

## **Minutes of EOC AGM Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Budapest**

Present: I. Belitskiy, I. Borg, G. Diana, M. Dumont, V. Dumont, C. Dupont, H. & S. Grote, A. Jouy, C. Hammer, J. Hermans, R. Jenny, P. Lecoufle, A. Lénárd, A. Matikka, I. Palmai, V. Parrat, I. Parsons, C. Rojner, M. Speckmaier & E. Wildburger.

Apologies: L. Afanasjeva, H. Christiansen, E. Luckel, C. Maeder, R. Neiryneck, A. Schulz & H. Vastenhoud.

Guest: C. Hermans (Minute Taker).

Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

### **2. Minutes of AGM Meeting Helsinki October 2011**

The minutes of the AGM Meeting Helsinki October 2011 were unanimously approved.

### **3. Info Minutes board-meeting Budapest April 2012**

Information on the Board meeting held in Budapest was approved.

### **4. Report of Finances, auditor report**

The Auditor report by Mr Christiansen was read and accepted. Mr Jenny thanked Mr Christiansen and Mrs Borg. In future it was agreed that spreadsheet of the membership fees paid would be circulated to the delegates before the AGM.

### **5. Changes of Delegates**

The following change in delegates was noted: Manfred Speckmaier (Vienna Society), Lolita Afanasjeva (Latvian Society), Ian Parsons (British Orchid Council) & Cornelia Rojner (Sweden, only for this AGM).

### **6. Election of new EOC President**

Mr Jenny thanked Mrs I Palmai for her work as EOC president and congratulated her on the success of the current show and conference. Mr Speckmaier was then elected as the next EOC president.

### **7. New members**

The following new members were accepted: Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France (Orchid Section) delegate Mr Jouy, Igor Belitskiy – Editor-in-Chief of the Orchid Planet magazine & Grupo de estudio y Conservación de Orquídeas (Spain).

### **8. EOC Website**

Mr Jenny reminded delegates that they now have direct access to the website to upload their show information and that so far only five delegates' shows have been uploaded. Approximately half of the previous Congresses lecture programmes have been included on

the web site. There is information on all the current known European journals on the web site. Delegates were reminded to check that the information was current.

### **9. EOC News platform Orchid Review**

Mr Hermans reported that it had been decided at the Board meeting to include a report with pictures on the EOC Budapest in the Orchid Review (OR). Delegates were reminded to contact Mr Hermans with any information on their shows that they wanted included in the OR. Mr Hermans agreed to explore with the OR if it would be possible for any EOC news information published in the OR could be included on the EOC web site.

### **10. Status EOC Projects**

**List of Judges:** Mr Hammer reported that not all delegates had sent him information on their societies' judges.

**List of Translators:** work in progress.

**Contacts CITES:** not covered

**Protection Project:** not covered

### **11. AOB**

Mrs S Grote agreed to create a list of European native Orchid Societies to submit to the board within two months.

The following delegates agreed to approach other European Orchid Societies who are not current members of EOC: Mr Parsons the Irish Orchid Society, Mr Lénárd the Czech Orchid Society & Mr Jouy FFAO, ARCPO & OPEA.

**E-mails** concerning alien invaders, Orchid Ark and Koeltz were tabled.

It was reported that the board will keep contact with Kaan Hürkan from Turkey.

It was agreed that Mrs Dumont will extract the factual information from Mr G Rölke's lecture on the history of the EOC for inclusion on the EOC web site.

**BOC Database:** Mr Parsons gave a short presentation on how the BOC database worked and offered the program to any of the BOC delegates.

**Status of EOC Vienna 2015:** Mr Speckmaier gave a short progress report on EOC Vienna 2015. The possibility of using the palace of Schönbrunn was being explored. The proposed date was for May 2015 and it would be a six day conference and show.

**EOC 2018:** Delegates were reminded that applications for EOC 2018 need to be submitted six weeks before the 2013 AGM. The application form is available as an appendix to the Guidelines on the EOC web site.

## **12. Next Board Meeting**

The AGM was informed that the next board meeting would be in Paris Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

## **13. Next AGM 2013**

It was suggested that the next AGM would either be at the Wintertour, near Zurich show in March 2013 or at the London Orchid Show March or April 2013.

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