

Dear EBA Members and Delegates



The 40th EBA Convention 2026 will take place in Banská Bystrica (Slovakia) in April 2026 (10-12 April 2026). In cooperation with the organizers, we can now provide members with further important information.

We would like to invite all bonsai lovers to a great event held in Slovakia. As you all know, Slovakia will organize the EBA Convention for the first time in its 40-year history. That is why we want to make an unforgettable weekend for all of you. I kindly ask you to share this email with all bonsai enthusiasts in your country.

As headliners we invited to our exhibition:

- Mr. Fujikawa, Director of the Japan Bonsai Association, bonsai master
- Mr. Su Fang, Director of the China Bonsai Association, bonsai master, and three high-level Chinese bonsai masters (Xu Hao, Fan Shunli, Du Yadong)
- Mr. Walter Pall and Adrija Zokic, who haven't performed at a public event like this for a decade

The event will be open for everyone. We are preparing a flower market area, a beer garden, a big street food zone and of course two exceptional exhibitions with world-class demonstrators on stage.

The convention takes place alongside of the Gardeniáda www.gardeniada.sk – a prestigious event focused on gardening, aesthetics, and the art of nature, bringing together experts, artists, enthusiasts and lovers of greenery. In addition to the EBA Bonsai and ESA Suseki exhibitions there will be the “XXXIII National Bonsai and Suseki exhibition (SBA+SAS)”.

The International bonsai demonstrations will be performed by Japanese, Chinese and European bonsai masters at the Demonstration Hall.

Venue:

Gardeniáda Banská Bystrica, Festival Námestie slobody Banská Bystrica
Hotel LUX Námestie, Slobody 2 974 01 Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

Registration of Bonsai:

For the correct registration of the EBA trees each national association has to select the bonsai they will present at the exhibition. The number of trees per country is limited to five.

Each owner has to register each exhibition bonsai using the form: <https://form.jotform.com/253015885333053> not later than 28 February 2026. If we do not receive this information by the deadline, the organizers have to fill the space with other exhibits.

EBA Members are asked to send an additional list of all the bonsai the country plans to exhibit not later than 28 February 2026 to prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk and to the EBA-Secretary detlef.mostler@aon.at

The list should include

- The full name of the owners, their email address and if possible their mobile number
- The names of the species of the bonsai

If there are questions concerning the registration process, the setup of the exhibits or the delivery please contact prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk

The deadline for submitting the lists is the 28 February 2026, but we ask you to write to us a short notice if your country is unable to participate in the exhibition as soon as possible.

Usually at each Convention some EBA Members are not able to participate in the exhibition so the board will ask other Members of EBA, especially from the nearby countries, to bring more trees **if** requested by the organizers.

It is also important to tell us if you will exhibit less than five bonsai. If this is the case the organizers can pass the free places to other exhibitors.

The Bonsai- and Suiseki Exhibition will take place in Hotel LUX, 1st floor, congress room (accessible by elevator). The exhibitions end on Sunday at 16:00 (4:00 pm).



1. Registration

The convention takes place as part of the Gardeniáda event. There is a single ticket for both parts of this event. Further details regarding ticket purchase will follow.

The EBA Gala and the awards ceremony including a reception and a buffet dinner (65.00 € per person) happens at the Town Hall on Saturday at 19:00 (7:pm). Tickets are available via the following website:
<https://form.jotform.com/253145025173045>

2. NTC - EBA New Talent Contest®

Participants in the EBA - NTC have to be nominated by the Member Countries (EBA Delegates). The deadline will be 28 February 2026.

Send the name and email-address of your participant and of your country's NTC-Judge to detlef.mostler@aon.at and to prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk as soon as possible. If you don't know the names until 28 February 2026 please send us a notice that your country will participate in any case in the NTC and you will give us the names in time. All participants will receive free of charge a ticket for the Gala Dinner. The NTC will take place on Saturday, 11 April, and 09:00 to 13:00 at the venue in Hotel Lux Conference room 2. All participants and judges will receive additional information about the NTC procedures by the EBA Secretary in time.

In the case your member country will not participate in the NTC please send a short notice about this fact to detlef.mostler@aon.at and prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk as soon as possible!!!

As in the past accommodation must be organized (booked and paid) by the national association or by the participant himself!

3. Delegate of your country

Please submit to the Secretary before 15 March 2026 the name of your official delegate competent for participating and voting at the 2026 EBA - AGM.

Please note that:

- The RTM is scheduled for Saturday, 11 April, 15:00 – 17:00.
- The AGM will take place on Sunday, 12 April, 10:00 – 13:00.

The EBA Meetings, RTM and AGM will be held in Hotel LUX Conference Room 2. The EBA Board Meeting will take place in Conference Room 1. There will be the Grand Opening Ceremony at the Hotel LUX on Friday at 16:00 hrs

4. Agenda RTM/AGM

Please inform the Secretary before 15 March 2026 about all your important points for topics on the agendas so that they can be included.

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 12 April, the EBA Board will be elected in accordance with the statutes, as its term of office expires in June. Current board members Pierre Bedes, Vaclav Novak and Detlef Mostler will not be standing for re-election. The members are asked to decide on the three vacant positions. The Board will support this decision by proposing candidates in the agendas of the meetings.

The final agendas will be sent to the EBA Members at the end of March 2026.

5. Accommodation

List of hotels put together by the organizers:

Hotel Name:

- HOTEL ARCADE - Cikkerova 1, Banská Bystrica
- HOTEL Urpín City Residence - Cikkerova 5, Banská Bystrica
- HOTEL DIXON Resort - Švermova 32, Banská Bystrica
- HOTEL Penzión Kúria - Bakossova ulica 4, Banská Bystrica

6. Promotion

For the success of each EBA ESA Convention it is very important to motivate as many of the national bonsai enthusiasts to come to the Convention and attend this very interesting programme. Please promote this event within your national membership so that the EBA-ESA Convention 2026 in Banská Bystrica will be a great success.

7. Contacts

Emails to: President SBA: Lukáš Jančina prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk

EBA Secretary: Detlef Mostler detlef.mostler@aon.at

The organizers will announce in due time the names and mobile phone numbers of those persons responsible for important functions in the organization of the convention for questions or any support during the event.

Internet:

European Bonsai Association: www.ebabonsai.com

Slovakian Bonsai Association:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585087491754>

Gardeniáda: www.gardeniada.sk

Thank you all in advance for your answers by email. Further detailed information from the Slovakian Bonsai Association will be immediately forwarded to the EBA delegates. We are looking forward to an excellent 40th EBA Convention, and to seeing you again in Banská Bystrica.



Information regarding the delivery time for exhibits: The organizers will accept exhibits on Thursday, April 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Later deliveries must be arranged with the organizers. Photos of the bonsai will also be taken on the same day.

Information regarding tickets:

- *The Gardeniada Festival runs from Thursday, April 9th to Sunday, April 12th and the EBA-ESA Convention from Friday, April 10th to Sunday, April 12th.*
- *Special 4-day tickets will be available for bonsai visitors- regular and **limited VIP**.*

link for buying the tickets:

<https://listky.gardeniada.sk/e-20685/gardeniada-2026-eba-esa-sba-sas-banska-bystrica-v-i-p>

The organisers strongly recommend buying asap! (further information on the website)

- *For visitors coming for just one day, a one-day ticket will be available for €11.00 at the Front-Gate for the day of the visit.*

Information regarding registration suseiki:

Please contact ESA (Igor Barta) via ESA website



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