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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

Robert Gordon,
 1st & 2nd
 1125 St.
 United Kingdom.
 20th June, 1974

Dear Robert,

I am sending this personal letter to tell you that I have resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Compositae Society, and from all other official duties I may have conducted on behalf of the Society. As I have undertaken the work involved in forming the Society, its administration for the past twelve years, and the organization of the European conference, all or a completely honorary basis, I think some explanation is necessary.

On the instance of the "Council", Professor Waterhouse, and against advice, a meeting of the Society was held in London during the Conference organized by the Compositae Society in London. At this meeting the Compositae Society was formally recognized and in America when the Society was formed was not recognized and a statement was issued that the Society was not recognized and official recognition was not given. For the reason of Professor Waterhouse's resignation, the Society was not recognized and official recognition was not given. In consequence my relationship with Professor Waterhouse has deteriorated and as I believe that the Society cannot prosper in the existing official disarray, I have resigned.

The International Compositae Society has been well supported and served the purpose of helping compositae lovers of all nations into one body. I am sure it will continue to prosper and I trust that whilst co-operating with all national compositae societies it will not become dominated by their officials. I believe it must be independent and lead the compositae world as has been intended to be done.

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 NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;**

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I would like to thank you for your kind support and friendly letters. I have been very busy and have had the pleasure of corresponding with every member and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at our conference and in London. To all

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20th June, 1974

Dear Member,

I am sending this personal letter to tell you that I have resigned as Secretary-Editor of the International Camellia Society, and from all other official duties I may have conducted on behalf of the Society. As I have undertaken the work involved in forming the Society, its administration for the past twelve years, and the organisation of the European conferences, all on a completely honorary basis, I think that some explanation is necessary.


On the insistence of the President, Professor Waterhouse, and against advice, a meeting attended by less than forty members of the Society was held in Sydney during the Conference organised by the Australian Camellia Research Society. At this meeting the Constitution legally registered in America when the Society was formed was not recognised and a statement which I sent on the state of the Society and calling, amongst other things, for the election of Directors and Officials by members as laid down in the Constitution, was dismissed. In consequence my relationship with Professor Waterhouse has deteriorated and as I believe that the Society cannot prosper if the leading officials disagree, I have resigned.

The International Camellia Society has been well supported and served its purpose of bringing camellia lovers of all nations into one body. I am sure it will continue to prosper and I trust that whilst co-operating with all national camellia societies it will not become dominated by their officials. I believe it must be independent and lead the camellia world and it has the finances to do so.

I would like to thank all members for their kind support and friendly letters during the past twelve years. I have corresponded with every member and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at our conferences and at Bodnant. To all of you I wish a most successful future.

Please address all future official communications to:-
Professor E. G. Waterhouse, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon, New South Wales 2072, Australia.

Yours sincerely,



Charles Puddle.