

FROM THE EDITOR

WELCOME TO THE 'NEW' POLLINIA. We have changed to what we believe is a better format and publishing schedule. The 8" x 8" design was approved by the Committee; the fonts have changed to what I hope will be more readable. Content will remain focused on the Society, orchids and their surrounding environment. I hope Members like the changes, but more importantly that you let me know whether you do or do not, and offer your suggestions for improvement.

Pollinia is a very important part of the Society, especially to those members who cannot make it to the meetings and events. We will now publish and send to members twice annually, in January and July. Information on events will be in the printed version; events are always available and up-to-date on our website. Members should always consult the website for any changes to the schedule. Members may also opt to receive the Digital version, sent in PDF format by email. This version will also be published on the **Pollinia** website. The new section on your plants offers the ideal opportunity to make your personal contribution.

Why changes? In part after re-reading comments as far back as the 2007 AGM from Members who wanted a different approach, but also the costs of everything: printing, envelopes and postage for four issues a year have dramatically increased. We are now accepting paid advertisements and sponsorship support, with the idea of supplementing membership subscriptions by additional money earmarked for **Pollinia**. With that extra, we can increase the number of pages, and perhaps in future afford to print better photographs of plants. As you note, this issue has 28 pages. Eight of those pages were added to the 20 pages scheduled thanks to an anonymous donor and advertising. I would like to keep each issue at 28 pages.

Every member making a donation through PayPal online or by post will receive a personal gift of appreciation from the Editor. Members may chose anonymity or mention; please advise of your preference. Thank you.

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER Members are reminded that the Membership year begins on June 1st each year. Annual Subscriptions will soon be due for 2016-2017. Subscription per the schedule on page two are to be posted to: Deirdre McGrane , Secretary Irish Orchid Society c/o National Botanic Gardens . If you prefer, you may use the Credit Card/PayPal form at our website:
<http://www.irishorchidsociety.org/membership.php>