Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 12th April 2015 at RHS London, UK

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

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

2. Minutes Board Meeting 13th November 2014 Leiden, Netherlands

The minutes of the Board Meeting November 2014 Leiden were approved unanimously.

3. Information about election of new EOC-president

Mr Jenny thanked Mr Hermans the outgoing EOC president. The Board thanked Mr & Mrs Hermans for an excellent EOCCE that had been arranged in the short time that had been available. Mr Jenny informed the Board that the incoming president of the EOC would be Mr Michel Le Roy, the project manager of EOCCE 2018.

4. Information about election of new board-member Vinciane Dumont

It was agreed that the proposal to change Mrs Dumont's status from co-opted to full member of the Board would be put to the AGM.

5. Report of finances

Five science speakers at the EOCCE 2015 will be each given a €400 subsidy. The current membership fees status was tabled. It was agreed that a reminder would be sent out in early summer to those members whose fees were overdue. The auditor's report was tabled and approved and Mr Jenny thanked Mrs Borg for her work on the finances.

6. Change Statutes (bank-account)

The amended Statute stating that the Seat of the Association was now Switzerland was signed by all the Board members to enable the bank account to be transferred from Sweden to Switzerland. Mr Jenny confirmed that he would circulate the up to date version of the Statutes to the Board members.

7. Members

Mr Jenny confirmed that GIROS had resigned from the EOC due to the lack of support from the EOC for their petition against the use of herbicides. A new society Clube dos Orquidofilos de Portugal wished to become a member of the EOC, it was agreed to propose them as a new member to the AGM.

8. Status EOCCE 2018, Paris

Mrs Dupont presented a report on the progress for EOCCE 2018. (Appendix 1). The Board agreed that so long as all the societies behind LOF were members of the EOC LOF did not need to be a member. Paris remained the preferred location although a venue had not yet been confirmed there were still a few options and Mrs Dupont was reminded that any change of city would need the Board's approval. Mr Jenny congratulated Mrs Dupont in getting the structure for EOCCE 2018 arranged.

9. EOC-Website (new host & new web-masters)

Mr Hammer agreed to be the new EOC web master and the new site will become live shortly. Mr Hammer agreed to forward a temporary link to the new site to the board members. Mr Hammer reported that Mr Lafarge has agreed to assist him.

10. Dates of next meetings

Board Meeting 2015: It was agreed that the date of the next EOC Board meeting would be Saturday 3rd October 2015 at Orchideengarten Karge, Dahlenburg, Germany with a visit to the Herrenhausen Botanic Gardens on Friday 2nd October.

AGM 2016: It was agreed to put the two Portuguese offers of hosting the 2016 AGM to the AGM for them to decide.

Board Meeting 2016: It was agreed to accept the offer from the BOC Congress Norwich and hold the 2016 Board Meeting during the weekend of 5th & 6th November 2016 at the Holiday Inn, Norwich North.