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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:

The new EBA Delegate:

Denmark: Tommy NIELSEN

The EBA Board has been notified of a change of delegate for Denmark. Please note change of details in the List of Members.

From the chairman

As our next Convention will soon be upon us there are several issues I ask that you consider and bring your views/opinions to the RTM and AGM in France.

Earlier this year I circulated delegates regarding the current method of Judging the New Talent Competition. That article is included in this News letter for those of you who may not have seen it. So far the response from delegates has been extremely poor. Please will you give it urgent consideration and attend the meetings and state your opinion and vote on the proposed change.

The EBA Logo has been redesigned ready for presentation at the next Convention; it is similar in form to one of the old ones but has, in my opinion a more modern approach. The reason for proposing a revamped logo is because at present there are three different versions in use.

The web-site Home Page. At the time of writing we are in the process of changing webmasters. The new person has audited the current content of the Home Page and hopefully will soon be in a position to bring it up-to-date. As I have stated many times before the Home Page is only as good as we make it. My requests for items to be posted seem to have fallen on deaf ears or blind eyes. Please make use of it and get items to the Secretary or myself. The items should reflect what has taken place or is about to take place in individual countries, reports of events held with photographs etc., or any items of bonsai interest.

At the time of writing I am busy preparing for the Festive Season and looking forward to our Convention in France.

Reg Bolton.

December 2012

From the Board

From the Secretary

Klagenfurt, December 2012

Since the EBA Convention in Ljubljana time has passed swiftly now we are awaiting the Convention in Audincourt in France at the end of March 2013. The organizers have already submitted all registration forms on the internet so that both Bonsai and Suiseki as well as the hotel accommodation can be registered. All the conditions for the bonsai registration were sent to the members by the organizers. The preparations for the convention are in full swing. Until now the names of some of the national participants in the NTC 2013 are already known. The secretary and the organizers will draw the members attention to the nomination of the NTC participants in NL 80.

For members of the EBA, there is a discounted rate for the entry probably only by presentation of a membership club card. Further information can be found on the website of the French Bonsai Federation (<http://www.ffb-bonsai.org/spip.php?rubrique146>).

At the AGM in Ljubljana the Board announced that at the AGM in Audincourt the new board will be elected. The current Board as a team will stand for a further term of duty. Each Member is free to bring your own nomination. The name of a candidate for the election of the board has to be announced to the Secretary at least one month before the AGM. Proposals for topics for discussions in the meetings can be submitted to all board members.

Immediately prior to the EBA Convention in Audincourt the Board will published an EBA Newsletter with the latest information about the convention.

All the best for the Christmas 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 2013. 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 very nice Christmas and a good start in 2013. We will see us in March at our convention in Audincourt.

Best Regards

Jürgen Carocci, EBA Treasurer

In November 2012 at the General Assembly of the Austrian Bonsai Association (ABA) in Salzburg / Wals the election of the board took place. The old board was re-elected. Thus there will be no changes regarding the contact with EBA and the EBA Delegate.

*President: Detlef Mostler
First Vice President: Klaus Kulterer
Treasurer: Hellmut Maggauer
Secretary: Karl-Heinz Unterweger (EBA Delegate)*

In 2012, the board members attended a number of international exhibitions and events on the one hand to maintain and to deepen the existing good contacts and also to support by their participation the excellent job the Austrian Bonsai Clubs are doing.

Numerous events in neighbouring countries like Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia were visited by ABA members.

In different spring and summer activities in the form of bonsai seminars Austrian Bonsai enthusiast realized the possibilities to practice their knowledge under the guidance of international bonsai artists.

The ABA website was revised and now needs to be updated with further up to date articles.

At this year's EBA Convention in Ljubljana Austria was very well represented with excellent exhibits. A big success was the 2nd place of Elke Wewerka in the New Talent contest (NTC) of EBA. She showed excellent design work on a Chinese juniper and deserved this award out of 16 European participants.

Activities 2013

The BC Salzburg will host 2013 at Hallein, its next exhibition "International Bonsai and Kusamono Festival" on 1st and 2nd of June in the Old Salt Store located on the Pernerinsel. The club presented a book about the National Austrian Bonsai Exhibition 2011 which was held at the same place. The costs are currently at over € 70 per volume. The book will be on sale in 2013. The ABA contestant at the NTC in Audincourt will be Gerald Bogner from the BC Salzburg.

In the autumn Austrian Bonsai Friends in Carinthia will organize the "5th Alpen Adria International Bonsai Exhibition (IAABA)" from 21-22 09 2013 with guests from Slovenia, Germany and Italy.

DetlefMostler

News from Denmark

(Extract from a letter to the Board from Tommy Nielsen the newly elected President of the Danish Bonsai Society)

Tommy Nielsen has the temporary task to keep the EBA Board informed of what is happening in Denmark and communicate the information between EBA and Denmark.

With great pleasure he announced the winner of the New Talent Competition in Denmark who will represent Denmark at the NTC in France: Bartłomiej Jacek Lysek. He informed the EBA Board of the retirement of Klaus Buddig as EBA Delegate because he is no longer a member of the board in Denmark.

As a new President and Representative of Denmark, Tommy Nielsen would like some more information about the registration of trees for the exhibition in Audincourt, France and about the procedures of the work within EBA.

He offered support from Denmark even though the Danish community is a small one with only a few practitioners.

The Danish Board decided that the EBA Delegate should attend the annual Bonsai Exhibition of EBA and all relevant meetings and any events.

News from Spain

XXIV^o National Spanish Bonsai Congress, Bembibre (Leon)

This year's Spanish National Bonsai Congress (XXIV^o) took place on 13th and 14th of October at the small mining and vine growing town of Bembibre (Leon Castilla), home town of the since one year new AEB-president, Juan Carlos López Alfonso.

Its site was the impressive Bembibre Arena, rather big however for the not precisely great number of delegates.

The exhibition of Bonsai included trees from King Juan Carlos and the former Prime Minister, Felipe González Márquez, as well as excellent Bonsai from several (unfortunately by far, not all) Spanish Associations.

The actual national crisis is at the root of many absences, and it appears that many clubs are fighting hard to survive for blatant lack of means, apart from the fact that precisely in these times people are rather prone to shy responsibilities (and unpaid-for work).

Nevertheless, the organizers Asociación Mediterránea del Bonsái, had worked out an interesting program, but partly carried out: demonstrations by Antonio Torres and this year's NT participant at Ljubljana, Felipe Leal, New Talent Contest (won by Samuel Martínez), infant workshop and painting, conferences about ceramics, Kusanomo, Ikebana, etc..

The delegates also were offered very tasty and abundant local meals, the usual opening and closing speeches with Authorities plus back-slapping, and all very well attended by the organizers.

However, this XXIVth congress unfortunately did not give excessive hope for a truly positive development of AEB in the near future.

Quite different from the (professional) VIºConcurso Nacional "Luis Vallejo" held on 10th and 11th of November at Algobendas (Madrid), were amongst others 48 Bonsai from all over Spain were judged by experts like Luis Vallejo (director of the Municipal Bonsai Museum), Ferrand Bloch and Mario Komsta et al, apparently there with large presence of bonsaists.

Professionals against (or with?) amateurs, that's now the question, I believe.

Rolf Beyebach

New Talent Contest

Congress site "Bembibre Arena"

Young Bonsaiists

Exhibition hall

Antonio Torres working olive tree

AEB-President Juan Carlos López Alfonso

Bonsai of King Juan Carlos

News from the UK

Royal Horticultural Society Show – Chelsea, 22nd – 26th May, 2012

The Federation of British Bonsai Societies participated in this years' R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show and once again, it proved highly successful, receiving another Gold Medal award. Congratulations to all those who played a part in bringing the display together.

Gardeners World Live – National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham: 12th – 17th June, 2012

Local bonsai societies were approached by the Royal Horticultural Society to put on an unusually large display at Gardeners World Live this year. The event is held annually at the NEC, Birmingham. The display covering 65 feet by 43 feet included a Japanese Garden and educational display.

The Federation's participating societies were the Ambion Bonsai Club, Heart of England Bonsai Society, Midland Bonsai Society, Northampton Bonsai Society, Redditch Bonsai Group, South Staffs Bonsai Society and the Friends of the National Bonsai Collection. Although a complex project and very much experimental in design, the stand succeeded in gaining a good Silver Gilt award and proved a great draw with the public.

Bonsai in Wales, 26th & 27th August, 2012

Over the August Bank holiday weekend, Tredegar House near Newport, South Wales, was host to "Bonsai in Wales", an event incorporating a superb exhibition of bonsai trees, some wonderful demonstrations and range of materials for sale from a number of bonsai traders.

The trees exhibited encompassed a range of styles and species and comprised some quality material, much of which would have graced a major international exhibition of trees. They certainly reflected the degree of excellence to which British bonsai has been progressively achieving over a number of years and continues so to do.

The demonstrators, Alex Evelyn, Andrew Arthur, and Kevin Willson, together with members of his School, provided some creative trees based on the raw material. Kevin worked for full two days and, with his trademark carving techniques, produced a spectacular bonsai.

*The event was also an opportunity for the Federation to hold one of the heats for this years' Amateur New Talent competition. Whilst the raw material (*Juniperus chinensis*) was not necessarily the easiest to work with, the contestants nonetheless produced some worthwhile trees.*

Capel Manor Bonsai Exhibition, 14th October, 2012

Capel Manor once again provided the venue for this years' Autumn Show, organised by the Bonsai Group. Together with a range of trade stands providing most of what any bonsai enthusiast could wish for. The principle feature was the exhibition of trees displayed both by societies and individuals showing quality material, some examples of which are illustrated below.

The event also included the Final of this years' New Talent Competition won by Marcus Watts. He will now represent the U.K. in the European Final to be held in Audincourt

Heathrow Bonsai Show: Sunday, 4th November 2012

The Show, held at Harlington, just north of Heathrow Airport, provided the bonsai enthusiast with a range of trees on display. There were demonstrations by John Hanby; the morning involved John working on a juniper and during the afternoon session, working on a rock planting.

The display of bonsai was varied, both in size, styles and species, with trees exhibited by individuals and some, fairly local, society displays. Of the trees exhibited, three were to receive formal awards, two awards being presented by the Federation of British Bonsai Societies and one, an 'Award of Excellence', by Bonsai Clubs International.



FoBBS exhibit at Gardeners World Live 2012

EBA RTM 2012 - Minutes

EBA Round Table (RTM) 2012 - Minutes

Ljubljana (Slovenia), Saturday 12th May 2012 16.00-18.00

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Detlef Mostler, Secretary
Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

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a. Report EBA Board Meeting

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

Honorary Membership

The president reported on the decision of the board to honour René Vantilt for his extraordinary efforts in promoting EBA. As he will not be present at the AGM the president will hand out the certificate to Marc Noelanders to present it to Rene with the best wishes from members and the board. The members accepted the decision.

Preparations for the election of the Board 2013

The secretary informed members that the election of the Board will take place at the next 2013 EBA Convention in France. The board (Reg Bolton, Vaclav Novak, Marc Noelanders, Jürgen Carocci, Detlef Mostler) will candidate as a whole team for a further period. Because of that the board proposes a joint candidacy of the whole team to the AGM in Audincourt. The election will be announced in the next NL and on the homepage.

Excerpt from the EBA Byelaws

(6) a. Candidates for the board are nominated to the secretary of the EBA by a Full Member at least 2 month prior to the AGM by letter or e-mail addressed to the secretary.

b. If, however, the number of candidates for the board does not reach the number of vacancies, candidates may be nominated by the board.

(7) a. Candidates for the board have to be a member of their national member organization for at least one year, and must be present at the AGM when their nomination is being considered. Whether or not an excuse for not being present - which should be an exception - can be accepted, has to be judged by the AGM.

(8) The candidates must at the General Assembly be at least 18 years old.

b. EBA New Talents Contest ©

The president gave a short description on the course of the NTC.

He was very pleased regarding the nomination of 16 candidates by members. All were present and worked very well during the available period of time.

Reg Bolton and Vaclav Novak organized the whole contest. Kath Hughes did the evaluation together with Malcolm Hughes. The results will be made public at the Gala Dinner.

As well the gifts, given by the Slovenian organisers, and the EBA prizes, Gudrun Benz donated three books as presents for the winners

c. Payment of membership fees

A written report from the treasurer was distributed to the Members defining the latest status of the EBA assets. The financial situation and the report of the auditors. He gave a short report on the Statement of Accounts. The financial situation of EBA is sound. The auditors examined the financial accounts for 2011. They found everything to be regular, correct and accurate. The Auditor's Report was accepted unanimously.

Problems are continuing with San Marino concerning the payment of their membership fees.

The board asked the Italian Delegate Leonardo Pettinari he is aware of anything concerning the situation of the Bonsai Club of San Marino.

d. Members and Contacts; presentation Hungary (Magyar Bonsai Szövetség)

The president stated that there is a possible new candidate for EBA Membership: Romania.

Hungary made a presentation. Sandor Varga reported on the foundation of the Hungarian Bonsai Association which was very labour-intensive. He made a short presentation on the 30 year festival of the University Bonsai Club of Budapest. Many friends from Hungary and from foreign countries visited this event. Mr. Varga thanked the members of EBA for their friendly acceptance of Hungary as a new member and asked for good contacts in the future.

e. EBA Homepage

Klaus Buddig made the last updating shortly before the Convention in Ljubljana. The board decided to ask him to provide and give all necessary data to access and administer the homepage. The president will write to Klaus when he returns to England.

The Board is still aware that the updating of the website is a matter of the contributions put together from the members and the board. It is an important task for the members to send information of the yearly activities in their countries for publication on the homepage.

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he president asked again for articles to update the homepage and asked for understanding of the problems encountered in the past. The board will look for a solid arrangement to maintain the homepage proper.

f. Newsletter

The date of issue of each new NL is recorded in the previous NL to have enough time for the members to prepare information for the NL. The issue of the next NL is planned for November 2012. There was a short discussion about what should be published by the members. The secretary asked for résumés of the recent activities of the members completed by some photos.

g. Future EBA Conventions

Contract France

The Convention 2013 France was confirmed by the board. The Convention Contract was signed by the President and the Secretary. The program will be presented by Jean Marc at the AGM. The application for holding the EBA Convention 2014 by Poland was also confirmed. The program will be presented by the Polish delegation tomorrow.

EBA-Convention Audincourt 2013

Jean Marc Pouillon presented the venue and the program by a slide show. The preparations are running well and as soon as possible the whole information will be put on the homepage of FFB. The exact data for the registration of bonsai will be published in summer. Beside the EBA Exhibition will be also a national exhibition.

After the presentation there was a discussion about the invited demonstrators and the early date of the convention. The board confirmed that the date of each convention is a matter and decision of the hosting country; there are many winter shows in Europe. Regarding the invited demonstrators, the delegates asked the board to add an item to the convention rules that EBA recommends to the organizers of an EBA Convention to invite for the demonstrations a good mix of European demonstrators. The board accepted the proposal and will add such a comment to the EBA Convention Rules.

Payment of the Convention fees:

For those members who are not in the euro zone the board members suggested to allow a payment of the fees on-site at the front desk to save the high costs of a bank transfer.

Trees for the NTC:

The participants discussed the possibility of considering other tree species as raw material for the NTC. No decision was made.

Future Convention applications:

2015 Italy, Lithuania, Czech Republic

Concerning the EBA Convention 2015 Italy and Czech Republic withdrew their applications. Italy postponed the application to the year 2016 and the Czech Republic to 2017. Therefore Lithuania is the only candidate for 2015 and will present its venue at the AGM tomorrow. (see attachment)

h. WBFF Report

7TH WORLD BONSAI FRIENDSHIP FEDERATION CONVENTION

Sep.25th –27th 2013 JINTAN, CHINA

Program (see Events Table 2012, Kath Hughes):

Sep.25th

Morning: Opening ceremony, Visiting the National Penjing Exhibiton, Baosheng Garden and exhibits of WBC-2013 photo contest.

Afternoon: Chinese Penjing creation demo

Evening: Welcoming banquet

Sep.26th

Communicate Bonsai technique

Sep.27th

Day: Sightseeing in Jintan city

Evening: Closing banquet

Before the convention begins, there will be a Penjing tour to Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Yangzhou, Yixing and so on. After the convention there will be a Penjing tour to Guangzhou, Shunde, Shenzhen

The Chinese organizers request for active participation of the EBA countries. As no member of the Board will go to China Kath and Malcolm Hughes will represent the EBA.

The President briefly described the project of creating a bonsai master by WBFF. After a discussion the project will not be supported by the members and the board.

Once again the President and Malcolm Hughes raised the WBFF Photo Contest 2012/13. They described the detailed conditions of participation. These have been sent to EBA members via email. The photos will be selected by a committee and exhibited at the convention in Jintan. All of the selected photos will be published in a book. All selected participants will receive the book for free. The deadline is the end of July 2012.

i. Promotion of EBA

The president reported that the EBA Logo was discussed by the board. He presented some ideas for a new design. The delegates had no special opinion and the matter should be decided at the next convention in France. Up to this time the board will send a proposal of the new design to the members.

j. Other Subjects

The problem of a ladies program was discussed by some delegates and the organizers. Pros and contras were brought into the discussion. The Slovenian organizers reported that there was no interest by the visitors. Other delegates confirmed that situation as experience of prior conventions (no incoming applications).

The delegates agreed that the local tourist offices should be involved in the organisation and advise what they could offer for to the visitors to their region.

The President thanked the participants at the meeting for their contributions and hoped to meet all again for the 2012 EBA-AGM the next day.

End: 17:40

Reg Bolton (President):

The Secretary: Detlef Mostler

Klagenfurt, November 2012

EBA-AGM 2012 – Minutes

Agenda

Ljubljana (Slovenia) Sunday 13th May 2012, 11.00-13.00

Members present, Quorum

Minutes of the 2011 AGM held at Ratingen (Germany)

Report on EBA activities from the Board

Treasurer's report

Auditor's report

Adoption of RTM-decisions

Provisional programme of the 2013 EBA Convention in France

Decision about 2014 EBA Bonsai Convention in Poland

Presentation EBA Convention 2015 Lithuania

Future EBA Conventions

Any other subject

Members present, Quorum

EBA BOARD:

Reg Bolton, EBA-President

Vaclav Novak, 1. Vice-President

Marc Noelanders, 2. Vice-President

Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

Klaus Buddig, Webmaster, apologized

DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS:

<i>Austria</i>	<i>Austrian Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Detlef Mostler</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs</i>	<i>Marc Noelanders</i>
<i>Czechia</i>	<i>Czech Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Vaclav Novak</i>
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>Dansk Bonsai Selskab</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>Fédération Française de Bonsai</i>	<i>Jean Marc Pouillon</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.</i>	<i>Jürgen Carocci</i>
<i>Hungary</i>	<i>Magyar Bonsai Szövetség</i>	<i>Sandor Varga</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>U.B.I.</i>	<i>Leonardo Pettinari</i>
<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>Bonsai Association of Lithuania</i>	<i>Kestutis Ptakauskas</i>
<i>Monaco</i>	<i>Bonsai Club de Monaco</i>	<i>Bernard Jaworowicz</i>
<i>Poland</i>	<i>Polish Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Włodzimierz Pietrasko</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>The Netherlands</i>	<i>Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging</i>	<i>Bruno Wijman</i>
<i>San Marino</i>	<i>Club Bonsai San Marino</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Slovakia</i>	<i>Slovenska Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Julius Kolesar</i>
<i>Slovenia</i>	<i>Slovenski Bonsaj Klub</i>	<i>Tomaz Hafner</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>Asociacion Española de Bonsai</i>	<i>Rolf Beyebach</i>
<i>Sweden</i>	<i>Svenska Bonsaisällskapet</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Switzerland</i>	<i>Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde</i>	<i>Christian Mathys</i>
<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>Federation of British Bonsai Societies</i>	<i>Malcolm Hughes</i>

The President welcomed all delegates and participants and noted that 16 Member Associations out of 20 were present. The quorum of the meeting was thus reached.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM held at Ratingen (Germany)

The minutes of the 2011 EBA-AGM had been sent to the Delegates via e-mail and had been published in NL 78. They were unanimously accepted.

The delegates agreed to accept the EBA-AGM Agenda 2012, which had been sent to them via e-mail, as published.

3. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The President informed the delegates about the main topics of the Board Meeting and the RTM. He 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 already informed about these items.

EBA New Talents Contest ©

New Rules for the future are again under discussion because of the very different results by the judges. The board wants more appropriate judges. The problem is that the judges have a very different training in judging bonsai. This problem affects the National organisations in selecting judges for the NTC. The president will provide a document for the AGM in Audincourt.

EBA New Talents Contest ©

NTC 2013 Ljubljana

16 candidates took part in the contest.

<i>1 Belgium</i>	<i>Christophe Roggeman</i>
<i>2 France</i>	<i>M Johan Fontic</i>
<i>3 Spain</i>	<i>Felipe Leal</i>
<i>4 Germany</i>	<i>Viet Luan Tran</i>
<i>5 Netherlands</i>	<i>Rick Vincent</i>
<i>6 Slovenia</i>	<i>Roland Petek</i>
<i>7 Austria</i>	<i>Elke Wewerka</i>
<i>8 Monaco</i>	<i>Laurent Darrieux</i>
<i>9 Italy</i>	<i>Karim Alfaro</i>
<i>10 Poland</i>	<i>Sebastian Zydek</i>
<i>11 Portugal</i>	<i>Mário Jorge Pereira Fontes Eusébio</i>
<i>12 Switzerland</i>	<i>Rene Seiler</i>
<i>13 Hungary</i>	<i>Bálint Tirpák</i>
<i>14 UK</i>	<i>Karl Couch</i>
<i>15 Slovakia</i>	<i>Juraj Szabó</i>
<i>16 Czech Republik</i>	<i>Jan Culek</i>

The winners are:

- 1. Laurent Darrieux Monaco*
- 2. Elke Wewerka Austria*
- 3. Christophe Roggeman Belgium*

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

The Bonsai-CV of Laurent Darrieux will be published in the NL80.

EBA Homepage

see Minutes RTM

International Contacts (WBFF, BCI,...)

see Minutes RTM

Preparations for the election of the Board 2013

The election will take place at the next EBA Convention in France next Year. Reg Bolton, Vaclav Novak, Marc Noelanders, Jürgen Carocci and Detlef Mostler agreed that they will be candidates for a further period. The Board proposes a joint candidacy of the whole team to the AGM in Audincourt. The election will be announced in the next NL and on the homepage.

Honorary Membership

It was decided that the board will honour René Vantilt for his extraordinary efforts in promoting EBA. As he was unable to be present at the AGM the President handed the certificate to Marc Noelanders to give to Rene with the best wishes from the board.

Promotion of EBA

The EBA Logo is being revised. It will be created with the stars around three leaves. This Logo will be presented at the next AGM for agreement by the members It will replace the old one on the EBA Homepage and the Members Websites.

Newsletter

Next issue will be published probably November 2012

The next Board Meeting will take place at the next Noelanders Trophy weekend.

4. Treasurer's report

The EBA-Treasurer distributed a written report on the financial situation 2011 including the Auditors Report. The account is €13076, 28 in credit. The delegates approved the report of the treasurer and the budget 2012 (same total amount as 2011 plus some extras for new presidents shield and a video projector- beamer for the meetings) 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 2011. They found everything to be regular, correct and accurate. The Auditor's Report was approved unanimously. The President thanked the treasurer and both auditors for their good job.

6. Adoption of Board- and RTM-decisions

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The delegates accepted the report and approved the decisions of the board.

7. Provisional programme of the 2013 EBA Convention in France

EBA-Convention Audincourt see Minutes RTM 2013

Jean Marc Pouillon presented the venue and the program. He informed about some further details. All member countries will have a space for presenting five bonsai. The exact data for the registration of bonsai will be published in summer 2012. The French President invited all Members of EBA to come to Audincourt to present their Bonsai.

The delegates accepted the report and confirmed the decision holding the EBA Convention 2013 in France-Audincourt.

8. Decision about 2014 EBA Bonsai Convention in Poland

The Polish delegation presented the venue (Wroclaw, Centennial Hall) with a slide show. They prepared a handout with some data of the EBA Convention 2014, which will be held at the end of April/beginning of May, and distributed it to the delegates together with Bonsai Informator 1/ 2012, a Bonsai Magazine, showing some exhibitions in Poland in 2012. The provisional programme will be published at the Convention in Audincourt. The application for holding the EBA Convention 2014 by Poland was approved by the delegates.

9. Presentation EBA Convention 2015 Lithuania

Lithuania presented the location, the Exhibition Center and some information about the planned Convention by a slide show. The president of the Lithuanian Bonsai association also prepared a handout including CD's with the first data of the EBA Convention 2015 in Vilnius and distributed it to the delegates. The application was accepted by the delegates. (For further information see Attachment1)

10. Future EBA Conventions

For 2015, Lithuania, Italy and Czech Republic had announced their applications. Italy and the Czech Republic withdrew their applications. Italy are interested in hosting the EBA Convention 2016 and will make an application at the AGM in Audincourt. The Czech Republic informed delegates they intend to apply to host the Convention 2016.

11. Any other subject

EBA Registration-Deletion Amsterdam

To solve this problem Rene Vantilt, EBA Past Secretary, asked for a new decision from the AGM to end the subscription with the Chamber of Commerce of Amsterdam (Netherlands) where the byelaws have been held since EBA's founding until the end of the year 2012. The board asked the AGM for a second decision by the AGM for ending the subscription in Amsterdam. After that the board will send the text, Rene wanted, to him.

(Proposal Rene: The Board confirms that "as the EBA-Members decided last year, the new EBA Bye-laws were now deposited with 6 07 2009 in Klagenfurt Austria, which will allow the association to end its subscription with the Chamber of Commerce of Amsterdam (The Netherlands) where the bye-laws have been held since EBA's founding until the end of the year 2012".)

The Delegates voted unanimously to end the registration at the Chamber of Commerce of Amsterdam.

The President thanked the participants in the AGM for their contributions and decisions, hoped to meet all again at the EBA Convention 2013 in Audincourt, Fran

Reg Bolton, President Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Agenda/Forthcoming events

For the announcement of national exhibitions the EBA homepage (national part) is available . At the moment the board is looking for new management of the homepage, a new webmaster is currently revising the Home page.

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.

Time Table WBF: <http://www.wbff-2013.org/indexaction!pbviewbyid.action?pbclid=215>

EBA Bank Account

Jürgen Carocci

European Bonsai Association (EBA)

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Account no: 79760005

BLZ (bank rooting no): 67290100

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If you transfer Euros please use the IBAN and BIC codes

IBAN = DE 83672901000079760005

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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 France. Please send me a short message until end of January 2013

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 Audincourt.

Jürgen Carocci

EBA Treasurer

Lithuania attachment.

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CONVENTION INFORMATION

Date	2015, September, Vilnius, Lithuania
Place	Lithuanian Exhibition Centre LITEXPO, Laisvės pr. 5, LT- 04215 Vilnius
Trustee	Vilnius City Municipality
Organiser	NGO "Bonsai Studio"
Partners	„LITEXPO“ - Embassy of Japan - „EU Japan Feast“
Exhibition site	www.bonsailithuania.com

- *International bonsai exhibition will take 3 – 4 days*
- *One-day ticket costs 5 euro*
- *Lunch price will be 5 – 10 euro*
- *The price for the two-day ticket, which includes the exhibition and demonstrations, is 8 euro*
- *The gala dinner price is 30 euro*

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Election of new EBA Board.

Please note – any nominations for the EBA Board must be made to the Secretary by 25th March 2013

New Talent Competition.

Those who attended the EBA meetings at the last Convention in Slovenia will remember I suggested that the procedure for Judging the New Talent Competition be changed from the current arrangement – that – each Country entering a candidate must also nominate a Judge. (This year one Country sent a candidate but no Judge.) My intention is to put a proposal to the next RTM & AGM that the Judging of the New Talent Competition be changed for 2014 to a panel of 5 Judges only. Judges will be chosen from a panel of Judges, the panel will comprise of individuals nominated by their member country. It will be the responsibility of the Board of each member country to ensure the people they nominate as a Judge has the experience and knowledge of Bonsai required. The panel members would be rotated on a yearly basis, full details will be published if this proposal is accepted.

Having such a panel will make the administration of the New Talent Competition simpler and also ensure – I hope accurate decisions. It will also obviate the need for so many people – Judges to inspect the material prior to the Competition, at present this seems to cause delays, also only the Judging Panel of 5, will be exclude from viewing the on going work of Candidates during the competition.

Please will you bring this matter to your Board and Members for nominations and opinions regarding this proposal. Another matter regarding the NTC is that I believe the Rules for the Competition require reworking, to this end I will prepare another proposal for a new set of rules. Again your opinion is welcome.

Reg Bolton

Next EBA Newsletter

The Newsletter 80 is scheduled for February 2013. The deadline for articles will be the 1 February!