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From the Chairman

First – The Seasons Greetings to you all.

This year, for me, has been somewhat difficult regarding the administration of EBA. A number of emails have been distributed expressing, what in my view, is dissatisfaction on how EBA is administered by the Board. I acknowledge the emails are from a minority of members. 3 members,

Belgium, Denmark and Poland have now exercised their right to request an Extra General Meeting – Article 15.5 of the EBA Byelaws apply.

Their reasons/proposals for requesting the meeting will be given by the representatives from these member countries in due course.

Therefore an Extra Ordinary General Meeting has been arranged to take place at the Noelanders Trophy Meeting, in Genk, Belgium on the weekend of 14/15 February 2015. The Official Meeting Notice and the Agenda will be circulated by the Secretary prior to the meeting.

This will be a **General Meeting**, not a **Round Table Meeting**; General Meetings are for discussing and deciding on agenda proposals not for debating issues as in Round Table Meeting.

As I have stated in recent emails I am conducting a review of EBA prompted by the Emails received from Belgium, Denmark and Poland. It is an in depth scrutiny of their comments and issues raised. I am preparing a reply which will be circulated to all.

Please ensure you have a copy of my review which will be emailed to delegates in the near future, when you or your nominated person attends the EGM

For this meeting to be valid for implementation of any decision made there must be an attendance of 50% of the membership. So please make every effort to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all in Belgium.

Reg Bolton.

January 2015

From the Board**From the Secretary**

Klagenfurt, January 2015

Since the EBA Convention in Wroclaw time has passed swiftly now we are awaiting the Extraordinary General Meeting 2015 in Genk, Belgium. The invitation letter for the meeting has been sent out. The location and the exact time of the start of the meeting will be published by 14th of January. Together with this information we will deliver to the delegates the agenda for the meeting. Because of the sense of such an Extraordinary General Meeting only some of the most important points will be put on the agenda.

During the past half year the work for the EBA was a very stressful and time consuming. Not only the normal business was very intensive because of additional administrative work which arose caused by special interests of some delegates but also some emails from the members had to be assimilated and digested.

At last the EBA Newsletter 83 has been prepared. It was postponed because of lack of contributions by the members. Although we asked for a second time for contributions to the newsletter there was no response on our inquiry. So we postponed the NL for a second time to give more time to the members for the creation of articles.

Unfortunately also on our inquiry to fill in the questionnaire of the Survey for "EBA Member's Contentment" we received only a few answers. The feedback was unexpectedly poor so some of the questions out of the questionnaire will be subjects of the discussions at the EGM.

All discussions should be done in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere und they should bring results which will help the development of EBA.

The EBA Convention in Vilnius Lithuania which will take place at the beginning of September 2015 is casting its shadow before it. The organizers have already submitted the programme on the internet website and confirmed that the preparations for the convention are running well. Further information can be found on the website of the Lithuanian Bonsai Association.

<http://www.bonsailithuania.com/>

All the best for the season and a Happy New Year

Detlef Mostler,
Secretary

From the Treasurer

Dear EBA members,

I sent to you the invoice for the EBA membership fee 2015. Please make sure to transfer the fee in time to the EBA account. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and your families a good start in 2015. I am looking forward seeing you in February at the EGM in Genk.

Best Regards

Jürgen Carocci, EBA Treasurer

Change in Personnel

During the past year some of our EBA Delegates have changed. For the convenience of the Members of EBA the Board publishes in the Newsletter the latest list with the updated names and addresses of the EBA Delegates.

The Board thanks to all the Delegates who have worked in the interest of EBA and their National Associations in the past:

Sweden: Maria ARBORELIUS-ROSBERG,
Portugal: Mariana COSTA,
Slovakia: Ivan STEFANOVIC,
Monaco: Bernard JAWOROWICZ

and welcomes the new Delegates:

Sweden: Torsten RYMANN,
Portugal: José MACHADO,
Slovakia: Juraj SZABÓ,
Monaco: Christophe MAGGIORE

From the Members

News from Austria

December 2014

In 2014 the board members attended many international exhibitions, bonsai events and bonsai clubs in neighbouring countries such as Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Hungary and Slovenia to maintain and to deepen the existing good contacts and to invite and request for participation of the foreign clubs in the main bonsai events in Austria.

Many exhibitions and bonsai seminars were held so that Austrian Bonsai enthusiasts had the possibility to see excellent bonsai, suiseki and kusamono and to practice their knowledge under the guidance of national and international bonsai artists.

In May the Tyrolean Bonsai Club celebrated its 30 Anniversary with an excellent exhibition in Wattens (Tyrol). All Austrian clubs and some clubs of South Tyrol and Germany participated with their exhibits in the event. There was also a very interesting supporting programme.

At two A-B-A meetings the members were informed about all recent EBA activities.

The ABA website was revised and will be updated with news from the clubs.

At this year's EBA Convention in Wroclaw Austria was very well represented with exhibits. Beside bonsai and suiseki for the first time we were able to show Kusamono. The Board Member Walter Schreiner of the Austrian Club "Suibon" was awarded for his suiseki as best suiseki of the ESA Exhibition 2014. The Austrian participant in the European Bonsai Demo on Sunday was Kurt Jaritz. He worked with great commitment on a black pine with three trunks.

At the NTC Hans Hödl showed excellent design work and was awarded third place out of 15 contestants.

In 2015 there will be two bigger exhibitions in Austria. 1-2 June the BC Salzburg will once again host at Hallein its exhibition "International Bonsai and Kusamono Festival" in the Old Salt Store located on the Pernerinsel. www.bonsaisalzburg.net

In September 21-22 the Austrian Bonsai Friends in Carinthia will organize the "7th International Alpen Adria Bonsai Exhibition (IAABA)" with guests from Slovenia, Germany and Italy. www.bonsai-kaernten.at

Detlef Mostler

Tyrolean Bonsai Club 30th Anniversary exhibition in Wattens



News from Germany



Bonsai at its best in Germany

Bonsai in top form presented the Bonsai-Club Germany (BCD) at its this year's Federal Exhibition in Mannheim. About 90 exhibits represented at a high level the state of the art of bonsai in one of the largest membership organizations within the EBA.

Excellent Bonsai ensured together with a "Golden October"-weather a large public interest: During the two days of the exhibition around 2000 visitors, including many bonsai-newcomers, were excited about the small trees.

A jury awarded winners in three size classes. For small trees (<29 cm) Ursula Funke was in front with a mame display; the class up to 59 cm decided Liselotte Weller with a taxus baccata for herself, while within the class of "large" trees Claus Kimmig was successful with an impressive pinus sylvestris.

During the event, also the national New Talents Contest (NTC) was carried out. Six participants worked on small itoigawa-juniper trees of high quality. The winner was Daniel Tischoff from the "Working Group Bonsai Leipzig", who will represent Germany at the EBA Convention-2015 in Vilnius (Lithuania).



News from Italy

Bonsai CV - NTC 2014 Winner Tiberio Gracco

Tiberio Gracco an Italian, born in 1978 took his first steps in the world of bonsai in 2004, when he discovered the Bonsai Club Napoli. His contact with the Napoli Club was an important turning point and what was at first a limited shy interest in these small potted plants was soon transformed into a real passion for bonsai.

In 2006, on the occasion of the first edition of the Kokoro-no Bonsai Ten, he met with Sandro Segneri and the Bonsai Creativo School-Academy. Having attended seminars, in 2007 he joined the Academy and trained there until 2009.

His passion for bonsai brought him another interest, that of the stoneware pots used for bonsai. In 2008, almost for fun, he "tried" to make a stoneware pot for bonsai use. Having made a pot, he showed it to Sandro for opinion. Having examined the pot Sandro saw the proportions and aesthetics were appropriate and encouraged him to continue with the making of bonsai pots.

Once he mastered the construction of pots he began to experiment with glazes. Soon his pots were eagerly sought after by the bonsai fraternity.

Under the guidance of Sandro he continued to learn and mature in the Art of Bonsai. After graduation from the Academy in 2009 he continued to attend seminars held by Sandro and so honed his bonsai technique.

Tiberio exhibited for the first time at the 2011 UBI Congress in San Remo winning the IBS prize for his Heather and the prize "I defend the Olive Tree" At the UBI Congress 2012 he received an "Honorable mention" for a Myrtle Bonsai.

The Master Kunio Kobayahi and the Master Minoru Akiyama gave him an award for the best Heather latifoglia at the "Under the Sky of winter 2012" at the exhibition organized by the Franchi Bonsai

Also in 2012 together with Manuel Conson won the first place trophy for Arcobonsai.

The club directors of Napoli Bonsai selected him for the Italian Bonsai New Talent Competition 2013, he won first place.

He represented Italy at the EBA 2014 New Talent Contest held in Poland. The bonsai he styled was adjudged the winner, therefore he won that competition.



Tiberio Gracco
News from Slovakia

Slovak bonsai association (SBA) organized 12th national exhibition of bonsai and suiseki. It was held between 21st and 22nd of June 2014 in Small Carpathian Museum of viticulture in Pezinok, SK, within a very unique exhibition area. 32 of our members participated and displayed 74 bonsai trees and 23 suiseki stones. Both trees and stones were displayed altogether with fine art – modern paintings of contemporary Slovak artists.

Annual general meeting (AGM) of SBA members was held during the exhibition. One of the items on the agenda was a financial report for the period of May 2010 - May 2014 as this was the end of 4 year presidential term. Therefore, the main item was elections. Juraj Szabó was elected new president of SBA. He nominated and the members approved the following board members: Július Kolesár, Vladimír Kriško, Martin Krivošík, Ladislav Lenčucha and Rastislav Moravčík.

Five candidates took part in the New Talents Contest (NTC). The winner, Rastislav Moravčík, will represent Slovakia at the European Final in 2015, Vilnius in Lithuania.

You can see pictures of the trees and suiseki on SBA homepage:

<http://bonsai-sba.sk/narodne-vystavy/12-nv-2014-pezinok/>

<http://bonsai-sba.sk/galerie/narodne-vystavy/>

There were many local shows, workshops and contest throughout the season, e.g.:
 The 17-th International Bonsai, Suiseki and Tea Exhibition in Nitra

<http://www.bonsai-slovakia.sk/2014.htm>

Cassovia Bonsai Cup and Studio with Pavel Slovak

<http://www.bonsaicentrumkosice.sk/>

Bonsai camp Martin-Trusalová

<http://www.bonsai-mt.sk/>

Bonsai Piknik in Banská Bystrica

<http://bonsai-sba.sk/webpage/bonsai-piknik-2014-v-banskej-bystrici-reportaz-tv-eso/>

Suiseki – three stones

<http://forum.bonsai-sba.sk/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=1139#p10458>

All these big major and local shows attracted much public interest.



News from Sweden

Torsten Ryman, as vice chairman of the Swedish Bonsai Association, is now the current representative of the Swedish Bonsai Association in Sweden (the usual task of vice-chairmen in the Swedish Bonsai Association).

The Swedish Bonsai association had our national annual meeting in beginning of September at the Botanical Garden in Gothenburg with an exhibition as well as a workshop and demo by Kunio Kobayashi.

At our board meeting we decided to try to re-energize our activities internationally and to encourage our members to attend the EBA meetings. Consequently we will create a (part) funding for interested members who would like to attend these meetings. We are also planning to be present at the Noelanders Trophy 2015 with a larger group of delegates than usual.

The 2015 annual meeting of the Swedish Bonsai Association will be in the beginning or mid-September (Tbd) with Demo and workshop led by a Japanese Bonsai Master. At the moment negotiations is ongoing who that will be. The meeting will be held in Umeå, North of Sweden.

News from the UK

Gardeners' World Live, 2014

Gardeners' World Live, 2014 Congratulations go to the members of the five local bonsai societies from the Midlands region who staged on behalf of FoBBS a 74 ft. long stand at the recent R.H.S. Gardeners World Live event held at the National Exhibition Centre near Birmingham. The stand was one of four bonsai exhibits and proved to be a popular feature, in particular the central feature, based on a Japanese tokonoma comprising a spectacular Satsuki azalea. It also received a R.H.S. Gold Medal Award for the second consecutive year and is being short-listed for the Holford Medal, awarded to the best of those displays exhibited by amateur organisations or societies during the course of the year.

Particular thanks must to all those members of the Ambion, Midland, Redditch, South Staffs and South Worcester Bonsai Societies under the direction of David Cheshire, who assisted in the assembly of the stand, the provision of the thirty-nine trees displayed and for their time spent in manning the stand and speaking to the public over a very hectic five day period.





FoBBS Gold Medal Award, R.H.S. Chelsea 2014

As in previous years, the Federation of British Bonsai Societies' stand at the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show drew much attention from the general public. The two-tier stand, some 36 feet in length, comprised a total of twenty shohin-size and larger bonsai together with a small selection of mamé and accent plants.

Again, the Federation was successful in winning a Gold Medal award. Thanks must go to Reg Bolton and his team responsible for the design and assembly of the stand together with those who offered up trees for the display. Thanks also to those who manned the stand, and who answered the innumerable question from the public.



FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL BONSAI COLLECTION

'Bonsai for All, 2014'

For the first time in many years, Sunday, the 6th July saw 'Bonsai for All' at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The event proved a success with funds being generated towards the National Bonsai Collection. As well as displays by seven of the local bonsai societies from the Midlands region, a number of individual exhibitors also participated, resulting in an impressive display of bonsai with some notable trees on show.

In addition, there was a trade fair involving 13 traders, some of whom had travelled a considerable distance in order to participate. Added to all of this was an opportunity for those attending to enjoy the demonstrations taking place throughout the day – one with Marc Noelanders, the other with Paul Finch. In addition, as well as exhibiting some of his trees, Simon Temblett put on an advice table. Our appreciation to them all for giving of their time.





EBA Convention 2015 Vilnius Lithuania



EBA & ESA Convention and IV Japanese Culture Festival
09/04/2015-09/06/2015

Dear Members of European Bonsai Association,

We are pleased to introduce our first EBA & ESA Convention and IV Japanese Culture Festival 2015 newsletter!!! We have already started to prepare for your arrival and we will provide you with this newsletter each month for your convenience.

We would like to invite you for EBA & ESA Convention and IV Japanese Culture Festival to be held in Vilnius from 4th September to 6th September 2015. Official on-line registration will start from 12 January. Please visit our website <http://www.bonsailithuania.com/> to get all the details related to the Convention.

Happy New Year!!!!

Kestutis Ptakauskas

Lithuanian Bonsai Association president

Head representative of the organizing committee

of the EBA & ESA Convention and IV Japanese Culture Festival, 2015

PROGRAMME

3 September 2015, Thursday

10:00 – 18:00 Registration

DAY I

4 September 2015, Friday

Opening hours 10:00 – 20:00

10:00 Opening

10:00 – 14:00 New Talent Contest

12:00 – 13:00 Ikebana Demo Show

14:00 – 15:00 Aikido-Kendo-Iaido Show

15:00 – 16:00 Kimono Demo Show

16:00 - 18:00 Historical Styles of Japanese Gardens

18:00 – 20:00 Exhibition official opening ceremony with Dancer Miyuki Matsunaga

20:00 – 21:00 Exhibition opening concert with famous jazz artists Keiko Borjeson McNamara and of the most popular musician in Lithuania Andrius Mamontovas

DAY II**5 September 2015, Saturday**

Opening hours 10:00 – 20:00

10:30 – 11:30 Tea ceremony. Haiku poetry

12:00 – 14:00 Kimono Demo Show

14:00 – 18:00 Demo Show Salvatore Liporace, Italy, Sae Won Kim ir Seok Ju Kim South Korea, Christian Przybylski, Germany

15:00 – 16:00 Suiseki Demo Show Chiara Padrini

19:00 – 20:00 Super trio "AUN & HIDE" and Dancer Miyuki Matsunaga

21:00 – 23:00 Gala Dinner with Keiko Borjeson McNamara. Awards Time

DAY III**6 September 2015, Sunday**

Opening hours 10:00 – 18:00

10:30 – 11:30 Tea ceremony. Haiku poetry

11:00 – 17:00 EBA member Demo Show

12:00 – 14:00 Kimono Demo Show

15:00 – 16:00 Suiseki Demo Show Igor Barta

17:00 – 18:00 Aurelijus Zykas book's about Japan presentation

18:00 – 19:00 Super trio "AUN & HIDE" and Dancer Miyuki Matsunaga

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EBA RTM 2014 – Minutes**EBA Round Table (RTM) 2014 - Minutes**

Wroclaw (Poland), Saturday 10th May 2014 14.00-16.00

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Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

Reg Bolton, EBA-President apologized for his absence because of the postponement of the convention by the organizers.

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a. Report EBA Board Meeting

The 2.Vice-President welcomed in the name of the president Reg Bolton all delegates and participants. He and the Secretary informed the delegates that the topics of the Board Meeting, held yesterday in the afternoon, will be discussed again in this meeting. The opinion of the board will be presented at each item.

b. EBA New Talent Contest ©

The secretary informed the delegates and participants about the number of participants. 15 candidates were nominated by the members.

The 1.Vice-President will organize the whole contest with the support of the polish organizers and the other Board members. Detlef Mostler and Vaclav Novak will do the evaluation. The contest will run under the old rules.

The 1.Vice president explained to the delegates that there are again discussions about new rules for the NTC. During the debate on this matter different possible versions were discussed. Chris Mathys from Switzerland showed in a Power Point presentation his proposals. He suggested installing a professional jury consisting of 5 judges, chosen by the EBA Board or a committee (the committee should be elected every 5 years) out of a number of nominated bonsai experts (bonsai coach or instructor) from the member countries.

There was a lot of discussion about: payment of the judges, who is a professional judge, what kind of experience is required as a judge, etc. A decision about new rules for the NTC should be made at the AGM. It turned out that most of the delegates declined professional judges for the NTC. They only wanted a renewal of the evaluation rules.

c. Payment of membership fees EBA

A written report from the treasurer was handed out to the members of the board regarding the latest status of the EBA assets, the financial situation and the report of the auditors. The report was also handed out to the delegates at the RTM.

d. and e. Members and Contacts, Website

These items have not been dealt with during this meeting.

f. Newsletter

The issue of the next NL is planned for September 2014.

g. Future EBA Conventions

The Convention 2015, Lithuania (Vilnius) was finally confirmed by the board. The convention programme will be presented by the Lithuanian delegation. After the presentation at the AGM the Convention Contract will be signed by the 2.Vice-president and the secretary. Until now the board received no application for an EBA Convention 2016.

It was asked why no application has yet been received for the EBA Convention 2016 and if there are difficulties holding a convention? The secretary pointed out that the UK intended to hold the EBA Convention 2016. At the meetings in Audincourt the UK delegate reported that there is some interest by FoBBS to organize a convention maybe in Birmingham. He announced for the convention at Wroclaw to give more details. This intention has since been withdrawn.

Marc Noelanders presented a proposal for organizing an EBA Convention in connection with his Noelanders Trophy in Belgium. The earliest time for holding such a combined event will be 2017. The Hungarian Bonsai Association is thinking about an application for the EBA Convention 2017. Maybe it will be possible to hold it one year earlier in 2016. The Hungarian Association needs time to check the circumstances for an earlier holding and will send an answer by the end of September to the Board. The offer of Hungary was welcomed by the delegates and the Board.

It was also mentioned by some participants in the meeting that the EBA Convention should be again an important bonsai event as it was in the past. There have been discussions about the use of highly qualified demonstrators to attract visitors. Objections arose against this idea because of the money the organizers have to spend. At least it depends on the decisions of the organizers, who are responsible for the success of a convention, to find appropriate demonstrators within the scale of existing funds.

h. 30th Anniversary

The board introduced into the topic with a brief review of the history around the terminated project of the booklet of the Polish organizers of the convention in Wroclaw. The Polish delegate and Vaclav Novak criticized the procedure of the past project.

Now a new attempt for a commemorative publication was made by the Board and the issue of a special Anniversary Newsletter was proposed. This proposal was rejected by some of the delegates.

Marc De Beule suggested the issue of an electronic book (eBook). It should be created completely digitally and could reach a lot more people over the Internet than a normal booklet. It could be simply distributed as a download for the bonsai enthusiasts. If necessary, it could be published as a normal book printed in high quality.

The theme was submitted for a vote to the AGM.

i. Amendments of the EBA Statutes; Increase of the number of Board Members

The request for an enlargement of the Board was submitted by the Board and was supported by proposals from France and Denmark.

Two variants are possible:

- Two full members; this variant necessitate the amending of the EBA Byelaws
- Two members co-opted to the Board without voting rights; does not need an amendment of the byelaws.

The reasons given for the increase of the board are the extra work for the update of the NL and the website as well as the further efforts to improve the working methods of the Board and the intended increased interaction with members. It was argued by the secretary that the delegates need to care more for their work in the EBA so that the communication between the delegates and the board will be successful. The NL needs more articles and the contents of the Website (proposal Belgium) could be extended.

The enlargement of the Board was forwarded for a decision to the AGM, but there was no great willingness of the delegates to agree to an increase in the number of members of the Board without further specification of the functions of these members. It was also suggested by the delegates to present the roles of all members of the Board. The Board pointed out that in the statutes the most important duties of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are concisely described.

j. WBFF Report

The 1.Vice-president Vaclav Novak was as member of the Board present at the WBFF event in Jintan (China).

k. Other Subjects

Proposals were brought by Belgium, France, Denmark and Poland.

- The proposal of Poland for a financial support of the organizers of future conventions by EBA has been a subject of controversy. There were different opinions about some measures which should be taken to control the money spent by EBA. In the opinion of the Board the measures should prohibit a financial plight of the EBA by the grants made:
 - Supervision of the budget of the Convention,
 - control of the revenue,
 - control of the costs for demonstrators or for the venue.

The proposal was submitted to a vote at the AGM.
- The French proposal to increase the value of the votes of large member countries was generally not approved (one member...one vote) and delegated for vote at the AGM.
- The proposal by Marc De Beule to create a special Shoin Section within the EBA was evaluated positively and delegated for vote at the AGM. The proposal for a Kusamono Section was made by the secretary and accepted.
- The proposal for an international EBA Standard for the evaluation of bonsai at exhibitions was discussed spontaneously without result.
- The Belgian proposal for more information and communication within the EBA was not discussed and seen by the secretary in connection with the proposed enlargement of the Board.
- Sandor Varga was nominated by the Hungarian delegation as official delegate at the AGM.

The 2.Vice-president thanked the participants in the meeting for their contributions and hoped to meet all again for the 2014 EBA-AGM the next day.

Marc Noelanders (2.Vice-president): Detlef Mostler (Secretary) Klagenfurt, July 2014

EBA-AGM 2014 - Minutes

Wroclaw (Poland), Sunday 11th May 2014, 10.00-11.30

Agenda

1. Members present, Quorum
2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM held at Audincourt (France)
3. Report on EBA activities from the Board
4. Treasurer's and Auditor's reports
5. 30th Anniversary
6. Adoption of RTM-decisions
7. Amendments of the EBA Statutes
8. Provisional programme of the 2015 EBA Convention in Lithuania
9. Future EBA Conventions, decisions 2016, 2017
10. Several Proposals
11. Any other subject

Members present, Quorum

EBA BOARD:

Vaclav Novak, 1.Vice-President

Marc Noelanders, 2. Vice-President

Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

Reg Bolton, EBA-President apologized for his absence because of the postponement of the convention by the organizers.

DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS:

Austria	Austrian Bonsai Association	Detlef Mostler
Belgium	Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs	Marc De Beule*
Czech Republik	Czech Bonsai Association	Karel Müller
Denmark	Dansk Bonsai Selskab	Tommy Nielsen
France	Fédération Française de Bonsai	Bernard Jaworowicz*
Germany	Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.	Jürgen Carocci
Hungary	Magyar Bonsai Szövetség	Sandor Varga
Italy	U.B.I.	Excused
Lithuania	Bonsai Association of Lithuania	Kestutis Ptakauskas*
Monaco	Bonsai Club de Monaco	Bernard Jaworowicz*
Poland	Polish Bonsai Association	Tomasz Sobczak
Portugal	Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB	Excused
Netherlands	Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging	Bruno Wijman
Slovakia	Slovenska Bonsai Association	Július Kolesár
Slovenia	Slovenski Bonsaj Klub	Tomaž Kovšca*
Spain	Asociacion Española de Bonsai	Excused
Sweden	Svenska Bonsaisällskapet	Absent
Switzerland	Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde	Excused
United Kingdom	Federation of British Bonsai Societies	Excused

The 2.Vice-president welcomed all delegates and participants and noted that at the beginning of the meeting 10 Member Associations out of 19 were present. The quorum of the meeting was thus reached.*Some of the delegates were not present for the whole time of the meeting because of their engagement in the EBA Demo show, which took place from 11.00 am.

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM held at Audincourt (France)

The minutes of the 2013 EBA-AGM and one amendment (Belgium) had been sent to the delegates via e-mail and had been published in NL 81. They were unanimously agreed together with the agenda for the AGM 2014 in Wroclaw..

3. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The 2.Vice-president explained that some items of the agenda have to be discussed earlier because of their importance. He pointed out that most of the delegates participated in the RTM and were already informed about these items (Items: see minutes of RTM). At the beginning the Lithuanian delegation will present the venue and the provisional programme of Vilnius.

4. Treasurer's Auditor's reports

A written report from the treasurer was handed out to the delegates at the RTM regarding the latest status of the EBA assets, the financial situation and the report of the auditors. He gave a short report about the Statement of Accounts. The financial situation of EBA is still sound. (Account 2013 12 31: 15.954,00 €). The fees for 2013 were all paid by the members. The report was unanimously agreed.

5. 30th Anniversary:

The delegates supported by a majority of votes the proposal of Marc De Beule to create an e-book as commemorative documentation and invited the board to prepare together with Marc all necessary work for the realization. Marc promised to write down within a short time his ideas and the also the subjects he can offer help. A decision will be taken by written vote. .

6. Adoption of RTM-decisions

- No. 5. 30th Anniversary
- No. 7. Amendments of the EBA Statutes
- No. 9. Future EBA Conventions, decisions 2016, 2017; Proposals by Belgium, France, Denmark, Poland and the Board.

The discussions at the RTM were the basis for some decisions made by the majority of votes

7. Amendments of the EBA Statutes, Enlargement of the Board

The delegates supported by a majority of votes the idea of increasing the board by two co-opted members. Before the realization the board should create a document containing the tasks (job description) for these two new members. The secretary promised a basis note for further discussions by the beginning of August. After that the decision will be taken by written vote or at the next AGM.

8. Provisional programme of the 2015 EBA Convention in Lithuania

The Lithuanian delegation presented the “charming” city of Vilnius which is easy accessible by plane, car and train. The EBA Convention 2015 will take place from September 4 – 6, 2015 at the Lithuanian Exhibition and Convention Centre LITEXPO area. Information about the programme, the venue, the accommodation and the city can be found at the website www.bonsailithuania.com. The contents will be actualized step by step. The supporting programme will contain tea ceremonies, lectures about Japanese food, karate demonstrations, Japanese and dances etc. The online registration and the hotel reservation will begin on 19 2014, the early bird registration deadline will be the 30 4 2015. On August 20 2015 the registration will be closed. The registration of trees will be possible from April 2015. At the exhibition hall there will be enough space for about 10 trees per member country (width 1,55m; height 2,5m). There are many hotels near the venue, which is 5 km away from the centre. The prices for the fees and for the stands of the traders are not fixed yet. The deadline for the publication of the prices will be September 2014.

Contact:

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Conference secretary-registration: daina.kigiene@btgroup.lt

The holding of the EBA Convention 2015 by Lithuania was confirmed by the delegates. The EBA Convention Contract was signed by the 2.Vice-president, the Secretary and the president of the Lithuanian Bonsai Association.

9. Future EBA Conventions, decisions 2016, 2017

No further discussion

10. Several Proposals:

- **NTC:** The delegates declined by a majority of votes for professional judges at the NTC. They supported the idea of new evaluation rules. A proposal for this document should be worked out by the board (Vaclav Novak).
- **Value of votes:** The French proposal to increase the value of the votes of large member countries was not accepted by a majority of votes.
- **Shoin and Kusamono** - Sections within EBA: The delegates agreed by a majority of votes to create within EBA a Shoin and Kusamono Section.
- **Financial support by EBA:** The proposal to give financial support to the organizers of a future EBA Convention as discussed at the RTN got no majority of votes. A decision about that matter could be made only after a serious discussion about the pro's and contras.
- **More standard parts in the programme of an EBA Convention;** No decision was made by the members.
- **Launch of a special info-website:** Not discussed during the meeting because of lack of time.

11. Any other subject: See 6.

- **RTM:** Some delegates suggested to the members that at the Noelanders Trophy in February 2015 a RTM should be held. No decision was taken by the delegates. The board should discuss this matter and if wanted the necessary procedures should be followed in good time.
- **Newsletter:** Next issue will be published probably September 2014

The 2.Vice-president thanked the participants in the AGM for their contributions and decisions, hoped to meet all again at the EBA Convention 2015 in Vilnius, Lithuania

EBA New Talents Contest ©Participants and Winners
NTC 2014 Wroclaw

15 candidates took part in the contest.

Belgium	Feliers Johan
France	Francois Butin
Denmark	Henrik Büchner
Germany	Rene Kloß
Netherlands	Oscar Ramos
Austria	Johann Hödl
Monaco	Francis Roux
Slovakia	MUDr. Milan Kuvík,
Czech Republic	Miroslav Halatin
Poland	Rafał Wodzicki
Switzerland	Hans Seiler
Italy	Tiberio Gracco
Hungary	Balázs Tóth-Szabó
Portugal	Nuno Miguel da Silva
UK	Mark Kennerley

The winners were:

1st Tiberio Gracco of Italy

2nd Francis Roux of Monaco

3rd Johann Hödl of Austria

The winners and the participants received their awards and presents at the Gala Dinner.

EBA Board Job Description New Members without voting rights, draft

CO-OPTED BOARD-MEMBERS WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS

Job Description

Strategy	1st Co-opted Member Allocated to the President	2nd Co-opted Member Allocated to the Secretary
Goals and Objectives	Support of the President	Support of the Secretary
	Working out of fundamental papers for decisions of the Board	Intensification of the communication with EBA Members
	To do the groundwork for the EBA Website	Development of the EBA Newsletter
	Establishment of working groups (sections)	Establishment of a Creative Center
	Improvement of processes	
Tasks	Running of the Working Group 1 as chairman	Running of the Working Group 2 as chairman
	Structuring the WG1 together with President: (see below)	Structuring the WG1 together with Secretary: (see below)
	Build-up of the section Shoin	Build-up of the section Kusamono
	Revising of the Convention Package	Revising of the Internal Rules
	Contacting the Convention Manager of the coming EBA Convention	Building up a EBA Creative Centre together with the Board
	Motivating the members to submit articles for the homepage	Motivating the members to submit articles for the NL
	Cooperation with chairman of AG2	Cooperation with chairman of AG1
	Documentation of NTC	Creating of PR documents
		Creation of CI for Board and Delegates
Requirements	Very good knowledge in spoken and written English	Very good knowledge in spoken and written English
	Good knowledge of MS Office, Adobe Reader etc.	Good knowledge of MS Office, Adobe Reader etc.
	Good knowledge of design of electronic. documents	Good knowledge of design of electronic. documents
	Good knowledge of the EBA Byelaws and the Internal Rules	Good knowledge of the EBA Byelaws and the Internal Rules
Other	Compensation of expenses (PC, Internet, telephone etc) paid in a lump sum; required software will be purchased by EBA	Compensation of expenses (PC, Internet, telephone etc) paid in a lump sum; required software will be purchased by EBA
	Duration of the duty 3 years, election by the Board	Duration of the duty 3 years, election by the Board
	Announcement of the job among the members	Announcement of the job among the members

Forthcoming Events

The dates of the national and international exhibitions and bonsai events of member countries should be reported in time to the Bonsai Calendar (Events table) of Kath Hughes.

mkhughes567@btinternet.com The EBA Delegates receive the actual event table directly from Kath Hughes via e-mail. The Diary of events is also available on the EBA website at <http://www.ebabonsai.com/natevents.htm>

EBA Bank Account

Jürgen Carocci

European Bonsai Association (EBA)
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BLZ (bank rooting no): 67290100
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If you transfer Euros please use the IBAN and BIC codes
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BIC = GENODE61HD3

The membership fee is
172 Euro, if paid to the EBA account until January 31, 2015
190 Euro, if paid to the EBA account until February 28, 2015
218 Euro, if paid to the EBA account after February 28, 2015

Please make sure to include all transfer costs.

Members from non-Euro-countries may pay the fee of 172 Euro, cash at the next EBA Convention in Lithuania.

Please send me a short message until end of January 2015 if you want to pay in this way.

If you have any kind of question please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you in Vilnius.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Jürgen Carocci
EBA Treasurer

Next EBA Newsletter

The Newsletter 84 is scheduled for May 2015. The deadline for articles will be the 1st May 2015