

EDITORIAL

Special issue: Tropical plants and gardens

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In this special edition, Ornamental Horticulture publishes the third issue of the volume 22, with the theme “Tropical Plants and Gardens”. This topic was selected to represent the trend of floriculture and the contemporary gardens that day by day has increased the value of flowers and ornamental plants of tropical origin. Although it seems to be a recent topic, publications on tropical plants had always been present in all editions of the journal. Thus, this special issue aims to strengthen this topic through the induced dissemination of research results.

The use of tropical ornamental plants has been discussed for many years. It is important to remember that in 1995, in Campinas-SP, together with the 10th Congress of the Brazilian Society of Floriculture and Ornamental Plants, it was also held the First International Symposium on Tropical Zingiberales, in order to discuss and present the great potential of tropical ornamental plants. Since these meeting has become highly relevant as a result of the exuberance of these plants, their colors, shapes and textures, in addition to the attractiveness of the avifauna.

Nevertheless, the knowledge of these species, as well as their production technologies and use is still limited, which stimulated the publication of this issue of Ornamental Horticulture in order to promote, enhance and contribute to the development of this segment. Besides, Tropical Horticulture is one of the focus of ISHS - International Society for Horticultural Science, which makes the Brazilian Society of Floriculture and Ornamental Plants a reference in this area.

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