EOC AGM Meeting 24th March 2018 during the EOCCE at the Paris Event Centre, Avenue de la Porte de la Villette, Paris, France

Present: C Barker (BOC), G Diana (AIO) Board Member, C Dupont (SFO) Board Member, M Dumont (FO), V Dumont (AFJO) Board Member, C Hammer Board Member, R Hendriks (NOV), C Hermans minute taker & co-opted Board Member, J Hermans (RHS) Board Member, D Klein (SFO), R Jenny (SOF) EOC Secretary General, J Larsen (DOS) President Elect EOC & Board Member, M Le Roy (LOF) (part) President EOC & Board Member, M Lipińska (POS), M Lucas (OE), M Massimo (FIO), S Mill (OSGB) & A Matikka (FIS) Treasurer & Board Member

1. **Welcome:** EOC delegates were welcomed to the AGM by Mr Jenny.

2. **Apologies:** G Cramer, R Neirynck & J M M Santos

3. **Minutes of the AGM Meeting 13th May 2017 Gdansk, Poland**

The Minutes of the AGM Meeting 13th May Gdansk, Poland were unanimously approved, subject to the name correction, Rob Hendriks, and Mr Dumont 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.

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 Klein on behalf of Società Felsinea di Orchidofilia which is based in Bologna, Italy. Mr Klein gave a brief outline of the society to the meeting; it currently has 50 members and is linked to the university.

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; a link for it will be placed on the EOC website.
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.

7. **Election new President of the EOC**

Mr Le Roy stands down at the end of the current EOCCE so Mr Larsen, President of EOCCE 2021 was welcomed as the next President of the EOC.
Mr Le Roy thanked the EOC for their subsidy for EOCCE Paris 2018.

8. **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 will need the year to prepare.

9. **AGM 2019**

After a vote it was agreed that the next AGM would be at the Orchidarium, Estepona Spain on 16th March 2019. The other two choices were Dresden 28-31st March 2019 and London Orchid Show 6th April.

10. **EOC Website**

Mr Hammer reported that some pictures of Journals on the website had been updated. He reminded delegates to update their society and judge information, provide recent journal covers with impressions and include a diary of their events.
EOC Logo Competition: It was unanimously agreed that the current EOC logo needed updating especially as there is no digital version. It was agreed that there would be an open competition for the new design with free registration for EOCCE 2021 for the winner. The deadline for submissions was agreed, **15th September 2018.** The short list will be made at the Board meeting in October to present to the next AGM for a decision. Mr Jenny will circulate the competition instructions to all delegates and journal editors to pass on to their members/readers together with the current logo.

11. **Sun-Moon**

Mr Jenny apologised and outlined the Board's decision from the meeting the previous day: "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

Mr Jenny reminded delegates that elections to the Board will occur in 2019 and that nominations needed to be submitted by 1st February 2019.
Mr Jenny congratulated and thanked the team behind the EOCCE Paris and Charlotte Dupont in particular.
Mrs Hermans drew the AGM'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 15.35.