

## **Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 Blois, France**

Present: V Dumont, C Dupont, C Hammer, C Hermans (Minute taker), J Hermans & R Jenny.

Apologies: I Borg.

1. Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

### **2. Minutes Board Meeting in Basel, October 2013**

The minutes of the Board Meeting Basel October 2013 were unanimously approved.

### **3. Report of Finances**

Mrs Borg reported that Orchid Club Romania has now paid their subscriptions but there has been no contact with Grupo de Estudio y Conservació de Orquideas (GECOR) who have still not paid their 2013 subscription. It was decided that the reminders for 2014 should now be sent to the members who have not paid in advance. The Auditors Report and the Profit and Loss statement were tabled. Mr Jenny thanked Mrs Borg and Mr Christiansen for their work in preparing the papers for the meeting.

### **4. Members**

Mr Jenny reported that Fédération Française d'Amateurs d'Orchidées and Association Francophone pour le Jugement d'Orchidées have requested EOC membership; the Board agreed to recommend their acceptance at the AGM. Mr Jenny reported that after initial contact with the new President of Grupo de Estudio y Conservació de Orquideas (GECOR) there has been no further contact. He also stated that the new representative for the Orchid Club Romania was Andrei Lénárd who was the son of the previous rep. Mr Jenny reported that he had arranged to meet Mrs C Wright the President of the Hardy Orchid Society at the London Orchid Show to discuss the benefits for the Hardy Orchid Society of EOC membership. Mr Jenny reported that there is currently no Orchid Society in Turkey and unlikely to be one in the foreseeable future. The Board agreed to ask the AGM for permission to invite Mr Khan Hürkan as an Observer for a year and encourage him to form a Society which could then become a member of EOC.

### **5. Status EOCCE 2015 London**

Mr Hermans presented a paper reporting on the progress of EOCCE 2015 (see Appendix). Mr Hermans discussed the different proposals for accommodating the parallel sessions of the Horticultural days and the Board felt that one room for 150-200 people together with a second room for 60 in the RHS building was preferable to having the lectures off site. It was also thought that repeating the popular lectures would be a good idea. It was suggested that Mr Hermans contacted Samuel Sprunger to circulate the EOCCE 2015 flyer to the recipients of the electronic newsletter of the Swiss Orchid Foundation. It was agreed to put the funding proposal made by Mr Hermans for 2000€ from EOC to support the Scientific lectures at EOCCE 2015 to the AGM.

### **6. Status EOCCE 2018 Paris**

Mrs Dupont reported that progress was being made on creating the structure for EOCCE2018 and that it had been agreed that an umbrella organising group will be created. Different venues and sources of funding were also being explored. The planned date will be spring 2018.

### **7. Financial Competence of secretary general, treasurer and board-members**

### **Proposal to add to the statutes to discuss**

Mr Jenny reported that it had proved to be impossible to open an account based in Switzerland with overseas co-signatories. It was agreed that Mrs Dumont & Mr Jenny could open the account as Swiss nationals and find a way to enable Mrs Borg to continue as Treasurer. The Board was unanimous that it wanted Mrs Borg to remain EOC Treasurer.

### **8. Statutes Changes**

It was agreed by the Board to put the amendments to the Statutes to the AGM for approval.

### **9. EOC Website**

Mr Jenny reported that there may be a need for a new host for the EOC Website and a new Webmaster by the end of 2014.

### **10. EOC news platform Orchid Review**

Mr Hermans reported that there was nothing new to report. The Orchid Review is happy to publicize dates of shows in Europe.

### **11. Status EOC Projects**

List of Judges: Mr Hammer reported that the updated list was on the website.

List of Events: Mr Jenny reported that it was the RHS dates and the orchid shows in Germany were being regularly updated.

List of Orchid Journals: Mr Jenny reported that there had been two additions from Spain and one from Czech Republic and that the Slovenia journal had been deleted as the Society had folded.

Contact CITES: Mrs Dumont reported that there were ongoing changes to the CITES contact details and to the CITES regulations. It was agreed to add the link to CITES to the EOC website. It was agreed that Mrs Dumont would approach the Head of the CITES Authority to see if a presentation to the EOC delegates would be possible. It was suggested that the AGM in London in 2015 might be a suitable time and venue.

### **12. AOB**

Mr Hermans drew the Board's attention to the recent proposal for a European Plant Registration Directive which had recently been rejected by the EU but it may reappear in a different format.

It was agreed by the Board not to recommend to the AGM Mr Parsons' proposal for a list of European Traders to be put on the EOC website.

Mr Hammer suggested asking the members of EOC for suggestions of what they wanted from the EOC. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would circulate the delegates' separately from the Minutes requesting their suggestions and these would then be considered by the Board at the next Board meeting.

### **13. Next Board Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be at Leiden Botanic Garden on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Mr Jenny will contact Mr E de Vogel and Mr R van Vught to make arrangements and see if a visit to the herbarium would also be possible.

## Appendix

### EUROPEAN ORCHID SHOW and CONFERENCE LONDON 2015 Update 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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**Dates** have been confirmed as follows:

Staging: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and early Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Judging: Ribbon judging 8<sup>th</sup> April for all registered judges (there also will be RHS display and award judging).

Preview and official opening: evening Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Science conference at the Jodrell Laboratory lecture theatre, RBG Kew: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Hardy orchid conference Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at RHS Vincent Square near Westminster in Central London.

Horticulture and travel, possibly 2 parallel conference sessions Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, at RHS Vincent Square, London.

Grand Gala Dinner at Royal College of Physicians Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Show open Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Conference

International Speakers so far include (subject to change & confirmation), Alec Pridgeon (US), Ken Cameron (US), Claire Micheneaux (Australia), Kingsley Dixon (Australia), Stephan Gale (Hong Kong), Henrik Pedersen (Denmark), Hannah Rasmussen, Samuel Sprunger (Switzerland), Svante Malmgren (Sweden), Hildegard Crous (S Africa), Camiel de Jong (Netherlands), Holger Perner (China), Tom Mirenda (US), Lourens Grobler (S Africa), Martin Motes (US), Jean-Michel Hervouet (France), John Elliot (Singapore), Andre Schuiteman (UK), Cassio van Den Berg (Brazil), David Roberts (UK), Christopher Bailes (UK), Chris Purver (UK) etc. Lecture space is still being assessed but we hope to have parallel lecture sessions on the 10-11 April.

#### Show

The Show will be in both RHS Halls (<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Shows-Events/RHS-London-Flower-Shows/Getting-to-the-shows>) and there is much interest to exhibit from Europe and around the world already. A list of potential exhibitors is being put together. There is likely to be a small charge for sales space for commercial exhibitors.

An educational programme is planned together with the launch of the 'Orchid Schools' project. There will also be displays of Botanical Art and tours of the Lindley Library.

#### Registration

Registration will be split into two distinct packages: A 'Science' Package and a 'Horticultural' Package: both will give full access to the Show, the Preview, early entry to the Show, delegate lounge with refreshments, judging if qualified, opportunity to book visits, tours & Gala Dinner and either access to the Science lectures at RBG Kew or the horticultural lectures at Vincent Square. Cost will be around £70. For the very keen ones there will be a full package giving access to all lectures. Day tickets for the Show will be available.

**Events & Tours**

There will be an opening ceremony and reception at the RHS Halls on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Gala Dinner at the Royal College of Physicians in Regents Park will be a grand event with pre-dinner drinks, 4 courses and beverages for around £70.00. There also will be an optional botanical tour.

Day trips (10-11<sup>th</sup>) to RHS Garden Wisley and RBG Kew are planned, including a behind-the-scenes tour.

Historical tours of London are also planned.

**Website**

The website is under construction and will hopefully go live in March – April: [eolondon2015.org.uk](http://eolondon2015.org.uk). Registration will go live in April.

**Proceedings**

We are still looking at options for Proceedings but it is now likely that we will produce a special EOC 2015 issue of The Orchid Review as the EOC official Journal. It would be an enhanced version of the September 2015 issue.