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From the Chairman

As this Newsletter contains many pages I will keep my notes brief. Response to my emails from Delegates has not been good. It is difficult for me and the Board to carry our duties without feedback from members. So please respond to our enquiries.

At our General meetings in Audicourt this year it was proposed that an Anniversary Booklet be published. No doubt you will recall the emails circulated on the subject. It has been decided to go ahead with this project. A full report will be given at the next AGM.

I am pleased that we have some news from some members, but I believe there should be more. Please, if we intend to continue with Newsletters, can we have NEWS from delegates to publish? (Also please continue to send details of any forthcoming events to Kath Hughes. Her email address is as for the UK delegate.)

Sadly I have to report that one of the UK's most talented bonsai artist/teacher/author, Peter Adams died suddenly on 24th November 2013. He has been ill for a short time and was being treated in hospital. Peter was a man with a unique talent for bonsai. He encouraged many with his teaching of the art of bonsai; he was a respected author on the subject.

His passing is a great loss to the world of bonsai.

On a lighter note, may I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

Reg Bolton

From the Board

From the Secretary

Difficult times in society and economy have effects on the work of non-profit organizations. This applies to EBA. It is increasingly difficult to find partners among our member countries for holding the annual EBA Convention. Above all the main problems are the costs and especially the expense for a suitable venue. I hope that we will succeed for the years following 2015 to receive applications from member countries of EBA to stage future Conventions.

The election of the new Board of EBA was correct from my point of view, and despite some comments from members our cooperation in the Board functions very well.

A major concern of the Board is to improve the flow of information between the Board and the members. Our website is a useful platform to advertise ourselves and what we do and of events we have held or about to hold. It would be a great help if the members took advantage of the website with regular updates of events both past and future. Our new Webmaster Nigel Wright is certainly helpful in all matters regarding the website.

For 2014, the focus of my work lies in the revision of the existing internal EBA rules. Several decisions in recent years have to be inserted and some no longer used points have to be removed. The result will be available at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in May 2014. For your comments and suggestions I will be grateful.

I wish all delegates and officials of the member countries a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2014

Detlef Mostler - Secretary

From the Treasurer

Dear EBA members,

In a few days I will send to you the invoice for the EBA membership fee 2014. 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 2014. We will see us in May at the EBA Convention in Wroclaw.

Best Regards

Jürgen Carocci,
EBA Treasurer
November 2013

The membership fee is

€172 - if paid to the EBA account until January 31, 2014
€190 - if paid to the EBA account until February 28, 2014
€218 - if paid to the EBA account after February 28, 2014

Bank Account:

Jürgen Carocci
European Bonsai Association (EBA)
Volksbank Kurpfalz H+G Bank eG, Germany
Account no 79760005
BLZ (bank routing no) 67290100
Ref.: EBA membership fee 2014

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 cash at the next EBA-convention in Poland. Please send me a short message until end of January 2014 if you want to pay in this way.

The next Convention, 9/11 May 2014 Wroclaw Poland.

Full details of the coming event can be found on www.ebabonsai.pl

The Polish organisers will give free entry to the Convention/Demonstrations to all those who exhibit a tree. This is a very generous offer.

Hotel information'

Special prices for convention guest in the Grape Hotel *****

Short hotel info:

Grape Hotel has a combination of public and private spaces, which include a garden, a BBQ/picnic area and a smoking area. Water fans take note: an indoor swimming pool is present here. If you like taking care of your personal wellbeing, a sauna, a spa/wellness center and a spa tub are available at this property. There are a concierge service, a late check-out option and an express check-in/out service; two meeting rooms; conference space with audio-visual equipment.

Air conditioned rooms make you feel comfortable during your stay at Grape Hotel, whatever the weather outside is. A wake-up service is provided and daily housekeeping service, both provided for your comfort and convenience.

You can stay up to date with everything that is happening around the world during your stay in Wroclaw as wireless high-speed Internet access (complimentary) is offered. A hypo-allergenic bedding set (upon request) and a Premium bedding set are part of the bedding provision. Bathrooms are made better with supplements such as a bathroom amenities set, a designer toiletries set and also a bathroom scale.

Prices

1 person room - 540 PLN with breakfast

2 person room - 470 PLN with breakfast

(Special price when guests will declare to chose the hotel restaurant for lunch or dinner)

Normal prices

1 person room - 640 PLN

2 person room - 570 PLN with breakfast (Without eating in the hotel restaurant later)

EBA RTM Audicourt 2013.

EBA Round Table (RTM) 2013 - Minutes

Audincourt (France), Saturday 30th March 2013 14.00-16.00

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EBA BOARD:

Reg Bolton,	EBA-President
Vaclav Novak,	1. Vice President
Marc Noelanders,	2. Vice President
Detlef Mostler,	Secretary
Jürgen Carocci,	Treasurer

Members, Delegate sand Participants present and apologies for absence

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	Absent
Monaco	Bonsai Club de Monaco	Bernard Jaworowicz
Poland	Polish Bonsai Association	Włodzimierz Pietraszko, Tomasz Sobczak
Portugal	Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB	Absent
The Netherlands	Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging	Bruno Wman, Arnould van der Heijde, Rijn Becude
Slovakia	Slovenska Bonsai Association	Absent
Slovenia	Slovenski Bonsaj Klub	Absent
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
Hungary	Magyar Bonsai Szövetség	Attila Baumann

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. With the Secretary he informed delegates of the topics discussed at the Board Meeting, held yesterday afternoon.

Preparations for the election of the Board on Sunday

The President and the Secretary explained to the members the course of the election tomorrow. As were no other candidates nominated by members, the board members Reg Bolton, Vaclav Novak, Marc Noelanders, Jürgen Carocci and Detlef Mostler offered to work as a whole team for a further period. The delegates and the participants accepted the report.

Future EBA Conventions

The Convention 2014 Poland was confirmed by the board. The program will be presented at the AGM. The application for holding the EBA Convention 2015 by Lithuania was approved. The program will be presented at the AGM.

New EBA Logo

The new Logo was presented. For the future it will be used by the board on official documents.

b. EBA New Talent Contest ©

The president informed the delegates and participants about the actual status.

“16 candidates were nominated from the members. 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 President and the 1st.Vice president will organize the contest. The contest will run under the old rules. The score list has to be filled up correctly“

He explained to the delegates that the Board had discussed some details of the organisation of the contest especially regarding the prevention of participants receiving help from members of the audience or others by whatever means and of the difficulty of obtaining a fair evaluation by the judges. He asked the Members for more comments on the proposals he sent out concerning the NTC.

Some aspects of sanctions were discussed but no final conclusion was found. General approval met the proposal for more time for the guiding in of the judges and the evaluation of the results.

He informed the delegates about the difficulties with the allotted time for this year's contest due to the very large trees provided for the participants by the organizers. The Board decided, after prior consultation with the organizers, to extend the time of the contest for an extra hour.

Finally the president asked the members for some proposals for the course of the NTC for the future.

c.d. Payment of membership fees/ Members and Contacts

A written report from the Treasurer was handed to the Members regarding the latest status of the EBA assets, the financial situation and the report of the auditors. He gave a short report about the Statement of Accounts. The financial situation of EBA is sound. (Account 2012 12 31: €14,172,55). The auditors examined the financial accounts for 2012. They found everything to be regular, correct and accurate.

Problems are continuing with San Marino concerning the membership fees. The board decided to propose to the AGM the suspension of San Marino as Member of EBA. The president will write a letter to the President of the BC San Marino to inform him about the decision made by the board and probably by the AGM tomorrow.

e. EBA Homepage

The updating by Nigel Wright, the new Webmaster, is working well.

f. Newsletter

The issue of the next NL is planned for November 2013.

g. Future EBA Conventions;

Voting procedure EBA Convention 2015

Convention Contract France, Poland

The Convention 2014, Poland (Wroclaw) was finally confirmed by the board. The Convention Contract was signed by the President and the Secretary. The Convention will be presented by the Polish delegation at the AGM. The application for holding the EBA Convention 2015 by Lithuania (Vilnius) was also confirmed. The Lithuanian presentation will be made by Vaclav Novak on behalf of the Lithuanian Bonsai Association. Vaclav apologized to the Delegates that Mr. Kestutis was not able to come to Audincourt to make the presentation himself.

h. (see a)

i. WBFF Report

The President informed the Board about concerns within WBFF and the Chinese organizers which may arise at the coming WBFF Meeting. The board decided to give the EBA vote as a proxy vote the WBFF Secretary for the coming WBFF Meetings in China.

Malcolm Hughes outlined some facts about the venue and the organization of the exhibition. Malcolm pointed out that the members should send data about the national bonsai events to publish it in the "Events Table, Kath Hughes" as promotion for the EBA.

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k. Other Subjects

- Display of bonsai at the EBA Convention:
There was a short discussion about "How to display bonsai - Together in a national sector or mixed within the nations". Some delegates were in favour of displays to be in a national sector. The kind of display is dependant on the space available at the venue and on the artistic design of the organizers.
- The Polish delegation made proposals concerning the EBA Convention in Wroclaw (Demo of NTC winners, Demo Show of participants from the EBA Members to show how many very good bonsai-instructors are in the member countries of EBA).
- The participants and the board discussed the proposals. Marc Noelanders explained to the Polish delegation his experiences with the demo of NTC Winners in the past. The Polish delegation assured the members that they will take into account the results of the discussion for the creation of the programme.
- The President informed the delegates and participants about a proposal of the Polish delegation concerning the issue of a 30th EBA Anniversary Brochure for the promotion of EBA. It would be an opportunity to present The EBA and their Members. During the following discussion some of the delegates referred to the problems which arose with the publication of the 20th EBA Anniversary Brochure. Comments were made regarding a redaction committee and the approximate costing of the project.

No decision was taken. The matter should be discussed again at the AGM.

The President thanked the participants in the meeting for their contributions and hoped to meet all again for the 2013 EBA-AGM the next day.

Reg Bolton (President):

Detlef Mostler (Secretary)

Klagenfurt, November 2013

EBA-AGM 2013 - Minutes

Audincourt (France), Sunday 31st March 2013, 09.00-12.00

Agenda

1. Members present, Quorum
2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM held at Ljubljana (Slovenia)
3. Report on EBA activities from the Board
4. Treasurer's report
5. Auditor's report
6. Election of the Board
7. Adoption of RTM-decisions
8. Provisional programme of the 2014 EBA Convention in Poland
9. Final decision about 2015 EBA Bonsai Convention in Lithuania
10. Future EBA Conventions, decisions 2016, 2017
11. Any other subject

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The President welcomed all delegates and participants and noted that 14 Member Associations out of 20 were present. The quorum of the meeting was thus reached.

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM held at Ljubljana (Slovenia)

The minutes of the 2012 EBA-AGM had been sent to the Delegates via e-mail and had been published in NL 79. They were unanimously accepted together with the agenda.

The following items 8 and 9 were given priority to 3 - 11:

8. Provisional programme of the 2014 EBA Convention in Poland

The Polish delegation presented the city of Wroclaw as a mixture between old and modern. The Wroclaw Congress Centre offers a 1000m² exhibition spaces for presenting approximately more than 140 bonsai. Each member will have the possibility to bring 10 bonsai to the exhibition. There will be enough places for the exhibition of bonsai, suiseki and room for holding the meetings, the NTC and demos. The EBA Convention 2014 will be held at the beginning of May (probably 1st, 2nd and 3rd).

The delegation presented the preliminary programme with the affiliated time schedule. The 3 day ticket would be available for a €20.00 price. More details will be presented on the Convention website, which will be announced probably in June 2013. The holding of the EBA Convention 2014 by Poland was confirmed by the delegates.

9. Presentation EBA Convention 2015 Lithuania

Vaclav Novak presented the planned EBA Convention 2015 in Vilnius (Lithuania). He apologized for the absence of Kestutis Ptakauskas, caused by an accident. The convention will probably be held the 1st weekend in September 2015. The board asked Vaclav Novak to tell the organizers that they should fix the exact date as soon as possible. They are asked to send more information by email to the secretary about further details regarding the planned programme and the venue for publishing in the first NL in 2014. The delegates confirmed the holding of the EBA Convention 2015 in Lithuania.

3. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The President 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.

(Items: see minutes of RTM)

EBA New Talents Contest ©

NTC 2013 Audincourt

16 candidates took part in the contest.

Belgium	Imparato Giuseppe
France	Memy Guy
Denmark	Bartlomiej Jacek Lysek
Germany	Udo Wollenhaupt
Netherlands	Martin Bonvie
Austria	Walter Schreiner
Monaco	Patrice Rolando
Slovakia	Suzanna Tinkova

Spain	Samual Martínez
Czech Republic	Michal Burak
Poland	Pawel Kowalik
Switzerland	Di Giannatale Gaberiele
Italy	Fabrizio Zorzi
Hungary	Richard Czégel
Portugal	João Nunes Sampaio
UK	Marcus Watt

The winners were:

- 1st Martin Bonvie of the Netherlands
- 2nd Marcus Watt of UK
- 3rd João Nunes Sampaio of Portugal

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

4. Treasurer's report

A written report from the Treasurer was handed over to the Members regarding the latest status of the EBA assets, the financial situation and the report of the auditors. He gave a short report about the Statement of Accounts. The financial situation of EBA is still sound. (Account 2012 12 31: 14.172,55 €).

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5. Auditor's report

Mr. Bernhard Reiling and Mr. Axel Paduch audited the financial account 2012. 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.

The Delegates gave their approval to the activities of the Board and released the board from obligations concerning the past period of duty.

6. Election of the Board

For the duration of the election the delegate of the United Kingdom, Malcolm Hughes, took over the chairmanship. He proposed the previous board consisting of Reg Bolton, Vaclav Novak, Marc Noelanders, Jürgen Carocci and Detlef Mostler for vote since there was only this nomination standing for election of the board. The nomination team was accepted by the delegates and the former board was re-elected unanimously as new board. Reg Bolton accepted the re-election in the name of the board members and thanked the delegates for their confidence. He promised that the re-elected board will work fully for the benefit of the EBA. The new board took over the further guidance of the meeting.

7. Adoption of Board- and RTM-decisions

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

10. Future EBA Conventions

11. Any other subject

- Malcolm Hughes, president of FoBBS and delegate of the UK, reported that FoBBS is considering an application for the EBA Convention at the beginning of May 2016 or 2017. The society is looking for an appropriate venue, maybe in Birmingham. He announced more details for the convention in Wroclaw next year.
- The proposal of the Polish delegation concerning the issue of a 30th EBA Anniversary Brochure could not been discussed to the end because of lack of enough time for the discussion by the delegates. The delegates asked the board to prepare more information about the planned project. No decision was made about proposed costs and grants by some members because of the early stage of the project

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Newsletter

Next issue will be published probably November 2013

The President thanked the participants in the AGM for their contributions and decisions, hoped to meet all again at the EBA Convention 2014 in Wroclaw, Poland

Reg Bolton, President

Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Klagenfurt, Nov. 2013

Forthcoming events. 2015

The presentation for the EBA/ESA 2015 Convention will be made in Poland at the AGM

News from members.

Hungary

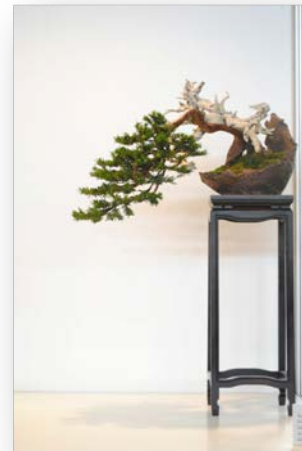
The first exhibition of the Hungarian Bonsai Association took place in September 2013.

17 preselected trees were displayed in an exhibition centre in Budapest.

This was also a good opportunity to show also some Hungarian deciduous species like the oak and the pear, which are very common in the national landscape.



Beautiful evergreens were selected from the Committee (Gremium) to reach a very high quality of the presented trees:



You can see all the presented trees on the Hungarian Bonsai Association Homepage:
<http://magyarbonsaiszovetseg.hu/2013/09/22/bonsai-tarlat-a-magyar-bonsai-szovetseg-bemutatkozokiallitasan/>

Attila Baumann
 Vice President
 Hungarian Bonsai Association

News from Austria

2013 was a pretty good year for the Austrian bonsai friends. Although the climate in Austria ranged from extremely wet (flooding) to very hot and dry (summer and autumn) the bonsai managed very well to grow.

There were some very nice bonsai events, two of them with international participation with many guests and visitors from the neighboring countries.

At this year's EBA Convention in Audincourt Austria presented some bonsai and suiseki. Walter Schreiner of the Suibon Bonsai Club participated in the NTC and did very good work.

In early June in Salzburg (Hallein) the exhibition "International Bonsai and Kusamono Festival – Art and Nature" had to be stopped very quickly on the second day due to high water. All exhibitors and traders had to leave the exhibition grounds with their exhibits because the Salzach River threatened to overflow the bridges around the venue. It was a dramatic experience and we think that was the first bonsai exhibition in the world that had to be evacuated due to flooding. For the organizers, it was very

disappointing as the superbly crafted exhibition ended so drastically. (Video clip www.bonsaisalzburg.net)

In addition to the local exhibitions which were organized by the different Austrian clubs, the 6th International Alps Adria Bonsai Exhibition was held in September in Carinthia. Bonsai friends from Friuli, Giulia Venezia, Slovenia, Germany and Austria brought bonsai to the beautiful old Renaissance town hall of St.Veit and visited the exhibition.

The exhibition is held every two years alternately with Slovenia (St. Veit Glan / Ljubljana). More than 70 bonsai, kusamono and suiseki were displayed. The exhibition ended with the presentation of the awards. (www.bonsai-kaernten.at)

The Austrian Bonsai Clubs again hosted numerous workshops with international and national bonsai artists. In July a very pleasant event took place at the Bonsai Museum in Seeboden (Carinthia). The Japanese couple Esaka guided for some of the Kusamono fans a Kusamono workshop.

2013 activities ended with the board meeting of the Austrian Bonsai Association in Wals near Salzburg. During this meeting the internal NTC qualifying contest for the EBA convention in Wroclaw was run.



Kusamono Workshop



6th International. Alps Adria Bonsai Exhibition

United Kingdom

United Kingdom Federation of British Bonsai Societies

During the course of 2013, there have been a range of bonsai activities within the United Kingdom both at local and national levels. With bonsai continuing to prove a popular hobby there are over ninety societies around the country, with over fifty as Federation members

Throughout the season there are many local society shows, as well as major events which take place nationally and attract much public interest. These included:



Cheshire Bonsai Society stand Tatton Park

The Winter Image Bonsai Show, Swindon: 24th February



Swindon Winter Image, Mark Cooper best evergreen

This show which has now become an established annual event provided a large display of quality bonsai, both from a number of societies as well as individual exhibitors. There were a wide range of styles and species, many of which would be suitable for display at an international level. Accompanying the exhibition was a sizable trade fair.

Shohin U.K. Exhibition, Failand, near Bristol: 24th March.



Shohin UK Exhibition Best Shohin- John Armitage, Itoigawa

For the first time, a major display of shohin trees was exhibited in this part of the country and it attracted a large number of enthusiasts. It is hoped that this event will, in future, take place every other year, alternating with the already established British Shohin Association show which is held in the north-east of England in the early spring.

Royal Horticultural Society Show, Chelsea: 21st – 25th May.



Chelsea Stand 2013



Chelsea 2013 Reg Bolton interviewed by the BBC

Once again, the Federation of British Bonsai Societies staged a large stand at this prestigious event, receiving yet another Gold Medal Award. On this occasion, the stand not only drew considerable attention from the general public, but also from national television. Again, congratulations must go out to the team involved in putting the display together and to all those individuals who provided the trees for the occasion.

Gardeners' World Live, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham: 11th – 16th June.



Gardeners World Live, FoBBS stand



Gardeners World Live, Marcus Watts award winning Chuhin Zelkova

For this occasion and at the request of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Federation was asked to put on a large display of bonsai for this event and so it proved possible to incorporate the 'Best of British Bonsai' exhibition as the overall display. Over 50 top quality trees were displayed within a 350 square metre area, with over 120,000 members of the public attending over the six days. Again, the display earned an RHS Gold Medal award.

'Bonsai World', the K2 Centre, Crawley: 10th/11th August.



Crawley Best individual Ken & Anne Norman



Crawley Best Shohin, Mark & Ritta Cooper



Crawley demonstrations

This was the second occasion that this large bonsai event organised by the Sussex Bonsai Group had taken place and it was to provide a diverse range of bonsai and related areas of interest. In addition to a large display of trees by both societies and individual exhibitors, there was an excellent trade fair together with demonstrations by Suthin Sukosolvisit (U.S.A.), John Armitage (U.K.) and Ken Norman (U.K.).

Capel Manor Autumn Show: 13th October.



Capel Manor, Ian Stewardson's winning Itoigawa juniper



Capel Manor, Graham Potter demonstrating on a large pine

As well as providing a delightful display of bonsai, some beginning to show autumn colours, the event also hosted the final heat of the Amateur New Talent Contest. The winner, Mark Kennerley will now represent the United Kingdom at the European Final, to be held in Wroclaw, Poland this next May. This is but a taste of the many events that go on around the country.