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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Although I was unable to attend the Convention in Ratingen I understand Marc Noelanders and Detlef Mostler conducted the meetings in an admirable manner and Kath Hughes helped with the collation of the NT results, my warmest thanks to them for their efforts. It is pleasing to see that the family of the European Bonsai Association continues to grow, (no pun intended), with the Hungarian Bonsai Association joining us, making a total of 20 member Associations now. Another potential member is the Romanian Bonsai Association; they have made contact with EBA.

The EBA Convention for 2012 will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 11th to 13th May. The home page for this event is [www.eba2012.si](http://www.eba2012.si) full details are posted, please visit the site for any information you need. Because of the early date of the Convention the Slovenian Bonsai Club, (Slovenski bonsai klub) requests all European Bonsai Associations interested in exhibiting bonsai at the Convention, to consider what bonsai they wish to exhibit and how much space they will require, these details must be sent to the organisers by the 31st January 2012. Registration to exhibit Bonsai at EBA Conventions/exhibitions can only be made by members of EBA. The intention is to avoid accepting bonsai for exhibition from people who are not members of their National Bonsai Association.

Future Conventions. In Ratingen, applications for 2013 and 2014 were accepted. The 2013 Convention will be hosted by France the location will probably be at Besancon or in the immediate vicinity of the city on the northern edge of the French Jura. 2014, the European family will meet in the city of Wroclaw, Poland. For 2015 – Lithuania, Italy and the Czech Republic have all announced their applications. These applications will be discussed at the Convention in Slovenia.

In November I attended the Asia Pacific Bonsai Convention which included attending the meeting of the WBFF. From this meeting came a proposal to organize another “Photographic Competition” similar to the one organized by Solita Rosade when she was Chair of WBFF. The winning photographs to be displayed at the WBFF Convention in China 2013. My proposal is that EBA should organize entries from the European Region. Details need to be decided and ratified by the next EBA Board meeting at the Noelanders Trophy Exhibition in January 2012. A Kath Hughes has volunteered to co-ordinate submitted photographs. As soon as we have full and detailed criteria for the contest I will circulate it to all delegates.

It was very pleasing to see Europe well represented by visitors from our various countries at the ASPAC event in Takamatsu, Japan. The event was well organized with a good number of excellent bonsai on display. Two very well deserved “Awards of Merit” for contribution to the promotion of bonsai were made at the ASPAC meeting.

They were to Mr. Luigi Crespi (Italy) and Mrs Kath Hughes. UK. Kath has also recently been made a Director of Bonsai Clubs International. Congratulations to both on their award. Please remember to assist Kath Hughes in compiling the diary of bonsai events by emailing full details to her in good time of any event you are planning.

Best regards and Complements of the Season to you all, I am looking forward to our next Convention as I really missed not being at Ratingen

Reg Bolton.

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## WILLI BENZ MEMENTO

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### Sad announcement:

**It is with deep regret we have to announce the passing of Willi Benz.**

**He lost his fight against illness on 10th December. Willi Benz will be sadly missed by all who knew him. His knowledge of Bonsai and Suiseki was legendary. We offer our sincere condolences to Gudrun Benz and his family.**

“The name of Willi Benz is inextricably linked to the development of Bonsai and Suiseki in Europe. From 1960 he was engaged intensively with Asian art and had come into contact with bonsai. Willi studied with great Japanese bonsai masters and gained a deep insight into the traditional Chinese art forms.



In 1978 Willi was co-founder of the “Bonsai Club Deutschland” (BCD) and driving force in the founding of the “German Suiseki Society”. He served as President of the “European Suiseki Association,” as Vice President of “International Stone Appreciation Museum” in China, “International Stone Collection Association”, the “Bonsai Clubs International” (BCI) and an honorary member of other national and international associations Willi - always supported by his wife Gudrun. As long as his health allowed he worked untiringly for the spread of the art of Bonsai and Suiseki.

His commitment received proper recognition. Japan awarded him the “Order of the Rising Sun” (Kyokujitsushō). This is the highest Japanese order, which can be awarded to foreigners.”

(Extract and translation of memento by Bonsai Club of Germany (BCD) e.V.)

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## CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

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To the convenience of the Members of EBA the Board publishes the newest list with the updated names and addresses of the EBA Delegates.

The Board gives thanks to all the Delegates who have worked in the interest of EBA and their national associations in the past: Epifanio Troina (San Marino)

The new EBA Contacts (Delegates): Omero Faitanini (San Marino), Attila Baumann (Hungary)  
Change in some national boards:

Since October 2011 the EBA Board has received no news about changes in the assembly of national boards.



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## EBA & ESA CONVENTION 11.05.2012 - 13.05.2012

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### XXVIII. EBA & ESA Convention 2012

V. International bonsai exhibition

**11 - 13 May 2012**

LJUBLJANA | SLOVENIA

XXVIII. EBA/ESA CONVENTION, hosted by SLOVENIAN BONSAI CLUB

11. 5. 2012 - 13. 5. 2012

HOTEL & CONGRESS centre MONS

Pot za Brdom 4

1000 LJUBLJANA

SLOVENIA



The EBA Convention 2012 will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 11th to 13th of May. The home page of this event [www.eba2012.si](http://www.eba2012.si) is online.

Because of the early date of the convention the Slovenian Bonsai Club (Slovenski bonsaj klub) asks all European Bonsai Associations, which are interested to exhibit their bonsai, to think about what kind of bonsai they want to bring to Slovenia and how many meters they will need for the exhibits until the end of January 2012. ( [eba.slovenia@gmail.com](mailto:eba.slovenia@gmail.com) )

The Organizers will notify till the end of February 2012 how many meters of display benches the members actually will have at their disposal. Only after that step it will be possible to register bonsai for the exhibition via e-mail or official web site ([www.eba2012.si](http://www.eba2012.si)) till the end of March 2012.

For additional information and eventual clarification, please contact the organizers via: [eba.slovenia@gmail.com](mailto:eba.slovenia@gmail.com)

Please note that after the end of January the organizers will not accept any registering of space for the exhibits.

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## EBA & ESA CONVENTION - LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

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### About the exhibition

European Bonsai Association (EBA) - and European Suiseki Association (ESA) - Convention is an annual international exhibition of bonsai and suiseki. Every year it is hosted by a different EBA member country and is organized by the national bonsai organization. The 28th convention is hosted by the Slovenian Bonsai Club and will take place in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana.

The Convention is one of the most important European bonsai events. The exhibition offers to every EBA and ESA member country the opportunity to be represented by their best bonsai and suiseki. Thus once a year all the best European bonsai trees are gathered together at one place. It is also a great opportunity for visitors to see that bonsai is more than just a tree in the pot, bonsai is a real work of art. The Convention also has a rich accompanying program: The New Talent Contest (NTC) with participants from all attending countries, two world-class masters (Kevin Willson from the UK and Salvatore Liporace from Italy) will demonstrate their skills in bonsai shaping. The EBA Convention is a social event as well - bonsai enthusiasts from all over Europe can share their knowledge and experience. Visitors will enjoy a big area with exhibits and traders offering all bonsai material available for purchase— tools, bonsai trees, pots, wire and everything else.

Program:

### Friday May 11, 2012

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11.00-18.00 – bonsai and suiseki reception, exhibition set up  
19.00 – Official Convention opening ceremony

### Saturday May 12, 2012

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08.30 - Opening of Day 1  
9.00 – EBA New Talent Contest  
10.00-18.00 Bonsai demonstrations: Kevin Willson (UK), Salvatore Liporace (ITA), Tony Tickle (UK) and Slovenian bonsai growers  
13.00-14.00 - Lunch break  
16.00 – EBA Round Table  
19.00 – End of Day 1  
20.30 - Gala dinner Hotel Mons

### Sunday May 13, 2012

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8.30 am: Opening of Day 2  
10.00-16.30 – Bonsai demonstrations: Kevin Willson (UK), Salvatore Liporace (ITA) and Slovenian bonsai growers  
11.00 - EBA Annual General Meeting  
13.00 –14.00 - Lunch break  
17.30 – Official Closing Ceremony  
18.00 – End of Day 2



## EBA & ESA CONVENTION 2011 - RATINGEN, GERMANY

The EBA Convention from 30th September to 2nd October in Ratingen, Germany was the expected “family reunion” of the European bonsai scene. The nature of the event was created by the exhibition of high quality bonsai from 14 out of 19 member countries and by a concentrated and harmoniously run of the different meetings of the various bodies under the motto “Bonsai in the middle of Europe.”

The House of Sports, Ratingen, near Dusseldorf, Germany was the venue for this year’s EBA/ESA Convention. It was hosted by the Bonsai Club of Germany, (BCD) and organized by the Regional Association of North Rhine-Westphalia.

In modern and contemporary ambience more than 100 Bonsai of high quality were on display. EBA Certificates of Merit were awarded to - Hartmut Munichbach for *Pinus Mugo* ( also BCI Gold Medal), Wlodzimierz Pietraszko, Poland for *Juniperus Communis*, Georg Reinhard, Switzerland for *Pinus Uncinata*, Phillippe Sikora, France for *Prunus Mahaleb*, Bruno Wijman, Holland for *Pinus Mugo*, and Rijn Becude, Holland for *Juniperus Communis*.

The BCD Exhibition running parallel to the EBA event demonstrated that the level of Bonsai in Germany is impressive. An EBA award was also presented to Markus Staudenmaier for a *Pinus Uncinata*.

This year’s New Talent Contest was hosted and organized by BCD with 16 Contestants participating. The organizers provided good quality Chinese Junipers as the material for styling. In an exciting competition Walter Schmutz from Switzerland was successfully ahead of Tomaz Kovsca, Slovenia and Sebastian Rouzot, Monaco.

(extract) Herbert Obermayer BCD



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## EBA & ESA CONVENTION 2011 - RATINGEN, GERMANY

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### Bonsai-CV of Walter Schmutz, Niederwil, Switzerland

I was born on 17th August 1955 in the canton of Aargau in Switzerland. By profession I am working in the telecommunications industry. 1999 at a local bonsai exhibition in Wohlen (Aargau) I first came in contact with bonsai.

In 2000 I joined the working group "Moyogi" affiliated to the Swiss Association of Bonsai Friends (VSB, Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsaifreunde). 2005, five years later, the "Bonsai Study Group Freiamt (Bonsaikreis Freiamt)" was established by some members out of the group. In the following years I developed steadily and won several prizes at national exhibitions in Switzerland. 2006-2008 I participated for three consecutive years in the Swiss part of the EBA New Talent Contest, which I had finished on the second rank for two times.

In 2011 at the last attempt, at the National Exhibition in Schaffhausen, I won the preliminary contest of Switzerland, which entitled me to participate in the EBA New Talent Contest in 2011 in Ratingen Germany. There at 1st October 2011 I could win and therefore I am proud to have represented Switzerland in a worthy way. I am practicing bonsai as a hobby, which always gives me much fun.

7th October 2011 Walter Schmutz (transl. D.M.)

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### New Talent Contest Participants 2011

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1	Austria	Hermann Aichinger
2	Belgium	Marleen Roels
3	Czech Republic	Martin Pachi
4	Denmark	Kasper Mikkelsen
5	France	Francis Lecuyer
6	Germany	Petra Lambeng
7	Italy	Antonio Marino
8	Monaco	Sebastian Rouzot
9	Netherlands	Lianne de Lepper
10	Poland	Bartosz Warwas
11	Portugal	Paulo Sanpaio
12	Slovakia	Peter Valent
13	Slovenia	Tomaž Kovšca
14	Spain	Antonio Zamora
15	Switzerland	Walter Schmutz
16	United Kingdom	Carl Hawkins

## EBA-MEETINGS - RATINGEN MINUTES

### EBA-RTM 2011 – Minutes

Ratingen (Germany) Saturday 1st October 2011, 15.00-17.00

#### List of Subjects

Nr.	Subject
a	Report EBA Board Meeting
b	EBA New Talent Contest©
c	Payment of membership fees
d	Members and Contacts, Recruiting of further members
e	Newsletter, EBA Homepage
f	WBFF Report
g	Future EBA Conventions, 2012 Slovenia, 2013 France, 2014 Poland, 2015 no application
h	Promotion of EBA, Yearly European Bonsai Presentation Day, European Bonsai Vocabulary
i	Other Subjects

#### Members present and apologies for absence

#### EBA BOARD:

Reg Bolton, EBA-President, apologized for his absence because of health care reasons  
 Vaclav Novak, 1. Vice President  
 Marc Noelanders, 2. Vice President  
 Detlef Mostler, Secretary  
 Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer  
 Klaus Buddig, Webmaster, apologized

#### DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS:

Austria	Austrian Bonsai Association	Karl-Heinz Unterweger
Belgium	Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs	Marc de Beule
Czechia	Czech Bonsai Association	Karel Müller
Denmark	Dansk Bonsai Selskab	Absent
France	Fédération Française de Bonsai	Jean Marc Pouillon
Germany	Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.	Jürgen Carocci
Italy	U.B.I. Leonardo Pettinari	
Lithuania	Bonsai Association of Lithuania	Kestutis Ptakauskas
Monaco	Bonsai Club de Monaco	Bernard Jaworowicz
Poland	Polish Bonsai Association	Michal Malawski
Portugal	Federacao Portuguesa de Bonsai	Absent
The Netherlands	Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging	Tom van Wanum
San Marino	Club Bonsai San Marino	Absent
Slovakia	Slovenska Bonsai Association	Absent

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## EBA ROUND TABLE (RTM) 2011 - Invitation/Agenda

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Slovenia	Slovenski Bonsaj Klub	Tomaz Kavsca, Tomaz Hafner
Spain	Asociacion Española de Bonsai	Rolf Beyebach
Sweden	Svenska Bonsaisällskapet	Absent
Switzerland	Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde	Christian Mathys
United Kingdom	Federation of British Bonsai Societies	Absent

The Vice-President welcomed all delegates and participants and points out that this meeting is a forum of EBA to discuss all matters of importance. He informed together with the secretary the delegates about the topics of the Board Meeting, held yesterday in the afternoon.

### a. Report EBA Board Meeting

About the Deregistration in Amsterdam the secretary will discuss the matter with Rene Vantilt and will ask him for his recommendation. He will also ask Rene for help to handle the deletion at the chamber of commerce.

### EBA New Talents Contest ©

There were 16 candidates nominated from the members. Vaclav Novak organized the practical part. Kathy Hughes will do the evaluation and Marc Noelanders took over the overall view. As in the past, each participant will receive a certificate and a gift provided by the organizers. There is a € 300-200-100 money prize for the first three candidates. The board was very pleased about the high number of participants. The presentation of the participants will be held just before the Gala Dinner at the Sektempfang on Saturday.

### Bank account / Payment of membership fees

A written report from the treasurer was handed over to the Members of the Board regarding the latest status of the EBA assets, the financial situation and the report of the auditors. The financial situation of EBA is o.k. Problems are continuing with one Member country (San Marino) concerning the membership fees. By and large the morale of payment among the members is good.

The board thanked Jürgen Carocci and the auditors for their accurate work.

The Board received an application form from Hungary. The Secretary has checked it on correctness. Its contents agree with the bylaws. The secretary has the official task from the Hungarian Association to represent Hungary at the AGM and RTM.

The board decided with one vote to recommend to the AGM to accept Hungary as a Member. Possible candidates for joining EBA may be Romania and Croatia. The delegates accepted the proposal of the board.

### Newsletter / EBA Homepage

EBA NL 76 was issued later than in the past years just in time before the EBA Convention. The late issue and the fact that only one NL was published in 2011, until now, was criticized by one of the delegates. He suggested that EBA should be more active. The secretary explained the reasons for the late issue and he shortly outlined the last problem with the disappearance of the website just before the last preparations for the EBA

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## 2011 ROUND TABLE MINUTES

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Convention in Ratingen. Klaus Buddig, the webmaster said that he had had difficulties with the provider, but it is now in order. The delegates discussed the problems (updating, photos of EBA Conventions, access) with the EBA Homepage and made some proposals. The homepage should be a living signal to the bonsai enthusiasts. EBA as a roof association could do more for developing and publishing standards.

The board assured the delegates that it will ask the webmaster for a quick solution. The German delegate renewed his offer for a support concerning the homepage. The secretary will contact the webmaster after the convention and will send him the necessary corrections.

### International Contacts (WBFF, BCI,...)

This item was not discussed due to the absence of the president. He will be present at the meeting of WBFF in Japan in November 2011.

BCI Award. Kath Hughes has recently been appointed as a Director of BCI. She is authorised to present a BCI award for a Bonsai at an event such as that taking place in Ratingen.

- b. EBA New Talent Contest© (see a.)
- c. Payment of membership fees (see a.)
- d. Members and Contacts; Recruiting of further members (see a.)
- e. Newsletter; EBA Homepage (see a.)
- f. WBFF Report (see a.)
  
- g. Future EBA Conventions, 2012 Slovenia, 2013 France, 2014 Poland, 2015 applications  
2012 Ljubljana was confirmed by the board (at the convention in Zurich Slovenia was decided as location for the EBA Convention 2012). The programme will be presented by the Slovenian Delegation at the AGM. There is an application for holding the EBA Convention 2013 by France.  
The board will propose to the AGM to confirm the EBA Convention 2013 for France.  
Further applications: 2014 Poland  
The board informed the delegates that Lithuania, Italy and the Czech Republic are interested in hosting a convention.
  
- h. Promotion of EBA, Yearly European Bonsai Presentation Day, European Bonsai Vocabulary  
The board agreed that there must be more interest by the EBA Members to promote EBA within their national organisations. The different measures, decided at the convention in Zurich should be published again in the coming NL77.  
The secretary proposed two more measures for the promotion:  
Yearly European Bonsai Presentation Day  
From Austria, a proposal is submitted for discussion to establish a special European Bonsai Presentation Day. On that day all members should organize different activities in their country to promote the idea of bonsai. This could be for example a days in June; on this day the bonsai idea should be made aware to the local media and press.

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## 2011 ROUND TABLE MINUTES

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In a short discussion one delegate explained that a similar measure was tried to introduce within its member country. This project failed and therefore he is sceptical about such a European initiative. Beneath other contributions to the discussion it was suggested that members should force the presence of bonsai at national garden shows and other public events. The secretary withdraws his proposal without any vote by the delegates.

### European Bonsai Vocabulary

An old idea of the secretary is to have a European Bonsai Glossary for the members, speaking 16 different languages. The Board should consider developing with the help of the delegates a bonsai glossary of important terms out of the working with bonsai in all languages of EBA. There exists a German-Italian bonsai vocabulary containing about 120 words created by him. It is still not complete but is a first step and available for all. It should be expanded, centred on our official language English.

Each member country should translate a basic bonsai vocabulary from English into their language and by this way EBA would get a European bonsai glossary. Naturally this work must be limited and should not contain more than 500 words. From the basis of the Italian-German vocabulary the secretary would expand it with an English part and send it to the members for their use.

The delegates were not agreed on the use of such a vocabulary. The secretary explained that he will continue in his work and expand it for an English part.

### i. Any other Subjects

The treasurer presented a flyer for a DVD of the EBA Convention in Ratingen. He added in explanation that interested people can order this DVD at the desk for € 23, 50.

One delegate enquired whether it is possible to present a bonsai at an EBA Convention by a non-member of a national EBA Member Association. After a discussion about this matter, wherein other members also criticized this fact, the board will propose to the AGM that only bonsai by national EBA Member Associations could be registered at upcoming EBA Conventions. Applications by individuals directly to the organizer could not be considered. The intention is to avoid that there are bonsai at the EBA exhibition from people who do not belong to their national bonsai associations.

The maintenance of the trees and the bonsai tables at the convention was complained by some delegates because of bad watering and handling of the tables during taking official pictures. In the discussion it was cleared up that it is a problem with the helpers who were not aware of their doing. As a result of this discussion the board will put an item into the EBA Convention Rules which should make aware to the organizers that they have to instruct their helpers about the careful handling and maintaining of the exhibits.

No further proposals were made.

The Vice President and the Secretary thanked the participants in the meeting for their contributions and hoped to meet all again for the 2011 EBA-AGM the next day.

Marc Noelanders, Vice President   Reg Bolton, President   Detlef Mostler, Secretary



## EBA AGM 2011 – Minutes

### EBA-AGM 2011 – Minutes

Ratingen (Germany) Sunday 2nd October 2011, 09.00-12.00

#### Agenda

1. Members present, Quorum
2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM held at Zurich (Switzerland)
3. Report on EBA activities from the Board
4. Treasurer's report
5. Auditor's report
6. Adoption of RTM-decisions
7. Provisional programme of the 2012 EBA Convention in Slovenia
8. Decision about 2013 EBA Bonsai Convention in France
9. Presentation EBA Convention 2014 Poland
10. Future EBA Conventions
11. Any other subject

#### 1. Members present and apologies for absence

##### EBA BOARD:

Reg Bolton, EBA-President, apologized for health reasons

Vaclav Novak, 1.Vice-President

Marc Noelanders, 2. Vice-President

Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

Klaus Buddig, Webmaster, apologized

##### DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS:

Austria Austrian Bonsai Association Detlef Mostler

Belgium Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs Marc de Beule

Czechia Czech Bonsai Association Karel Müller

Denmark Dansk Bonsai Selskab Absent

France Fédération Française de Bonsai Jean Marc Pouillon

Germany Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V. Jürgen Carocci

Italy U.B.I. Leonardo Pettinari

Lithuania Bonsai Association of Lithuania Kestutis Ptakauskas

Monaco Bonsai Club de Monaco Bernard Jaworowicz

Poland Polish Bonsai Association Michal Malawski

Portugal Federacao Portuguesa de Bonsai Absent

The Netherlands Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging Tom van Wanum

San Marino Club Bonsai San Marino Absent

Slovakia Slovenska Bonsai Association Absent

Slovenia Slovenski Bonsaj Klub Tomaz Kovsca

Spain Asociacion Española de Bonsai Rolf Beyebach

Sweden Svenska Bonsaisällskapet Absent

Switzerland Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde Christian Mathys

United Kingdom Federation of British Bonsai Societies Malcolm Hughes

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The Vice President welcomed all delegates and participants and notes that 14 Member Associations out of 19 were present. The quorum of the meeting was thus reached.

### 2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM held at Zurich (Switzerland)

The minutes of the 2010 EBA-AGM in Zurich had been sent to the Delegates via e-mail and had been published in NL 76. They were unanimously accepted.

No amendments or comments were made.

The delegates agreed to take up the EBA-AGM Agenda 2011, which had been sent to them via e-mail, as published.

### 3. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The Vice President together with the Secretary informed the delegates about the main topics of the Board Meeting and the RTM. They reported about important items which the Board and the participants in the RTM had discussed. Most of the delegates participated in the RTM and were informed about these items.

### 4. Treasurer's report

The EBA-Treasurer distributed a written report on the financial situation 2010 including the Auditors Report. The account is €10232, 26 in credit. The delegates accepted the report of the treasurer and the budget 2011 (same total amount as 2010) unanimously. Problems are continuing with one Member country (Membership Fee).

### 5. Auditor's report

Mr. Bernhard Reiling and Mr. Axel Paduch audited the financial account 2010. They found everything to be regular, correct and accurate. The Auditor's Report was accepted unanimously. The Vice President thanked the treasurer and both auditors for their efforts.

### 6. Adoption of Board- and RTM-decisions

#### Report EBA Board Meeting

About the deregistration in Amsterdam the secretary discussed the matter with Rene Vantilt and asked him for his opinion. He also asked Rene for helping to handle the deletion at the chamber of commerce. Rene Vantilt agreed to support EBA in this matter and will look which kind of documents are necessary.

#### EBA New Talents Contest ©

There were 16 candidates nominated from the members. Vaclav Novak organized the practical part. Kathy Hughes did the evaluation and Marc Noelanders took over the overall view. As in the past, each participant received a certificate and a gift provided by the organizers. The board was very pleased about the high number of participants. The presentation of the participants was held just before the Gala Dinner at the Sektempfang yesterday.

#### EBA 2010 New Talent Contest © Participants:

Petra Lambeng	Germany
Walter Schmutz*	Switzerland

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Tomaž Kovšca*	Slovenia
Peter Valent	Slovakia
Marleen Roels	Belgium
Lianne de Lepper	Netherlands
Hermann Aichinger	Austria
Kasper Mikkelsen	Denmark
Paulo Sampaio	Portugal
Martin Pachtl	Czech Republic
Francis Lecuyer	France
Sebastian Rouzot*	Monaco
Antonio Zamora	Spain
Antonio Marino	Italy
Bartosz Warwas	Poland
Carl Hawkins	UK

### NTC: Contest 2011 Winner

1. Walter Schmutz from Switzerland
2. Tomaz Kavsca from Slovenia and
3. Sebastian Rouzot from Monaco.

The Bonsai-CV of Walter Schmutz will be published in the NL77.

### Hungary Membership

“The Board received an application form from Hungary. The Secretary has checked it on correctness. Its contents agree with the bylaws. The secretary has the official task from the Hungarian Association to represent Hungary at the AGM and RTM. “

He shortly reported about the structure and the officers of the association. A special presentation of the Hungarian Association will be at the EBA Convention in Slovenia.

The board decided with one vote to recommend to the AGM to accept Hungary as a Member. The delegates voted unanimously for the admission of Hungary as 20th Member of EBA.

### Newsletter / EBA Homepage

“EBA NL 76 was issued later than in the past years just in time before the EBA Convention. The late issue was criticized by one of the delegates. He suggested that EBA should be more active. The secretary explained the reasons for the late issue and he shortly outlined the last problem with the disappearance of the website just before the last preparations for the EBA Convention in Ratingen. Klaus Buddig, the webmaster said that he had had difficulties with the provider, but it is now in order. The delegates discussed the problems (updating, photos of EBA Conventions, access) with the EBA Homepage and made some proposals. The homepage should be a living signal to the bonsai enthusiasts. EBA as a roof association could do more for developing and publishing standards.

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The board assured the delegates that it will ask the webmaster for a quick solution. The German delegate renewed his offer for a support concerning the homepage. The secretary will contact the webmaster after the convention and will send him the necessary corrections.”

The delegates of the AGM accepted the report and discussed the matter again. Some of the delegate proposed to create a questionnaire asking the Members up to 10 questions about the task how to promote EBA. What kind of measures should be thought over? The AGM made no decision.

The secretary announced that the work on the next newsletter (NL77) will be started after the return of Reg Bolton and should be published, if possible, before the end of the year.

### **International Contacts (WBFF, BCI,...)**

“This item was not discussed due to the absence of the president. He will be present at the meeting of WBFF in Japan and will report in the coming NL77.

BCI Award. Kath Hughes has recently been appointed as a Director of BCI. She is authorised to present a BCI award for a Bonsai at an event such as that taking place in Ratingen. “

The BCI Award was given to Pinus mugo of Hartmut Münchenbach.

### **Future EBA Conventions, 2012 Slovenia, 2013 France, 2014 Poland, 2015 applications**

“2012 Ljubljana was confirmed by the board (at the AGM in Zurich Slovenia was decided as location for the EBA Convention 2012). There is an application for holding the EBA Convention 2013 by France and 2014 by Poland.

The board proposed to the AGM to confirm the EBA Convention 2013 for France and 2014 for Poland. The board informed the delegates that Lithuania, Italy and the Czech Republic are interested in hosting a convention.” See: 7, 8, 9, 10

### **Promotion of EBA, Yearly European Bonsai Presentation Day, European Bonsai Vocabulary (see RTM Minutes)**

### **Any other Subjects (see RTM Minutes)**

#### **7. Provisional programme of the 2012 EBA Convention in Slovenia**

Tomas Hafner presented a slide show about the country, the town of Ljubljana and the exhibition venue. He confirmed the good progress of the preparations. Further information about the Convention with the most important facts, events, the provisional program and the registration are published on a special Homepage [www.eba2012.si](http://www.eba2012.si). The Slovenian Bonsai Association invited all Members of EBA to come to Ljubljana to present their Bonsai. There is space for 200 bonsai and enough rooms for the meetings.

Because of the early date of the convention the Slovenian Bonsai Club (Slovenski bonsaj klub) asks all European Bonsai Associations, which are interested to exhibit their bonsai, to think about what kind of bonsai they want to bring to Slovenia and how much space they will need for the exhibits by the end of January 2012.

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The delegates accepted the report and confirmed the decision holding the EBA Convention 2012 in Slovenia.

### 8. Decision about 2013 EBA Bonsai Convention in France

The French Bonsai Association presented also a slide show of the venue. France has changed its first plan of the location and will hold the convention probably at Besancon or in the immediate vicinity of the city on the northern edge of the French Jura. The provisional programme will be published at the Convention in Ljubljana.

### 9. Presentation EBA Convention 2014 Poland

Poland presented the venue by a slide show with pictures from the last exhibition in Wroclaw. The application has been accepted by the delegates. 2014 the European bonsai family will meet in the Polish city of Wroclaw.

### 10. Future EBA Conventions

For 2015, Lithuania, Italy and Czech Republic have announced their applications. A decision about the location should be made next year in Slovenia following the presentations of the venues and the programs.

### 11. Any other subject

The awards ceremony during the gala evening was cause for a discussion on the process and duration of such an event. Some of the delegates criticized the length needed for the celebration and the many different types of awards. It was proposed for the upcoming conventions to have a maximum time frame of about 1,5 hours. There were also several suggestions how to achieve this goal. The delegates made no decision about that matter. In accordance with the criticism the board will ask the organizers to manage the process of presentation of awards as timesaving as possible at the gala evening and to avoid excessive presentations of the winners.

Rules for the Presentation of trees at an EBA Convention (Minutes of RTM item i. Any other Subjects): The delegates and the board dealt again with this matter. The result was the agreement of the delegates to the proposal of the RTM that only bonsai by national EBA Member Associations could be registered at upcoming EBA Conventions. Applications by individuals directly to the organizer could not be considered. It is a matter of the organizers if they will present bonsai from individuals which are not member of a national bonsai organisation, which is member of EBA, in an extra show i.e. in a national exhibition as part of the convention. The intention is to avoid that there are bonsai at the EBA exhibition from people who do not belong to their national bonsai associations.

The Vice President and the Secretary thanked the participants in the AGM for their contributions and decisions, hoped to meet all again at the EBA Convention 2012 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Marc Noelanders, Vice President    Reg Bolton, President    Detlef Mostler, Secretary

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### Promotion of EBA

At the Board Meeting in Zurich and Ratingen the board agreed that there must be more interest by the EBA Members to promote EBA within their national organisations. The different measures, decided at the convention in Zurich, should be published again in the coming NL77.

The following measures for the promotion of EBA were agreed by the board:

1. EBA-Certificate of Merit. Each EBA delegate has the right to judge one bonsai at one of the annual national exhibitions and to hand out a Certificate of Merit. He has to report his decision back to the Board.
2. NTC Winner. The Board publishes the bonsai-curriculum vitae of the NTC winner in the EBA Homepage and in the NL shortly after the EBA Convention.
3. The Board asks the Members for articles and publications and reminds the Members of passing the EBA NL to the national clubs for delivering it to their members.
4. EBA Stickers are available from the treasurer at a price of 2 Euro each.

### Forthcoming Events

For the announcement of the national exhibitions the EBA homepage (national part) is at disposal. Webmaster Klaus Buddig will give information on the possibilities of using the national part of the homepage and he will help organizing the passwords

The dates of the national exhibitions and bonsai events should be also reported in time to the WBFF for the Bonsai Calendar [http://www.wbff-2013.org/fck\\_upload/File/EVENTS%20TABLE%20%20may.pdf](http://www.wbff-2013.org/fck_upload/File/EVENTS%20TABLE%20%20may.pdf) (Events table) of Kathy Hughes [khugheswbff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:khugheswbff@yahoo.co.uk)

### EBA-History- Part II

In NL77 the board publishes extracts of the NL II and asks the former representatives of EBA if they want to write short articles concerning the history of EBA.

### Subject: Membership fee 2012

Dear EBA Members,

I have sent send you the invoice for the EBA membership fee 2012. Please make sure that the money will be transferred in time to the EBA account:

“Jürgen Carocci

European Bonsai Association (EBA)

Volksbank Kurpfalz H+G Bank eG, Germany

Account no 79760005

BLZ (bank rooting no) 67290100

Ref.: EBA membership fee 2012 “



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## EBA HISTORY -PART II

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### History of the EBA, in parts

EBA Newsletter 2nd of May 1982

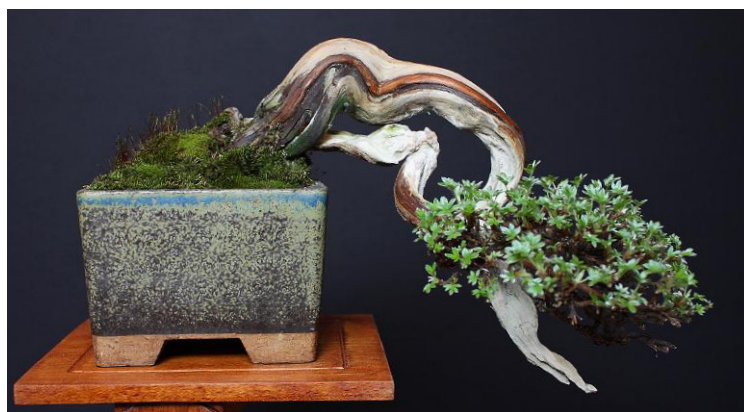
On the following pages you can read about these subjects.

In NL2, the first financial report is included, further the contents of the next NL and the invitation of the Spanish “Association Espanola de Bonsai” to a meeting in Valencia of the then so-called FEBA on 12, 13 and 14 November 1982.

A draft of the first statutes was added and it was planned to set up FEBA officially in Valencia. Some articles of the first bylaws are still valid today.

At the end of this issue ideas for an own magazine and for possible projects which should be organized by the European corporation were discussed.

What was going to happen with EBA in 1983 you will find in the NL 78.



## EBA HISTORY -PART II

⑨ 20/10/82 to all European clubs (55 copies)



FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN BONSAI ASSOCIATIONS

# NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 2  
OCT. 1982

Dear bonsai friends,

First I want to thank all those who have send back the inquiry.  
It brought a lot of information.

Some clubs didn't answer. Nevertheless they will recieve Newsletter  
nr. 2. I hope they will send us a letter this time.

I was very glad that every answering club agreed with the idea of  
an European Federation of Bonsai clubs.

As you can see I changed the heading of our Newsletter. Most of the  
clubs consider an European organisation as a federation of clubs and  
associations, and not a club for individuals. That's why a new name  
would be more likely.

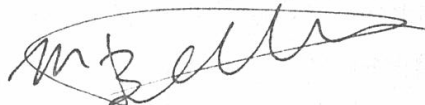
Suggestions are E.B.F. for European Bonsai Federation, and F.E.B.A.  
for Federation of European Bonsai Associations.

I prefer the second because it's easier to pronounce and the original  
E.B.A. can be found back in it.

The decission is up to you. I hope we can do this at Valencia.

Sincerely yours,

DE BEULE G. Marc



### 1. LIST OF CLUBS WHO ANSWERED THE INQUIRY

Belgium	- Vlaamse Bonaivereniging
Danmark	- Dansk Bonsai Selskab
France	- Association Française des Amateurs de bonsai
Italy	- Bonsai clubs d'Italia
The Netherlands	- Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging
Austria	- Osterreichischer Bonsai-club
Spain	- Asociacion Valencia De Bonsai
	- Club Bonsai Cultura
Switzerland	- Schweizer Bonsai Club
	- Bonsai-club de Suisse Romande

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2.

Luxembourg  
Yugoslavia  
Britain

- Bonsai Club Luxembourg
- Mr. Tomaz Hocevar
- The Federation of British Bonsai Societies representing :
  - Accrington Bonsai Group
  - Bedfordshire Bonsai Society
  - Bristol Bonsai Society
  - Britsih Bonsai Association
  - Cardiff Bonsai Society
  - Croydon Bonsai Group
  - East Midlands Bonsai Club
  - Essex Bonsai Club
  - Humberside Bonsai Society
  - Japan Society of London, Bonsai Kai
  - Kew Kai Bonsai
  - Lincoln Bonsai Society
  - Manchester Bonsai Society
  - Middlesex Bonsai Society
  - Midland Bonsai Club
  - Newcastle Bonsai Society
  - National Bonsai Club of Great Britain
  - Norfolk Bonsai Society
  - North Midlands Bonsai Society
  - Scottish Bonsai Association
  - Solent Bonsai Society
  - Southend Bonsai Society
  - Sussex Bonsai Club
  - Waltham forest Bonsai Club
  - Yorkshire Bonsai Association

Much of these clubs also answered the inquiry individually.

### 2. LETTERS OUT

1. 13/07/82 - to "The American Bonsai Society" asking for addresses in Europe they know.
2. 13/07/82 - to "Bonsai Clubs International" asking for addresses in Europe they know.
3. 13/07/82 - to "International Bonsai" asking for addresses in Europe they know.
4. 13/07/82 - to "Nippon Bonsai Association" asking for addresses in Europe they know.
5. Newsletter 1 (64 copies) to all European clubs.
6. 05/09/82 - to all European Clubs who didn't answer the inquiry yet
7. 18/09/82 - to Bill Horan to ask for information on the "Federation of British Bonsai Societies".
8. 18/09/82 - to "Asociation Valencia De Bonsai" asking for details on the Valencia meeting in November.

### 3. LETTERS IN

1. from "Nippon Bonsai Association" giving addresses of clubs in Euro
2. from "Bill Horan" giving information on the Federation of British Bonsai Societies, including a list of co-operating clubs.



## EBA HISTORY -PART II

4.

13th November 1982

10.00/14.00 hrs - Demonstration by Mr. Naka

14.00/16.30 hrs - Lunch

17.00/20.00 hrs - Meeting European Bonsai Association

22.00 hrs - Gala Dinner

14th November 1982

10.00/14.00 hrs - Demonstration by Mr. Naka

14.00/16.30 hrs - Lunch

d. agenda F.E.B.A.-meeting :

1. Appointment of Chair Person

2. Introduction of delegates

3. Discuss and approve By-Laws

4. Magazine

5. First annual meeting 1983: When ? Where ?

(I suggest Keele, Britain, 16th and 17th april), organisation, agenda.

e. hotels : make your choice (add also a second choice) and make your reservations directly to the Spanish Bonsai Association (address under a.) as soon as possible.

Hotel Rey Don Jaime - (four star Hotel) : This is a relatively modern hotel, situated in the centre of the city.

Double room = Ptas. 6,480 per day (breakfast included)

Single room = Ptas. 4,390 " " " "

Hotel Astoria - (four star Hotel): an old building, located right in the centre of the city.

Double room = Ptas. 6,250 per day (breakfast included)

Single room = Ptas. 4,065 " " " "

Hotel Residencia Dimar - (three star hotel) : Modern hotel, situated in the city centre.

Double room, with breakfast = Ptas. 5,440 per day

" " " " = Ptas. 4,210 " "

Single room, with breakfast = Ptas. 3,483 " "

Hotel Ingles - (three star hotel) - An old hotel, situated in the centre of the city.

Double room, with breakfast = Ptas. 3,260 per day

They have very few single rooms, which already occupied.

Hotel Excelsior - (Three star hotel) : An old hotel, situated in the city centre.

Double room, without breakfast = Ptas. 3,285 per day

Single room, without breakfast = Ptas. 2,070 " "

f. Please study the by-laws very carefully and make notes.

\* You will be in Valencia : take this newsletter and your remarks with you.

\* You have remarks both you cannot come : Sent your comments directly to Spain (address under a. Mention very clear the section you comment (all lines are numbered to make this easier).

\* You have no remarks and you cannot come to Spain : This means that you will accept the by-laws as they will be published in Newsletter nr. 3.

## EBA HISTORY -PART II

# DRAFT BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I NAME

- p 1. The name of the Corporation is, "EUROPEAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION", hereinafter referred to in these by-laws as "E.B.A."
- p 2. The name of the Corporation is, "EUROPEAN BONSAI FEDERATION", hereinafter referred to in these by-laws as "E.B.F."
- p 3. The name of the Corporation is, "FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN BONSAI ASSOCIATIONS", hereinafter referred to in these by-laws as "F.E.B.A.".

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for the transaction of the business of ..... shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Its present location is ...

### ARTICLE III PURPOSES

This corporation is declared to be non-profit, tax-exempt, educational organisation, whose prime purposes are as follows.

a) to advance the education of its members in the aesthetic, historical, scientific and business features of the art of Bonsai.

b) to promote the knowledge, interest, appreciation and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai on the part of the ..... membership and the general public, through its research and publications, with emphasis in the study of the European indigenous flora and its Bonsai application.

c) to hold meetings and exhibitions in the furtherance of these purposes.

d) to encourage the formation of Bonsai Clubs and National Associations within Europe, to work together with ..... to further the knowledge and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai.

e) to provide a forum whereby Bonsai Clubs and individuals may join in accomplishing the purposes herein stated.

f) to engage, as incident to any of the purposes named herein, in any lawful activity consistent with the public interest which will further and advance the art of Bonsai.

g) to conduct its activities without pecuniary gain or profit to any of its members or to .....

h) to have and exercise the powers conferred upon non profit, tax-exempt Corporations by the laws of .....

### ARTICLE IV AREA

The geographical area comprises the whole of Europe (mainland and Islands), and the corporation will promote and facilitate its membership, so that all the European Bonsai friends can join it at will.

### X ARTICLE V INCOME

This Corporation is founded on a voluntary membership basis and the general methods and means of financing it are by membership dues, donations, gifts, contributions, and other income derivative from its publications and services.

The basic annual membership fee will be calculated as follows :

Number of members per 31 december X annual membership fee (adults)

200

This is, with factor 200, 0,5 % of the annual membership fee income of a club.

The factor 200 can be changed every year by the officers committee. It will always balance between 100 and 400.

Member National Associations whose dues are in arrears will not be permitted to vote.

Due date : 1st March.



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### 8. SUGGESTIONS FOR A MAGAZINE

#### A. General remarks

- No prestigious project.
- It must be practicable to take part in for small clubs too.
- An European Bonsai Magazine is not likely because of the different languages (at this moment 12 in Europe).
- A better suggestion is :
  - \* Publish a European Newsletter. The member associations could translate the information which is useful for their own members.
  - \* Stimulate the exchange of magazines among member associations. Members could permit each other to, under certain conditions, take over articles.
- Ideal should be :
 

Every language area in Europe should publish one Bonsai Magazine with an editorship composed of committee members of every bonsai association in that area, even if several nations are involved. (f.e. the German language is spoken in Germany, Austria, a part of Switzerland, a part of Luxembourg)

Besides that every association can publish it's own Newsletter with information on meetings, exhibitions, books, work-shops, etc. ...

#### B. Language

All clubs, except 1, consider English as the most suitable.

#### C. Frequency

Propositions vary from 12 to 2 issues per Year, with an average of 4

#### D. Contents

- financial report of .....
- secretary report
- official announcements from the committee
- book-review
- magazine-review
- diffusion of news on affiliated clubs'activities
- diffusion of new technics, aesthetics and ethics
- information on local activities
- summons to
  - co-operate with projects
  - exchange experiences
  - exchange plant - materials
  - .....
  - .....
- questions and answer page
- useful addresses
- up-to-date information on exhibitions and shows
- names of nurseries in each country.

### 9. POSSIBLE PROJECTS TO BE ORGANISED BY THE EUROPEAN CORPORATION

- Develop European standards to judge bonsai.
- Set up a group of recognised judges which will judge on international shows
- Set up a slide and picture library
- Organise a bi-annual meeting for studygroups for advanced bonsai-growers. Projects on a European basis can be developed.
- Design a European membership card which would allow its owner to participate to all activities of all affiliated associations.



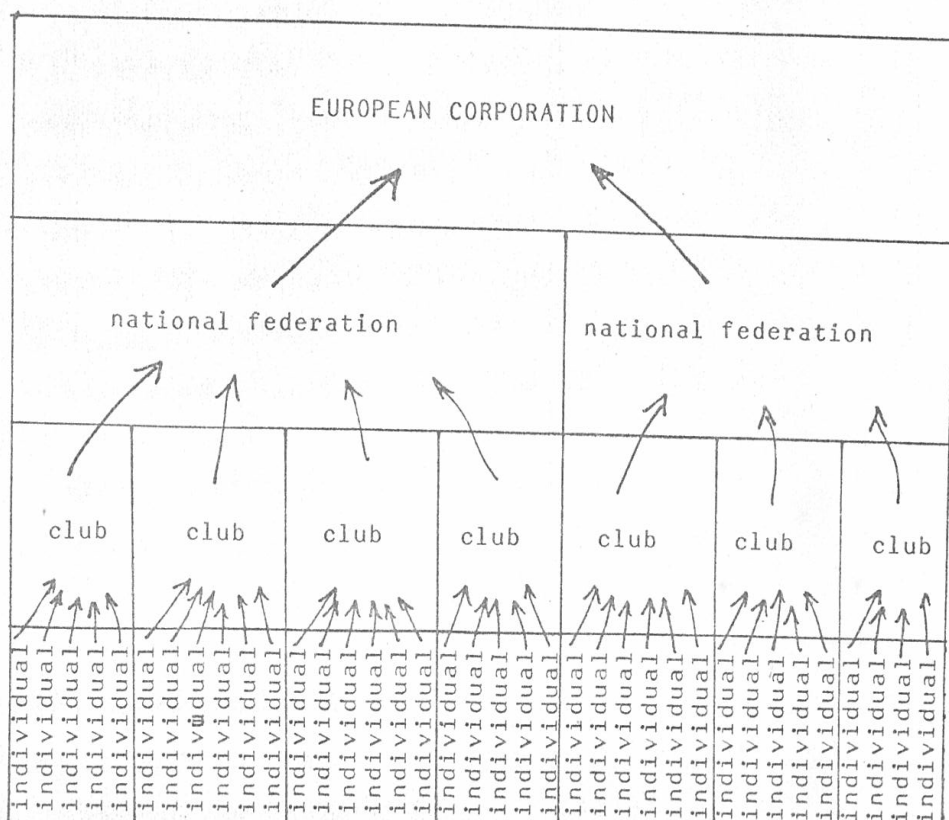
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- Compose a list of nurseries in Europe who will give reductions to owners of this card
- Every 4 year a competitive exhibition
- Organise a campaign to protect pure bonsai (media)
- Co-operation with persons or organisations in America, Africa or Asia, particularly with the Nippon Bonsai Association.
- "Friendship book" for travellers in Europe
- Support to new and small groups.

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### ORGANIGRAM



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## EBA BANK ACCOUNT

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The membership fee is:

172.- Euro, if paid to the EBA account until January 31, 2012

190.- Euro, if paid to the EBA account until February 29, 2012

218.- Euro, if paid to the EBA account after February 29, 2012

If you transfer Euros please use our IBAN and BIC codes

IBAN = DE 83672901000079760005

BIC = GENODE61HD3

Please make sure to overtake all transfer costs. Members from non-Euro-countries may pay the fee of 172.- Euro cash at the next EBA-convention in Slovenia. Please send me a short message until end of January 2012 if you want to pay in this way. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Kind regards

Jürgen Carocci

EBA Treasurer

### Next EBA Newsletter

The Newsletter 78 is scheduled for April 2012. The deadline for articles and information from the EBA Members will be the 1st of March 2012.