

The Pleurothallidinae, judging small flowers, the dearth of Flower Quality

Using OrchidPro I extracted awards granted by category from 1960 to date for *Pleurothallis*, *Stelis* and *Lepanthes* (Table 1) and numbers of species and hybrids (Table 2)

Table 1

	Entries	AM	%	HCC	%
Pleurothallis	430	41	10%	34	8%
Stelis	251	9	4%	11	4%
Lepanthes	239	16	7%	25	10%

Table 2

	Species	Hybrids
Pleurothallis	580	17
Stelis	1271	0
Lepanthes	1153	15

There are few quality awards comparing with the cultural categories. I think the reason for this is because judges are looking for improvement and among species the enhance is observed from selected cultivars. It is possible that there is not available seedling where superior plant can be selected.

As breeding increase in the Pleurothallidinae group we may expected more quality awarded for hybrids.