

Dear Bearded Iris Hybridizers,

The “Fachgruppe Iris” of the “Gesellschaft der Staudenfreunde” (GdS, Germany) invites you to participate in the Iris Contest 2028 in Müncheberg, Germany. The contest includes SDB, TB, and for the first-time Median Irises.

You may send:

Three seedlings or cultivars of TBs (two rhizomes each), and

Three seedlings or cultivars of SDBs (two rhizomes each), and

Three seedlings or cultivars of median irises together (IB, BB, MTB).
For example, two IB and one MTB, or three BB. Two rhizomes each.

The application forms for submitting your entries will be sent to you upon request. Please request them from Pia Altenhofer by email:

schwertlilien-altenhofer@posteo.de

Please send the plants, completed application forms, and pictures of all your plants (digital or hard copy) to arrive no later than August 31, 2025 to the following address:

E. und T. Kaliebe

Iris-Bewertung

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Germany

tomas.kaliebe@gmx.de

Please inform Mr. Kaliebe by email before sending your parcel of plants, application forms, and photographs. He will notify you after he has received the plants.

TBs and SDBs will be planted in soil while the new IBs, BBs and MTBs will be planted in flat pots and elevated on racks to make care easier for Mr. Kaliebe. Mr. Kaliebe is the gardener and is familiar with plant care. He knows how to handle median irises in pots. Growing the median irises in this manner will also show the ability to use median irises for green roofing (see note below).

Müncheberg is located approx. 40 km (25 miles) east from Berlin in the state of Brandenburg. Elevation is 156 m (512 feet) above sea level. Our soil is sandy and the climate is dry, semi-continental, with 500 to 560 mm (20 to 22 inches) of precipitation per year. The winters are cool and the summers are warm.

Important information: 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 (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

NOTE: A green roof is a vegetative layer grown on a rooftop. Green roofs provide shade, remove heat from the air, and reduce temperatures of the roof surface and surrounding air.