

# **THE DENDROBIUM & FUUKIRAN ASSOCIATION ITALY**

**The Association was founded on the 01.02.2019, in Ancona Italy by MARCO TONNARELLI who for over 25 years has collected and grown over 1000 plants with a focus on DENDROBIUM ORCHIDS , it was his wish to create an Association that could focus on lesser known species. He is the Association's President.**

**He was joined by RICCARDO SENESI whose passion and in depth knowledge on FUUKIRAN ORCHIDS orchids allowed members and many others to discover this species and the Japanese culture and tradition linked to them. Riccardo is the Association's Vice President.**

**The Association presently has 23 members and 900 subscribers to our Facebook page , we have an International focus and thus both members and subscribers come from all over the world.**

**The aim is that of sharing knowledge: from growing tips to general knowledge on various species with the overall aim of raising awareness on the plant's natural habitat and origins and the conservation of species.**

**We recently had a wonderful conference on this subject.**

**We have a series of international conferences with guests speakers and many national conferences for members that focus on cultivation issues such as water, fertilization, the basics of botanica, insects and pests ecc**

**We have a Facebook page with over 900 members and WhatsApp group and a weekly online forum for members to share their experiences.**

**We also have an Instagram page and a yearly magazine in which we publish various articles with articles written by both members and external contributors .**

**Members can also rewatch videos of conferences on specific topics that we make during the year as we have created a small video library.**

**Our annual exhibition has been put on hold we were about to set up our second live exhibition when the Pandemic hit and we thus devised our series of webinair conferences but we look forward to hosting a new exhibition as soon as we can.**

**There has been talk of an event in Florence but it is early days yet and things change on a daily basis so we will wait and see. It is always wonderful to meet fellow orchid lovers.**

