

## FROM THE EDITOR

**MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER** Members are reminded that the Membership year begins on June 1st each year. Annual Subscriptions are now due for 2016-2017. Subscription payments per the schedule on page two are to be posted to: Deirdre McGrane, Secretary, The Irish Orchid Society c/o National Botanic Gardens, Dublin, D09 E7F2. If you prefer, you may use the Credit Card/PayPal form at our website:

<http://www.irishorchidsociety.org/membership.php>

I want to thank the members who sent me emails and notes for their kind words of appreciation of our new design. There were members who did not like the design, as you see by the poem on page 27. All I can say is that I will try to improve to please all members. Your comments and insights are always welcomed.

This is my 34th issue as Editor. I want to make the newsletter as interesting, informative and attractive as possible. The better it is, the more we will attract new members and retain older members.

At the AGM there was discussion of a possible increased cost of **Pollinia**.

In fact, there will be a substantial *decrease* in total costs associated with **Pollinia** as we are now printing and posting only twice a year, rather than four times a year.

An Post does charge more for mailing the 8 x 8 size. They charge not by weight but size. The envelopes were bought online at a great price of about eight cents each.

Our printer, J. J. Lalor Ltd., Dublin, gives the Society a substantial discount but any printing in colour in any publication, nearly always doubles cost over simple black and white. Glossy paper photos are even more costly.

**Pollinia** costs are somewhat offset by our now being paid for advertisements and accepting donations and gifts. Advertisements are simply what many other newsletters have been doing for years e.g. the **OSGB Journal**. I counted 16 ads in their last issue, and still plenty of good content.

My best wishes to all for a good summer with perhaps some extended periods of sun.

And, let me be the first to say  
Happy Christmas!

LAURENCE MAY



**Front Cover:** *Selenipedium aequinoctiale* Garay

Flower Size 1 3/5" [4 cm]

Found in Ecuador in wet montane forests at elevations of 550 to 1000 meters as a medium to large sized, hot to warm growing terrestrial, blooms in the spring and summer on a terminal or from axis of upper branches, arcuate, puberulent, short, bracteate, successively several [to 10] flowered inflorescence. *S. aequinoctiale* is a very rare and very local species with a distribution restricted to two localities. The population density is very low, the trend of the population is decreasing and the number of mature individuals is estimated to be between 50 and 100 with most of them in Ecuador (Garay 1978, Harling and Andersson 2005, Cribb 2009, eMonocot 2015).