

From the *Fachgruppe Iris* (Iris Specialist Group of Germany)

**Your Invitation to the *Fachgruppe Iris* Contest 2027
in Müncheberg, Germany.**

You may enter TWO RHIZOMES in each category:

3 seedlings or cultivars of TBs

3 seedlings or cultivars of SDBs

3 seedlings or cultivars of median irises

(any combination of IB, BB, or MTB)

Obtain an application form and information from Pia Altenhofer at

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TBs and SDBs will be planted in soil. The median irises, IBs, BBs and MTBs, will be potted in flat pots and elevated on racks to make care easier for Mr. Kaliebe, the gardener. Mr. Kaliebe is familiar with plant care and knows how to handle median irises in pots.

Müncheberg is located approximately 25 miles east from Berlin in the state Brandenburg. We are 510 feet above sea level in a dry, semi-continental climate. We have 20 to 22 inches of precipitation with cool winters and warm summers. Our soil is sandy.

Regarding Importation Rules:

The import of plants for experimental and plant breeding purposes is not restricted.

Excerpt from German custom regulations:

„Ausnahmen vom Einfuhrverbot, bzw. der Zeugnis- und Untersuchungspflicht bestehen zum Beispiel für die Einfuhr von Pflanzen für wissenschaftliche Zwecke, Versuchszwecke oder Pflanzenzüchtungsvorhaben, soweit keine Gefahr der Ausbreitung von Schadorganismen besteht und eine Genehmigung der zuständigen Behörde vorliegt.“

Exceptions to the import ban: (translated by Google)

Exceptions to the import ban or the obligation to provide certification and testing exist, for example, for the import of plants for scientific purposes, experimental purposes or plant breeding projects, provided there is no risk of the spread of harmful organisms and approval from the responsible authority is available.

We hope for a brisk participation.

Thank you very much and good success.

Best regards

Pia Altenhofer

From the GdS, Germany home webpage

<https://gds-staudenfreunde.de/ueber-den-verein>

The **Society of Perennial Friends** (*Gesellschaft der Staudenfreunde, GdS, Germany*) is an association of plant lovers - specialists as well as enthusiasts find a "home" with us. Our mission is the dissemination and promotion of perennials: we want to not only preserve knowledge about these plants, but also develop it further and, above all, pass it on.

Our focus is on all the magnificent perennials, such as irises, delphiniums and peonies, as well as all wild perennials, climbing plants, ornamental grasses, ferns, bulbous and tuberous plants or alpine plants.

One of the specialist groups within the GdS, Germany is the *Fachgruppe Iris* (Iris Specialist Group)

From the *Fachgruppe Iris* home page:

<https://gds-staudenfreunde.de/fachgruppe-iris>

The *Fachgruppe Iris* (Iris Specialist Group) is the "main specialist group" of the *Gesellschaft der Staudenfreunde* (GdS, Germany). The GdS emerged in 1973 from a society of iris lovers founded in 1950. Like its predecessor, the Iris Specialist Group aims to preserve, increase and disseminate knowledge about the cultivation and breeding of the various iris species and their cultivated forms.

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