EOC AGM Meeting 16th March 2019 at the Orchidarium, Estepona, Spain
Present: P Arche (ACAO), G Cramer (DOG) guest, G Diana (AIO) Board Member, M Dumont (FO), V Dumont (AFO) Board Member, M Eckert (DOG) guest, C Hermans minute taker & co-opted Board Member, J Hermans (RHS) Board Member, D Klein (SFO Italy), R Jenny (SOF) EOC Secretary General, D Lafarge (SFO & AFJO), J Larsen (DOS) President EOC & Board Member, B Lopez Hernandez (ACAO), M Lucas (OE), A Matikka (FIS) Treasurer & Board Member, M Morandin (FIO), F-J Richardt (DOG) & G van Winkel (NOV).

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

2. **Apologies:** A Baudry (FFAO), A Deakin (BOC), C Dupont Board Member (SFO), C Hammer Board Member, P Lemettais (SNHF), M Lipińska (POS), G Meister (APO), R Neirynck (OVV)

3. **Minutes of the AGM Meeting 24th March 2018 Paris, France**

The Minutes of the AGM Meeting 24th March 2018, Paris, France were unanimously approved. Mr Jenny thanked Mrs Hermans for taking the Minutes.

4. **Financial Report**

Mr Matikka tabled the spreadsheet of Membership Fees; there were a total of 32 members. Three fees for 2018 were outstanding, the Swiss Orchid Foundation, the Latvian Orchid Society (LOEADA) and the Orchid Planet Society (Russia). Following a failure to pay the 2019 invoice their position will be reviewed at the 2020 AGM to decide if their membership will be discontinued as they will have defaulted two years.
Mr Matikka tabled the Financial Statement audited by Mr P Spínola. These were accepted by the AGM and Mr Spinola was thanked by Mr Jenny.

5. **Members**

Mr Jenny reported the following new Delegates had been appointed:
Swiss Orchid Society: Rudolf Jenny
Associació Catalana d'Amics de les Orquídies (ACAO): Pere Arche
Deutsche Orchideen-Gesellschaft (DOG): Franz-Josef Richardt
Association Francophone & Société Française d'Orchidophilie (SFO & AFJO): David Lafarge
Post Meeting Note: After the meeting it became apparent that the application for membership by Società Felsinea di Orchidofilia had been overlooked. A unanimous decision by the Board post meeting was that their membership would be subject to confirmation and discussed at the next AGM.

6. **Elections**

After discussion it was agreed that the AGM would recommend to the Board that the EOC Statutes needed amending to clarify that Board Members were Representatives of a Society. The amendment should then be brought back to the next AGM for approval.

Board Members: Mr Jenny reported that Mrs Dupont had resigned as SFO Representative and Board Member. The SFO proposed Mr Lafarge as their Board Member. Votes Unanimous
The DOG proposed Mr Richardt as their Board Member. Votes Unanimous

As it was not clear at what stage in the 3-year cycle each Board Member was currently at, it was agreed to re-elect all the current Board Members and that in future the AGM minutes would show each person's year of appointment. (See Appendix)

Re-election of Board:
Mrs Dumont: Votes Unanimous; Mr Hermans: Votes Unanimous; Mr Matikka: Votes Unanimous; Mr Diana: Votes Unanimous; Mr Hammer Votes 7-6 in favour

Re-election of Secretary General: Mr Jenny stated that he was willing to serve another three year term. Votes Unanimous

7. Status EOCCE 2021 Copenhagen

Show: Mr Larsen reported that a new site for vendor parking had been arranged. The organisers plan to offer a discount on the 2,000€ vendors' fee, the amount would depend on the grade of medal awarded to their exhibit. Amateur Orchid Societies will be invited to attend together with other floral exhibitors. There will be a charge for electricity for exhibitors.
There was discussion about the proposed Registration Fee of 160€ early bird and 190€ late. Mr Larsen agreed to report back to his committee the AGM's concerns that these rates were too high. There would be a Day Registration and Day Show tickets, Group Show tickets were planned.
Sponsorship is being actively sought, some have already been agreed. An Editors Forum will be held which will be open to non-EU Editors and possibly a Judging Symposium. Specialist orchid groups can meet during the event with prior arrangement.
Judging will be based on the DOG system and will include display, ribbon and possibly table judging.
Lectures: there will be two parallel programs Science - with an emphasis on practical conservation & Horticulture- travel and general. It is hoped to provide a summary handout at the end of the conference. The proceedings will be digital and there will be a poster session which may be judged.
Social: The Gala Dinner will be at the Opera and the possibility of arriving by water is being investigated. Orchid tours were being explored including the possibility of a visit to Hans Christiansen's nursery.

8. Logo Competition

By a unanimous vote the *Cypripedium calceolus* (no. 3) by Andrè Roux was chosen. Mr Jenny will agree the final format and contract with him. The prize was a free registration at the EOCCE 2021.

9. Next EOCCE 2024

Mr Richardt and Mrs Eckert gave a presentation for the bid from DOG to host the EOCCE in 2024 in Dresden, Germany. It gave an over view of the city's attractions and the broad range of hotels nearby. The show will be held in conjunction with the Easter Fayre at Messe Dresden, the basic format will be similar to the shows DOG hold there each year. The lectures will be on site, a logo has been designed. The dates were already confirmed as 21st to 24th March 2024. The AGM voted unanimously to hold the EOCCE 2024 at Dresden.

10. Data Safety Regulations

Mr Jenny reported that he had sought advice in Switzerland how the EU Data Protection Laws affected the EOC and was told to do nothing. Mr Richardt reported that the DOG had

taken considerable advice and were warned that doing nothing was not an option as there were hefty fines for non-compliance. The DOG now has an opt-out clause on their Home Page which was OK for the EOC to use. It was agreed that this opt-out clause should be used for the EOC website and that EOC Judges List would only contain names and Orchid Societies.

11. AGM Spring 2020 (Rome)

Mr Diana confirmed that an orchid show was being planned in Rome for mid April 2020. It was agreed to accept the invitation for the AGM during the event. Mr Diana agreed to confirm the dates as soon as possible.

12. EOC Website

Mr Jenny reported on Mr Hammer's behalf about the lack of information for the web site from some countries. He requested that the details of the new members of the Board and photo were sent to Mr Hammer.

13. Exchange of Articles

Mr van Winkel reported that the Author's and Photographer's permission was now being sought and that it had been agreed that there would be only one member journal per country. There were now 14 articles in English on the platform. Mr Jenny suggested that Mr van Winkel might want to contact other European orchid journal Editors to inform them of the platform's existence.

14. AOB

It was agreed that on behalf of the AGM that the Board would thank Mrs Dupont for her many years of service to the EOC. Mr Jenny also thanked Mr Lucas for hosting the event and providing warm hospitality.

Meeting closed at 11.55am
Clare Hermans

Appendix

Dates of appointment of Board Members

Guido Diana: (AIO) 2016-	(Next election 2022)
Vinciane Dumont: (AFO) (Co-opted 2010 -2015) Full 2015-	(Next election 2021)
Carsten Hammer: 2010-	(Next election 2022)
Johan Hermans: (RHS) 2009-	(Next election 2021)
Clare Hermans: Co-opted Member 2013-	
Rudolf Jenny: (SO) Secretary General 2009-	(Next election 2022)
David Lafarge: (SFO & AFJO) 2019-	(Next election 2022)
Jan Larsen: (DO) EOC President 2018-2021	
Ari Matikka: (FIS) Treasurer 2016-	(Next election 2022)
Franz-Josef Richardt: (DOG) 2019-	(Next election 2022)