

# Magnolia Society International 2020 Annual Meeting

**Chollipo Arboretum  
Republic of Korea**

**April 14 – 20, 2020**

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*Magnolia x loebneri 'Big Bertha'*

## **Magnolia Society International 2020 Annual Meeting Chollipo Arboretum, Taean, Republic of Korea April 14-20, 2020**

Chollipo Arboretum is delighted to host the Magnolia Society International Annual Meeting in 2020. The main theme of the MSI 2020 Meeting is “Magnolia, Beyond the Arboretum”.

Along with Botanic Gardens Conservation International's (BGCI's) Global Conservation Consortium for *Magnolia*, the MSI 2020 meeting will provide various programs to see magnificent collections of magnolias at Chollipo Arboretum, magnolias in their native habitats and the diverse natural environment of the Republic of Korea. In addition you will experience the assets of Korean culture, tradition and history, including the Korean Traditional Garden.

We look forward to sharing an understanding of the value and the beauty of magnolias to the public through MSI members' knowledge on magnolias during the conference. We also eagerly anticipate that this meeting will draw more attention to magnolias and affection for them over generations and countries and will aid in magnolias being conserved in the wild habitats.

### **INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING 2020**

**By: Dr. Yong-Shik KIM, FLS, Ph.D.**

In April of 2020, we cordially invite the members of the Magnolia Society International (MSI) to the Republic of Korea for your annual meeting. Korea is located in the temperate region of northeastern Asia and is a land bridge between the Chinese continent and Japan's archipelago, both overlapping with distinct flora.

The season when the MSI Annual Meeting will be held is one of the best for outdoor activities in Korea. For your reference, the weather in 2019 in the major areas for visiting were as follows: Jeju Island - 48.2~68°F (9~20°C, partly cloudy), Chollipo – 43~59°F (6~15°C, clear skies), Seoul– 50~68°F (10~20°C, partly cloudy or clear skies), and Yanggu – 44.6~62.6°F (7~17°C, partly cloudy or clear skies). Short-sleeved shirts are suitable and welcome for outdoor activities, but long-sleeved shirts are recommended during nights in April.

In order to experience diverse landscapes, magnolias, and the culture of Korea, the MSI Annual Meeting will be held at three sites: Jeju Island, Chollipo Arboretum and Seoul. There are quite diverse accommodations with business hotels in Jeju and Seoul.

Participants should plan to arrive at Jeju Island no later than Monday, April 13th. When buying their flights, they should be aware that the only airports offering connecting service to Jeju International Airport are Seoul International, Tokyo International and Beijing Capital International. All participants will be transported from Jeju International Airport to Born Jeju Hotel by the travel agency M. I. & Company. After you register, M.I. & Company will contact you through email to get your flight information so they will know when to pick you up at the airport. The meeting registration desk will be in the lobby of the hotel.

### **April 14 (Tuesday) – 16 (Thursday): Seogwipo City, Jeju Island**

The MSI meeting on Jeju Island will consist of three main activities: (1) botanizing the wild habitats of *Magnolia compressa* and *Magnolia kobus* which are within broad-leaved evergreen forests and natural landscapes, including a World Heritage site; (2) visiting the Warm Temperate and Subtropical Forest Research Center; and (3) visiting Yeomiji Botanic Garden and Spirited Garden with famous bonsai collections.

On Tuesday, April 14, participants will be visiting the Warm Temperate and Subtropical Forest Research Center. Then we will go to the wild and well-conserved habitat of *Magnolia compressa*. After a lunch break, participants will visit the Yeomiji Botanic Garden. That evening there will be a welcoming banquet with time to make and renew acquaintances.



On Wednesday morning, April 15, participants will go to the Spirited Garden. The Spirited Garden was started in 1968 from completely barren land and has now been transformed as a famous bonsai garden.



After lunch at the garden's restaurant, participants will tour the Gyorae Natural Recreation Forest. Participants will see wild *Magnolia kobus* at the entrance. The Gyorae Natural Recreation Forest was opened to the public in 2011. Known as Gotjawal, this forest was naturally established over volcanic gravel and rocks at Gyorae-ri, Jocheon-eup. It has the Neupseori Oreum Volcanic Cone and the Keunjigeuri Oreum Volcanic Cone standing in the background. The Gyorae Natural Recreation Forest is the one and unique recreation forest for experiencing the Gotjawal ecological habitat in Korea. This Gotjawal forest is a vein and serves as the lungs of Jeju Island's ecological system. The Gyorae Nature Recreation Forest is located in geomorphologically undulated terrain and natural habitats that include sub-tropical and temperate tree species.

At the day's end, two talks will be delivered by Dr. Yong-Shik KIM and Mr. Mun-Yong CHONG regarding Korean botanic gardens and arboreta and Magnolias native to Korea. Dr. KIM has served over 34 years of teaching and research at Yeungnam University, Korea and Mr. CHONG will talk about magnolias in Korea. Mr. CHONG was the former deputy director at the Chollipo Arboretum.

On Thursday, April 16, participants will visit Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak (Crater), one of the Natural Monuments of Korea, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site and a Global Geopark. This peak rose from the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. At the top of the peak is an enormous crater surrounded by 99 sharp rocks which make it look like a gigantic crown.



After lunch, participants will head to Seoul Gimpo International Airport with a short flight to the Korean mainland and then to Chollipo Arboretum by bus. It takes 50 minutes by air and the bus ride is two and half hours.

### **April 17 (Friday) – 19 (Sunday): Chollipo Arboretum, Chungcheongnam-do Province**

Participants will stay for 3 nights and 4 days in the Chollipo area to visit Chollipo Arboretum ([www.chollipo.org/eng/](http://www.chollipo.org/eng/)). Accommodations here will be arranged for you and the cost will be included in the conference registration fees. Chollipo Arboretum owns 6 Korean traditional styled houses roofed with tiles or thatched which have 17 rooms in total. Guests will have the opportunity to stay in one of these rooms on a first requested, first served basis. If you are interested in this unique opportunity, you may sign up on your registration form. M.I. & Company will make reservations for you. Hotel rooms for the remaining guests will be arranged near Chollipo Arboretum, and that cost is also included in the conference registration fee.

Participants will enjoy seeing the complex and magnificent collection of magnolias at Chollipo Arboretum. Chollipo Arboretum documented the collection of 840 taxa including 73 species and 663 cultivars. As the Chollipo Arboretum is located facing the Yellow Sea, it's very easy to get to enjoy beautiful magnolias, forests and the sea at the same time. Participants will be able to experience different events, including the MSI annual meeting, special talks, Knowledge-based Voluntary Talks on magnolias with local audiences, and visits to old villages and an ancient Buddhist temple near Chollipo Arboretum.

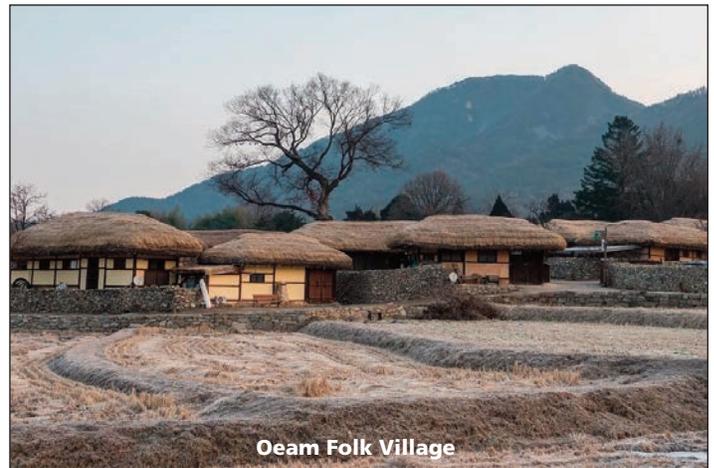
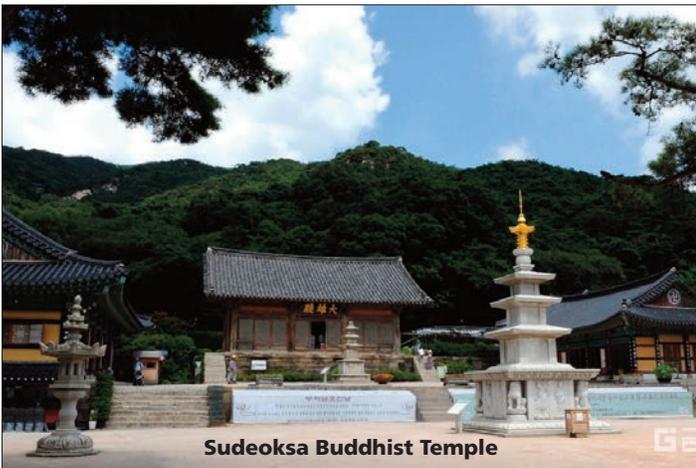


On Friday, April 17, after breakfast, participants will tour the Miller Garden of the Chollipo Arboretum. It is the first garden among 7 management areas in Chollipo Arboretum and opened on March 1, 2009. There you can find more than 150 taxa of magnolias. After lunch, Mr. Changho CHOI, Professor Sangtae KIM, and Professor Jong sang SEONG will deliver talks. Mr. CHOI will introduce magnolias at the Chollipo Arboretum and Professor KIM will talk about recent advances in phylogeny in Magnoliaceae. Professor SEONG will speak about the Korean traditional garden. There will be two talks to the public after the lectures.

That evening, before the banquet at Chollipo Arboretum, there will be an auction of magnolia artifacts. Since we are unable to transport plants to or from the Republic of Korea, our Host has asked that if you have any books, pictures, artifacts, dishes, etc. relating to magnolias, please bring them to be put in a silent auction. The profits from the auction will be awarded as a scholarship for underprivileged students in the Chollipo area. They will also take some of the proceeds to plant commemorative trees in the Chollipo Arboretum. The Arboretum will also invite a limited number of city figures to join us.

On Saturday, April 18, participants will visit the Magnolia Garden of the Chollipo Arboretum. Magnolia Garden is located on the northeast side of Eco Healing Center, and features plants of magnolia genus collected from around the world. In this garden, not open to the public, members of the magnolia, maple, and holly families are intensively planted and growing well over the hill to the top. Immediately after this visit and before lunch, there will be two talks. One talk is about the propagation of magnolia using biotechnology by Dr. Tae dong KIM, and the other topic is on magnolias in China by Professor Weibang SUN from Kunming, China. In the afternoon, the Board of Directors will meet from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Eco Healing Center of Chollipo Arboretum. Other participants will have free time. Dinner will be provided by the Chollipo Arboretum, with special lectures afterwards by some of our Magnolia Society International Members to the public.

On Sunday, April 19, participants will go to the Sudeoksa Buddhist Temple, built about 1400 years ago. It contains several locally and nationally-renowned Buddhist cultural treasures. After lunch, participants will visit the Oeam Folk Village to learn about life before the industrialization of Korea. Before dinner, participants will head to Seoul by bus. After dinner, participants will settle in the hotel Somerset Palace Seoul.



On Monday, April 20, participants will have a tour to Insa-dong Antique Market Street where you can find little pieces of Korea to bring home with you and Namdaemun Market which is more than 600 years old, and well known for both wholesales and retails. We're planning to give you a chance to experience Korean traditional foods at the Korean Food Promotion Institute for lunch. In the evening, Dr. Gil-bon KOO, Director of Korea Forestry Promotion Institute will host a banquet for you.

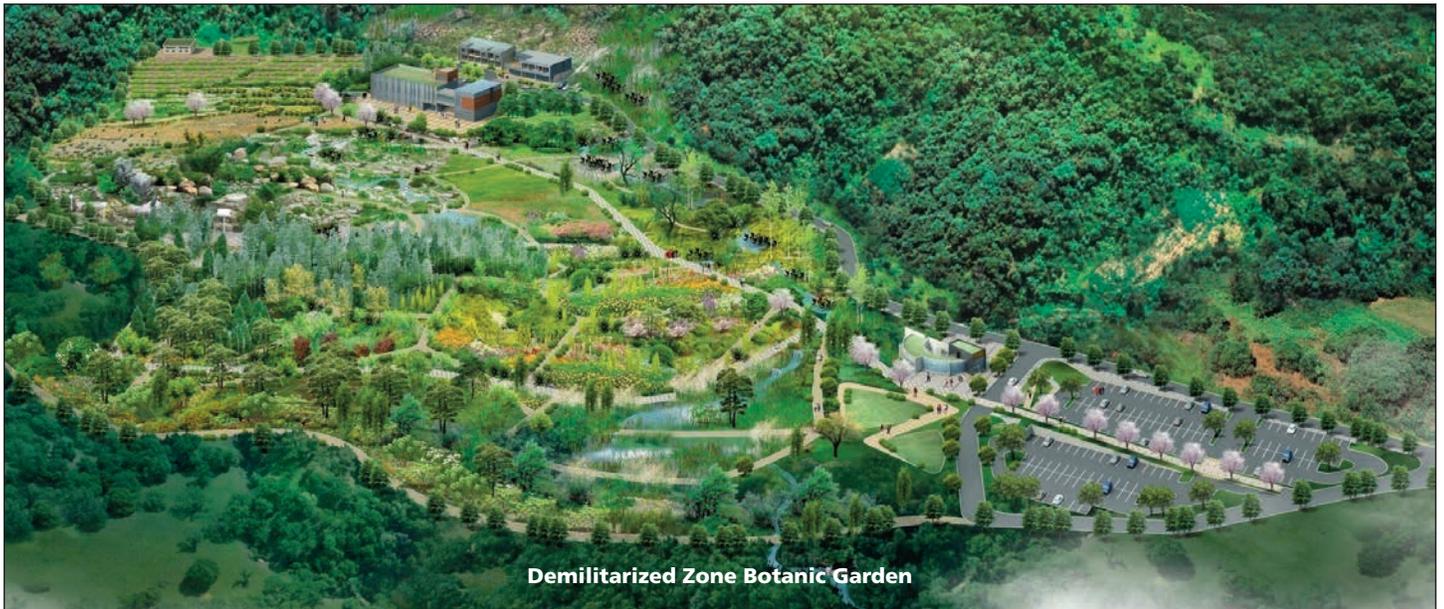


Some attendees may choose to fly out the next day, but we hope you will stay for a short post trip to experience more of what Korea has to offer.

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### Day 1 (Tuesday, April 21):

Yanggu, Gangwon-do Province: Starting from the hotel, participants will ride 3 hours towards the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Participants will see a botanic garden located just south of the DMZ, between South and North Korea. Born out of the Korean Armistice Agreement, the DMZ is a military buffer zone between South and North Korea. The DMZ Botanic Garden affiliated with the Korea National Arboretum is a place for conserving the plants in the boundary area between South and North Korea of the Korean peninsula. After visiting the DMZ Botanic Garden, participants will go to the Eulji Military Observatory, where you can look down on the territory of North Korea. The Eulji Military Observatory is located at the top of the Punch Bowl at an altitude of 1,049 meters (3,442 feet). You will also walk down the 4th Underground Tunnel which was originally dug by the North Korean army.



### Day 2 (Wednesday, April 22):

Seoul: Participants will visit the Changdeokgung Palace. This Palace is in the heart of the downtown mega city of Seoul and it is the only UNESCO World Heritage palace of the 5 remaining palaces of the capital. It is also home to the 'secret garden' where the royal family rested from palace life. After lunch, you will enjoy free time in Seoul.





*We look forward to  
seeing you in April!*