EOC Board Meeting 23rdMarch 2018 during the EOCCE at the Paris Event Centre, Avenue de la Porte de la Villette, Paris, France

Present: G Diana, C Dupont, V Dumont, C Hammer, C Hermans, J Hermans, R Jenny, J Larsen & A Matikka

1. **Welcome:** EOC Board Members were welcomed by Mr Jenny.

2. **Apologies:** M Le Roy

3. **Minutes of the Board Meeting 28th October 2017 Paris, France**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting 28th October Paris, France were unanimously approved and Mrs Hermans was thanked for taking them.

4. **Financial Report**

Mr Matikka tabled the Financial Statement for 01/01/2017-31/12/2017 and the Auditor's report. The Auditor's report by Mr P Spínola was unanimously accepted. Mr Matikka reported that they had been prepared in accordance with Swiss and European Regulations. It was noted that all the member societies had paid their 2017 subscription and a few for 2018. The invoice for 2018 will be sent to members after the AGM. It was requested that in future the country code should be included in the spreadsheet of societies.

5. **Members**

Mr Jenny reported that the Swiss Orchid Foundation may not wish to continue their membership. It was agreed that they would be contacted by Mr Jenny. Post Meeting: Mr Jenny confirmed that the Foundation **did** wish to continue their membership.
Mr Jenny reported that both the Austrian Orchid Society and the Swiss Orchid Society needed to nominate new delegates and that he would contact the societies to confirm their details. Connections have been renewed with the Norsk Orkidéforening and the Irish Orchid Society. An application for membership will be made soon by Mr D Klein, e-mail address presidenza@orchidofilia.it, on behalf of Società Felsinea di Orchidofilia which is based in Bologna, Italy.

6. **Status EOCCE 2021 Copenhagen**

Mr Larsen reported that the dates for the EOCCE 2021 Copenhagen would be 4th to 9th May 2021 with the show 6th to 9th. A management committee has been set up with Mr Larsen as President. He then presented a short video about the venue.
Venue: The venue will be in the old meat market in central Copenhagen with 5000m² for exhibition. It has natural light, rooms for meetings and is located a 5 minute walk from the Central Station. Parking for trade vans still needs confirming but catering facilities have already been organised.
Budget: Potential sponsors will be approached. Advertising will include Facebook and direct promotion at other European Shows. Mr Hermans commented that *The Orchid Review* is the official journal of the EOC and will be very happy to include information about the EOCCE in the news section and adverts.
Conference: the aim is for 300-500 registrants with two streams of lectures both horticulture and scientific and it is hoped that the lectures will be recorded. A priority will be to communicate with the registrants. A professional conference organiser is already involved and has created a web page www.eocce2021.dk that will have details of registration and accommodation.

Show: Vendors will be a broader range including sundries, orchids, all of whom will be expected to mount an exhibit, and possibly other plant groups. It is hoped by the organisers that the CITES paperwork can be simplified with import and export papers being the same. There will be a separate sales area from the exhibits. Judging will include table judging and have entries for the ribbon judging.
Native Orchids: there may be some native orchids in flower at the time of the event.

Mr Larsen reported that it will be the Danish Orchid Society's 60th Anniversary in 2020 and it was suggested that the AGM and Board meeting was held during the event. He agreed to inform the Board of the dates as soon as they were confirmed. The possibility of another Board meeting in Copenhagen in the autumn of 2020 was also raised.

7. Next EOCCE 2024

Mr Jenny stated that there were no proposals for EOCCE2024 therefore the decision on EOCCE 2024 would be made at the AGM in 2019. Germany plans to apply to hold one at the Dresden show and there may be a second bid from Switzerland who need the year to prepare. It was agreed that individual Board members should net-work to encourage societies to bid for an EOCCE.

8. Next Board Meeting Autumn 2018 (Vienna)

It was agreed that the Board would meet 10am Saturday 6th October in Vienna. Mr Jenny would arrange a visit to the orchid collection of the University of Vienna for the afternoon Friday 5th October and an optional visit to the Reichenbach Herbarium the same morning. Mr Jenny would inform the Board once details were known. Mr Hermans offered the option of a meeting room in the InterContinental Hotel if required.

9. AGM 2019

It was agreed to ask the AGM for suggestions for the 2019 AGM and offer Dresden 28-31st March 2019 and London Orchid Show 6th April as possible venues.

10. EOC Website

Mr Hammer reported that some pictures of Journals on the website had been updated.

11. Sun-Moon

After extensive discussion it was agreed that the Board and the EOC should not, in principal, judge people or nurseries but the due legal process should be observed. If a similar situation arose in the future it would be first discussed by the Board either in person or by e-mail. A decision would then be made to inform the member societies if appropriate.

12. AOB

Mrs Hermans drew the Board's attention to the generous scholarships being offered for young Scientist at the 23rd WOC in Taiwan in 2020 and asked for feedback on orchid collections in European Botanic Gardens for Project Rooting.

Meeting closed at 12.10.