Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 12th March 2016 at Porto, Portugal

Present: I Borg, V Dumont, C Dupont, C Hammer, C Hermans (minute taker), J Hermans, R Jenny & M Le Roy.

Guests: A Matikka & G. Diana

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

2. There were no apologies

3. **Minutes Board Meeting October 2015 at Dahlenburg, Germany**

The minutes of the Board Meeting October 2015 at Dahlenburg, Germany were approved unanimously and Mrs Hermans was thanked for taking them.

4. **Information about election of new board members**

It was unanimously agreed that Dr Mattika and Dr Diana would be proposed at the AGM as new board members. It was agreed that Dr Mattika would act as Co-Treasurer to Mrs Borg for the next twelve months before taking over as Treasurer. Mr Jenny agreed to send the relevant forms for the Bank account to Dr Mattika. It was agreed that during the interim one year period there would be three signators for the Bank account (I Borg, R Jenny & A Mattika).

5. **Information about re-election of existing board members & secretary general**

It was agreed that, following the statutes, only those board members whose 3 year term had expired (I Borg, C Dupont, C Hammer, J Hermans) should stand for re-election at the AGM. It was noted that Mrs Dumont will be due re-election in 2018 & Mrs Hermans (co-opted) in 2017.

6. **Report of Finances**

Mrs Borg tabled the audited accounts and commented that there would be no transfer costs in the future with the new bank account. It was noted that half the member societies had not paid their 2016 subscription and it was decided that an e-mail reminder should be sent.

7. **Members**

Mr Jenny reported that the future status of the Swiss Orchid Foundation was not certain. He also reported that the Orchid Society of Romania had requested a suspension of their membership for one year and that the Dutch Orchid Society had renewed their membership after a change of its board. He also confirmed that Club Amigos de Orquideas will be resigning at the end of 2016.

8. **Status EOCCE Paris 2018**

Mr Le Roy gave a presentation on the progress for the EOCCE Paris. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of a combined EOC member societies display at the AGM, however it was felt that somebody from the EOCCE Paris organisation would need to co-ordinate this. It was agreed that EOCCE Paris would provide Mr Hammer a link to their website.

9. **EOC Website**

Mr Hammer reported that not many societies provided information about their shows for the EOC website. Mr Jenny reported that there were two new journals to be added. It was agreed that a list of member societies' editors would be created for the web site with the media imprint for each journal.

10. Next EOC 2021

Mr Jenny reported that he had no new information on the EOC 2021 in Copenhagen.

1. Future Meetings

Mr Jenny agreed to explore the possibility of the weekend 11/12th November 2016 for the next Board meeting in Vienna.
The date for the 2017 Autumn Board meeting in Paris has already been confirmed as Saturday 28th October.
Mr Jenny agreed to explore whether the Latvian or Polish societies would be able to host the spring 2017 Board & AGM meetings. The spring 2018 meeting will be held during the EOC in Paris.

2. AOB

There were no AOB.