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*Neoregelia*

*Bromeliaceae*

*Neoregelia* commemorates the German horticulturist and botanist, Dr. Eduard August von Regel (1815-1892). He began his career as a trainee gardener in Gotha, Göttingen, Bonn and Berlin, eventually becoming Head Gardener at the Botanical Gardens in Zurich (while lecturing at the University) from 1842-1855. In 1852 he established *Gartenflora*, a magazine which described many new species and in 1855 received a D.Phil. from Zurich. That same year he moved to St. Petersburg Imperial Botanic Garden (his involvement with *Gartenflora* staying with him) and remained there until his death. He was appointed scientific director of the Botanic Garden in 1857; was first botanist in 1867 and ultimately Director from 1875-1892. Regel was a founder of the Russian Horticultural Association and in 1875 he became an Associate Member of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences. He is said to have named over 3000 new plant species during his lifetime and he also described a large number of new species from the many plant collections he received from explorers from all over the world. His many published works (aside from *Gartenflora*) included not only some on the *Betulaceae* family and the *Allium* genus but also *Descriptiones plantarum novarum* (1873), *All species Asiae centralis* (1887) and *Descriptiones plantarum nonnullarum horti imperialis botanici petropolitani* (1890).