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Persons to Whom this Volume is Dedicated

Kee-yoeup Paek was born on 24 February 1951 in Korea. He received his Ph.D. from the department of horticulture at Kyungbuk National University in 1984. After that he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Plant Physiology Research Group at the University of Calgary from 1985 until 1986. He joined the Department of Horticultural Science, Chungbuk National University in 1982 and became director of the Research Center for the Development of Advanced Horticultural Technology in March, 1996.

Other appointments and activities include:

Invited Professor, Institute of Agricultural Biochemistry, Tsukuba University, Japan, 1989–1990

Project Leader, Orchid Research Group (supported by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation), 1993

Invited Professor, Department of Horticulture, Chiba University, Japan, 1994



Member, Scientific and Judging Committees, Joint Federation of Oriental Orchids, 1995

Member, Scientific and Judging Committees, Asia Pacific Orchid Conference, 1995–to date

Member, Technology Support Group for Consulting on Export of Agricultural Products Export and Korea Agro Fisheries Trade Cooperation, 2005

Invited Professor, Institute of Plant Physiology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, 2006

Chairman of Scientific Committee, 9th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference, 2007

Honors received by Prof. Paek include:

Appreciation Plaque from the Association of Korean Orchid Growers, 2002

Certificate of Appreciation, 8th Asia-Pacific Orchid Conference, Taiwan, 2004

Judging, Korea Orchid Exhibition Committee, 2005

Member, Technology Support Group for Consulting on Export of Agricultural Products Export and Korea Agro Fisheries Trade Cooperation, 2005.

Professor Paek has published widely in scientific journals, symposium volumes, monograph series and magazines – *Eun-Joo Hahn, Research Professor, Research Center for the Development of Advanced Horticultural Technology, Chungbuk National University Cheongju, 361–763, South Korea, ejhahn@chungbuk.ac.kr*

Norris Williams was born in Anniston, Alabama on 31 March 1943. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology from the University of Alabama, and his Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Miami under the direction of Calaway Dodson in 1971. Following several postdoctoral positions at the University of Miami, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Fairchild Tropical Garden, he accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Biology at Florida State University in Tallahassee in 1973.

In 1981, he moved to Gainesville, Florida to assume his present position as Keeper of the Herbarium in the Florida Museum of Natural History and Affiliate Professor of Botany at the University of Florida. He and his wife Nancy have two sons who have inherited their father's love of antique MG cars.

As a Ph.D. student under Dodson, Norris travelled extensively in Central America and Ecuador. During that time he absorbed information on orchid biology from Dodson and Robert Dressler, and was often accompanied by fellow graduate students Kiat Tan (formerly Director of Parks in Singapore, now retired), Harold Hills, Ralph Adams, Kathy Gregg and Hans Wiehler.

Norris's dissertation was a revision of *Brassia* (Oncidiinae), but his research interests quickly shifted to the pollination biology of orchids pollinated by fragrance-collecting male euglossine bees (a topic first studied by Dodson, Dressler and their students). He expanded the work of the Dodson group, pioneering the use of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry to analyze the floral fragrances of orchids and the glandular secretions of male euglossine bees and laying the foundation for our current understanding of the orchid/bee interaction.