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A DRY YEAR?

With three weeks to go, we are below average for rainfall...a pointer for the theme of the congress?

March is AGM month. This year we've combined the AGM with an interesting garden/nursery visit and an informative talk. See below.

You should all now have your copy of *Ingens* No. 49. The production team thinks it is yet another step in the right direction, but feedback from readers is welcome.

Yet another reminder that subs are overdue. There are some 130 of you who have still not paid. And a reminder of the constitutional provision that those who have not paid are unable to vote at the AGM. For the procrastinators, we shall be accepting payment at the AGM. After that, we begin pruning the names of the unpaid from the mailing list.

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Sunday, 30rd March

This month's outing and the AGM are at the garden and nursery of Wendy Scott.

The address: 27 Rhodesville Avenue, Greendale

Contact details: 0773 469 582

The time: 10.00 for 10.30

Details are below.

Directions: No. 27 can be spotted by the large number on a plough disc outside. It is opposite the Greendale shops and garage and next door to Nyati Travel. Please park outside the gate or over the road at the Spar car park. Parking will be guarded.

The Day

The day starts with the customary tea when you arrive, so please remember to bring a plate of eats to share. Remember also to bring chairs and hats, as well as a labelled plant or other contribution for the raffle and/or auction. Wendy will also give us a talk on the successful propagation of ferns. And don't forget your succulent-planted arrangement for Mike's competition...perhaps with an Easter theme. It must be planted and not merely a flower arrangement. Maybe think desert gardens. A silver mug is the ultimate reward for the 2014 competitions champ.

Succulents 2014—Plants for Our Future

The number of speakers for our international congress is growing by the day, and the planning committee has been making recesses to confirm the itineraries for the post-congress field trips. It really will be a very special event. So be sure to put June 20-28 in your diaries and watch your email and the newsletter for updates. Note that the congress will not operate in the same way our regular outings do. Because food and beverages will be served to participants and name tags and programmes must be printed, preregistration and prepayment will be required. Instructions will follow.

Seed Bank Update

We have received a fresh shipment of seed from South Africa as well as several generous donations. The following seeds are now available, but some are in very limited quantities:

<p><i>Aloe aculeata</i> <i>A. affinis</i> <i>A. ammonphila</i> <i>A. angelica</i> <i>A. barberae</i> <i>A. cameronii</i> <i>A. chabaudii chabaudii</i> <i>A. chabaudii (deep red)</i> <i>A. chabaudii (orange)</i> <i>A. chabaudii (pink)</i> <i>A. chortoliriodes</i> <i>A. claviflora</i> <i>A. comosa</i> <i>A. dewetii</i> <i>A. dichotoma</i> <i>A. ellenbeckii</i> <i>A. ferox</i> <i>A. fosteri</i> <i>A. gariensis (greenish flower)</i></p>	<p><i>A. gariensis (red flower)</i> <i>A. gerstneri</i> <i>A. globuligemma</i> <i>A. greatheadii</i> <i>A. hereroensis</i> <i>A. humilis</i> <i>A. irridiflora</i> <i>A. krapohlana</i> <i>A. linearifolia</i> <i>A. lutescens</i> <i>A. marlothii</i> <i>A. mudenensis</i> <i>A. munchii</i> <i>A. ortholopha</i> <i>A. parvibractiata</i> <i>A. peglerae</i> <i>A. petricola</i> <i>A. polyphylla</i> <i>A. reitzii</i></p>	<p><i>A. spicata</i> <i>A. suprafoliata</i> <i>A. swynnertonii</i> <i>A. thorncroftii</i> <i>A. vanbalenii</i> <i>A. variegata</i> <i>A. vryheidensis</i> <i>A. wickensii</i> <i>A. zebrina</i> <u>Others</u> <i>Adenia goetzii</i> <i>Beaucarnia recurvata</i> (pony tail palm) <i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> <i>Cycas revoluta</i> <i>Dyckia</i> <i>Encephalartos ferox</i> <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> <i>Stapelia getliffei</i> <i>Stapelia gigantea</i> <i>Stapelia grandiflora</i></p>
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The congress steering committee hard at work on the Great Dyke



New growth on *Euphorbia memorialis*



The tree *Euphorbia*, *E. matabelensis*, in flower



Cyathium of *Euphorbia wildii*

Hope to see you all on the 30th. It will be an entertaining AGM.

Lynn & Bill