilly at slilly@isa-arbor.com.

2008 Student Poster Competition

Present your work as a poster at ISA's annual conference! Here is your chance to showcase your hard work to the urban forestry and arboriculture community. ISA's Student Activities Committee and AREA are now accepting student poster abstracts on research and community outreach topics for presentation at ISA's 84th Annual International Conference and Tradeshow in St. Louis, Missouri. Top posters will be rewarded fiscally.

Abstracts must include: title, author(s) (underline presenting author), phone number (home or cell phone), mailing, and e-mail address. Abstracts must be in MS Word format, 500 words or less and be received electronically by Steve Bevil on May 1 by 5 p.m. CST. All submitting authors will be notified of results of abstract review by May 12, 2008.

Topics to include either scientific research, community outreach/extension projects, or novel teaching activities from arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape horticulture students at 2-year and 4-year undergraduate institutions and graduate students at universities throughout the world.

[Click here](#) for complete information and abstract submission. There is no limit to the number of papers submitted by a club or institution, and students may be listed as co-authors on more than one abstract. However, only one author per abstract is eligible for the award(s).

All questions should be directed to Steve Bevil, ISA's science and research manager, at sbevil@isa-arbor.com.

2008 ITCC Rules are now Available Online

The 2008 rules and score sheets for the International Tree Climbing Championship are available.

To order printed rule books, e-mail itcc@isa-arbor.com or contact Sonia Garth at sgarth@isa-arbor.com or 888-472-8733, ext 217.

The rules and score sheets are also available online.

- View the [2008 rules](#)
- View the [2008 score sheets](#)

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ISA Hosts Annual Budget Planning Session in April

Mark your calendars now for the ISA Annual Budget Planning Session at the ISA headquarters in Champaign, Illinois. The Executive Committee and committee chairs will meet April 17 and 18. A report from this meeting will appear in the May issue.

i-Tree Meeting to be Held in Washington, DC

Executive Director Jim Skiera will attend an i-Tree meeting in Washington, DC April 22 and 23. This is a planning meeting to discuss future operations and advancements of the program. The Forest Service will also be presented with the advancements in the program over the last year.

Be sure to check the May issue for a report from this meeting.

Tom Mousley Scholarships

Applications due May 30, 2008!

The Society of Commercial Arboriculture is offering a \$2,000 financial scholarship to students majoring in arboriculture, urban forestry, or horticulture in a 4-year program and a \$1,000 financial scholarship to students in a 2-year program.

For complete details and an application, please [click here](#).