



Dear EBA Members, dear Delegates,

Predict the unpredictable

The effects of SARS-CoV-2 on our society, our economy and above all on our bonsai activities clearly show how quickly completely new circumstances can arise. This is particularly so for our long-standing management of the bonsai-clubs that can lead to difficult situations in the club life as well as in the broad field of organizing workshops, training, education activities or exhibitions.

When something like this happens it requires quick and appropriate decisions to both limit the damage and collect the energy for the time afterwards. It is difficult to develop strategies for all emergencies beforehand, especially when you are busy with your day-to-day business as a routine. It is simply impossible to make arrangements for all eventualities. We lacked the means to do this and, to a certain extent, certainly also the necessary imagination for this. Nevertheless, we should learn from current events, with a hopefully good ending, in order to be even better prepared for the future. Cooperation and cohesion are even more important in an emergency than in normal club life. In the future we should be able to learn from each other much faster. We are now experiencing how many people can easily work at home rather than the office and how many meetings can take place via video conference. The extent to which the pandemic will change our bonsai world and how we interact with one another is probably not yet possible to assess at the moment. An important finding should undoubtedly be to recognize the seriousness of the situation more quickly. The world was ready far too late to forego mobility, entertainment and encounter, as well as some associated financial implications.

Both for bonsai friends and bonsai professionals there are serious cuts in normal bonsai work as well as in the practice of the artistic profession as a bonsai teacher, instructor, workshop manager or demonstrator. Many bonsai events are cancelled, bonsai museums and bonsai gardens with connected sales are not open and it is still not foreseeable when we can return to normal communication and work. It can also be assumed that international bonsai trade is affected and that some containers with goods in the Far East are stuck. But there is no shortage of work for bonsai lovers. Spring is a main working time on the trees, most of the activities can be done alone. The procurement of components of the self-mixed bonsai subspecies becomes difficult. In many countries building materials trading companies are closed. Those who do not stock up on Akadama, lava granules, peat and gravel as well as fertilizer in good time can now hope for the help of friends when it comes to producing the bonsai substrate themselves. The Corona virus does not respect borders, but the individual countries have reintroduced the borders for their own security and so personal contact among European bonsai friends remains limited to telecommunications.

At the end, a concern has to be brought up. The majority of the members pay their membership fees on time, thereby ensuring the work of the EBA. We appeal to those two members who did not pay the membership-fee for more than a year to pay the outstanding amount or at least communicate to us a reason for this.

We wish our members that they stay well through the coming weeks and months and look forward to a normal situation.

Marc Noelanders
EBA President

Detlef Mostler
EBA Secretary
Klagenfurt
28 March 2020

The preparations of the CBA for the **EBA Convention 2020 in Kromeríž** are ongoing and the latest information is on the website www.eba2020.eu . The organizers would like to confirm the conditions for exhibitors, traders and NTC participants. Exhibitors and traders shall have free entrance to the two parts of the exhibition (EBA and CBA) and to the demonstrations too. NTC participants shall have free entrance to the exhibitions, demonstrations and to the gala dinner too.

EBA Convention 2021

Is being organised by the Federation of British Bonsai Societies (FoBBS) who is continuing the preparations and informs the EBA members via its own website www.bibsevents.com



The poster features a central image of a bonsai tree in a pot, with a small figure of a person standing next to it. The background is dark, and the tree is illuminated. The text is white and red on a black background.

BIBS

Organised by The Federation of British Bonsai Societies
in association with The Friends of the National Bonsai Collection
(a registered charity)

The British International Bonsai Show
9th - 11th July 2021

The British Motor Museum, Gaydon,
Warwickshire, England.
CV35 0BJ. United Kingdom

www.bibsevents.com

The Federation of British Bonsai Societies (FoBBS) and Friends of the National Bonsai Collection (FNBC) are delighted to release tickets for The British International Bonsai Show taking place in July 2021.

This new event to the Bonsai calendar is intended to establish a regular (every 4 years) international exhibition bringing together some of the most highly-regarded styling artists, demonstrators and nursery owners from across the world.



With a large number of Bonsai traders, the 3-day event will be a showcase for the Bonsai community promoting this horticultural art form to the general public, increasing awareness and acting as a beacon for those that have a passion for the hobby, or make a living from its diverse complexity. It will be the Bonsai show not to miss!

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Demonstrators already confirmed:

Bjorn Bjorholm (USA)

Harry Harrington (UK)

Marc Noelanders (Belgium)

Mauro Stemburger (Italy)

with more to be announced...

Taking place at The British Motor Museum



Large Exhibition
Demonstrations
Talks
New Talent Competition
Tree sales
Yamadori and nursery stock
Pots
Tools & Accessories

All spread over 3 large exhibition halls and 5 presentation suites.

Lots to see and do every single day!

Book your tickets now for early-bird savings...

Choose from Daily tickets, a 3-day Flexi-pass and social/presentation evenings on Friday and Saturday



BONSAI TRADERS

We are taking requests for trading spaces. If you are a bonsai professional or trader requiring display and retailing space, then please apply for table or floor space by going to our website at www.bibsevents.com

(Please read the terms and conditions applicable for event participation)....and finally.

Look out for our next newsletter with exciting news on a

Bonsai Photography Competition you can be part of!

For all general enquiries, you can contact the show organising office from our website at

www.bibsevents.com



The BCD from Germany has announced to host the EBA Convention 2022 and will be hold in Augsburg in early summer (June).

The application documents will be put together and available to the EBA members for decision at the latest at the EBA Convention 2020 in Kromeríž.