THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL MAPLE SYMPOSIUM – KYOTO, JAPAN NOVEMBER 12 – 14, 2008 (WITH POST-SYMPOSIUM TOURS LATER)

UPDATES: Below I've noted the details of the upcoming Symposium in Japan as far as they have been disclosed to me. Please watch for further details on the UBC website: www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org and, IF I have your email address, updates can be sent directly to you.

REGISTRATION for the hotel (Urawa Royal Pines Hotel in Kawaguchi; http://www.royalpines.co.jp/urawa/english/) and tours will be through the Japanese Tourist Bureau, but registration for all non-Japanese attendees will be through myself, Susan Wiegrefe, Secretary/Treasurer of The Maple Society, North American Branch (TMSNAB). Non-US attendees will need to use a credit card for payment. The charge will show up on your statement in your native currency. I will post the payment as they arrive (or at least within 10 days, since this is vacation).
NOTE: The price of the conference has changed since the Newsletter was compiled.

All **registrations are due by September 30th**, so the appropriate room size, number of buses, food quantities, etc. can be arranged. We will accept registrations after that time, but a $25 late fee (each) will be imposed due to the additional work required. North American attendees remember to allow 3 business days for the mail to arrive and non-NA approximately 7 business days. No refunds after November 1st.

TRAVEL: Attendees are responsible for all transportation to the Symposium location. Remember to take your passport, allow an extra day for traveling across the International Date Line, and to use Tokyo Narita (NRT) airport.

PROGRAM: (Intersperses tours (separate registration) with speaker presentations.)

SPEAKERS: (Tentative Titles)

Dr. Yokoi – New Japanese Maples

Mr. Murakoshi – Maples Native to Japan

Mr. Kawaharada – Propagation of Japanese Maples

Dr. Richard Olsen – Breeding and Selection Work in *Acer* at the US National Arboretum

Mr. Dan Hinkley – North American Maple and Their Asian Counterparts

Mr. Piotr Banaszczak – (Rogov Arboretum, Rogov, Poland) TBA

Possibly 1 or 2 more…