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

Present: C Barker, A Baudry, I Borg, G Diana, M Dumont, V Dumont, C Dupont, C Hammer, C Hermans (Minute taker), J Hermans, R Jenny, J Larsen, P Lemettain, M Le Roy, A Matikka, V Micklewright, J Santos & E Wildburger.

Apologies: H & S Grote, R Hendriks, D Lafarge, A Mignes, R Neirynck & C Reyner,

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

2. **Minutes AGM Meeting 1st March 2014 Blois, France**

The minutes of the Board Meeting March 2014 Blois were approved unanimously and Mrs Hermans was thanked for taking them.

3. **Information about election of new EOC-president**

Mr Jenny thanked Mr Hermans the outgoing EOC president. Mr Jenny thanked Mr & Mrs Hermans for an excellent EOCCE and Mr Hermans thanked the OSGB & BOC for their contribution. Mr Jenny welcomed Mr Michel Le Roy as the incoming EOC President and offered him the help of the members of the EOC in organising the next EOCCE.

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

The proposal to change Mrs Dumont's status from co-opted to full member of the Board was approved by the AGM.

5. **Report of finances**

Mrs Borg presented the financial report and the Auditor's report which was approved by the AGM. Five science speakers at the EOCCE 2015 were each supported with 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 still overdue.

6. **Change Statutes (bank-account)**

The amended Statute stating that the Seat of the Association was now in Switzerland was approved by the AGM; this will enable the bank account to be transferred from Sweden to Switzerland.

7. **Members**

Mr Jenny confirmed that GIROS has resigned from the EOC due to the lack of common interest in European native orchids within the EOC. A new society Clube dos Orquidofilos de Portugal was accepted as a new member of the EOC.

8. **Status EOCCE 2018, Paris**

Mrs Le Roy presented a report on the progress for EOCCE 2018. (Appendix 1). Mr Hermans agreed to write a report for the next EOCCE.

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

Mr Jenny reported that the Swiss Orchid Foundation had created the current EOC website but it was no longer updateable, Mr Hammer has agreed to become the new EOC web master creating a new site which will go live shortly after the EOCCE with a new host and Mr Lafarge has agreed to assist him.

All EOC delegates are asked to check that their data on the EOC website is correct and if not to let to Mr Hammer carsten.hammer@yahoo.de know of any changes and in future all changes should be sent directly to Mr Hammer. Individual member societies can have a link to their own website from the EOC one but Mr Hammer needs to be given the link.
It was agreed that Mr Jenny should be the third person to have the password to the EOC website to act as a 'sleeping administrator.'

10. Dates of next AGM

It was agreed to accept the offer to hold the 2016 AGM during the Oporto Show, Portugal 11th -13th March 2016, the exact date will be confirmed later

11. Next EOCCE 2021

The proposal to hold the EOCCE in 2021 in Copenhagen, Denmark was accepted. It was felt the Bella Centre offered an excellent venue with good access and that they would be able to draw on orchid growers from Denmark, Sweden and Germany, although the projected 900 delegates was thought to be a bit over optimistic. The proposed date is early May when terrestrials would be out; in addition the organisers plan to hold an earlier show in Jutland as a trial run.

12. Other Items

The differences between the judging systems in Europe were discussed and it was decided that this could be put on the Agenda if requested so too could be the topic of judging across country boundaries.
Mr Jenny reminded members that election of the officers was due at the next AGM in 2016.