

SUMMARY

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Ben Wijffelaars leads the 2016 edition off with the report of a quiz, fooling someone with a mysterious *Mammillaria* 'onzinnianus' (= 'rubbishianus').

In his ongoing series of articles on the 1931 'Verkade' cactus handbook, Theo Heijnsdijk deals with *Strombocactus disciformis*. He goes into detail with describing the life of Irishman Thomas Coulter who discovered the plant in central Mexico. It was first described by De Candolle as *Mammillaria disciformis* in 1828. The shortly thereafter described *Echinocactus turbiniformis* and *Mammillaria turbinata* turned out to be the same plant. A purple-flowering subspecies *esperanzae* was described in 1996. Another recently discovered (2010) related species is *Strombocactus correjidorae*, with longer black spination and a larger plant body.

Bertus Spee presents short descriptions and pictures of 3 Mexican cacti:

Echinocactus platyacanthus, *Thelocactus hexaedrophorus* and *Turbinicarpus krainzianus* ssp. *minimus*.

Henk Ruinaard carried out sowing experiments with seeds of 12 *Echinocereus* taxa. Different conditions as to temperature, fungicides, light/dark period length and month of sowing were tested. Best results were obtained at 24-31 °C under continuous light in a closed cabinet. This article is to be continued in the april issue.

Peter van Dongen grew delighted about succulent bonsai plants. Succulents suitable for a treatment like that are *Crassula*, *Tylecodon*, *Trichodiadema*, *Portulacaria* and some euphorbias.

Isabel Larridon presents a summary of her scientific study on the evolution and diversity of the Chilean genus *Copiapoa*. From this molecular study it is concluded that 21 species with 9 subspecies should be accepted.

Ben Zonneveld shows us some cultivars of *Crassula ovata* with folded and/or bicolored leaves.

Annemieke van Ling continues her series of articles about how she deals with her succulent plant hobby. This time she discusses several activities for the winter period, such as cleaning the greenhouse, repotting, administration work with the computer and the control of pests.

In part 4 of his series on the genus *Agave*, Fritz Hochstätter presents the species of the series *Marmoratae*, which are *A. abisaii*, *A. andreae*, *A. grijalvensis*, *A. gypsophila*, *A. kristenii*, *A. marmorata*, *A. nayaritensis*, *A. pablocarrilloi*, *A. valenciana* and *A. zebra*.

A new book on the succulent flora of Baja California by John Pilbeam is reviewed by Henk Viscaal.

Lastly, Wolter ten Hoeve summarizes the contents of other journals on succulent plants.

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