

Minutes of International Orchid Committee meeting 14 November 2011, Singapore

Members present: Ian Chalmers, Philip Cribb, Guest Janet Cubey, Vinciane Dumont, Munekazu Ejiri, Lauren Gardiner, Rudolf Jenny, Wesley Higgins, Clare Hermans, Johan Hermans, Philippe Lecoufle, Ron McHatton, Holger Perner, Clive Perry, Alec Pridgeon, Andre Schuiteman, Frank Jnr. Slaughter & Taylor Slaughter.

1. Apologies: Heather Campbell, Mark Chase, John Elliott, Peter Furniss, Ingeborg Gonella, Patricia Harding, Cordelia Head, Liz Johnson, Harry Nagata & Kiat Tan.
2. Appointment of Secretary. Clare Hermans was unanimously appointed as Secretary of IOC.
3. The minutes of the last meeting in Miami 2008 were approved subject to the correction to the spelling of *Sophronitis*.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. New name for IOC. It was unanimously agreed that the name of International Orchid Commission should be changed to **International Orchid Committee**.
6. New Remit of IOC. It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the final remit document on the IOC (see Appendix 1) was adopted.
7. Protocol for Award Citations. After an interesting discussion it was agreed to recommend that awards should be cited in alphabetical order by organisation. Votes were 8 in favour, 7 voted for no change.
8. Use of infra-specific parents in Hybrid Registration. The meeting was informed by Dr Janet Cubey that the Code Commission will meet July 2013 to revise the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP). She confirmed that the present code is available as a download from the ISHS website, <http://www.ishs.org/pub/scripta.htm>. Article 4 of the code recommends that *In current usage the parents of a grex are restricted to the rank of species or another grex*. After discussion a resolution was unanimously agreed that, in principle, it is undesirable for infra-specific entities to be used in grex registration but that further opinion should be heard before seeking a possible article change in the ICNCP.
9. A report on Orchid Conservation by Dr Phillip Cribb was submitted after the meeting, see Appendix 2.
10. Appointment of a new Chairman. Following his appointment as President of the World Orchid Conference Trust, Mr Johan Hermans stood down as Chairman of IOC and Dr Alec Pridgeon was unanimously voted in as the new Chairman.
11. Appointment of members of IOC. A number of people were proposed as permanent members of IOC (according to the new remit), a list is attached in appendix 3.

12. Appointment of an Executive Committee. Mme Vinciane Dumont was elected as Vice Chairman; Dr Ron McHatton and Mr Holger Perner were appointed as members of the Executive Committee.
13. Any other business. A vote of thanks was given to Johan Hermans for his work on consulting and compiling the new remit document. It was agreed that IOC should look into the possibility for a Joyce Stewart Conservation Award to be given at future WOCs, the exact arrangements are to be agreed at a later date.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1

The Remit of IOC

The International Orchid Committee

NAME

The new name of '**International Orchid Committee**' is proposed; it sounds less bureaucratic and better reflects its purpose. It also means that the familiar abbreviation of **IOC** remains.

REMIT:

It is apparent that there is a need for an organisation like the IOC and that it is in a good position to be influential, especially now it is linked to the WOC Trust.

To achieve this it needs to act with an authoritative voice, as a clearing-house for ideas and policies and a meeting point between amateurs and professionals.

It is therefore proposed that the IOC remit should be:

A respected international Committee that advises on issues that concern the orchid world, with emphasis on orchid nomenclature, conservation, research and World Orchid Conferences. It will consider proposals and make recommendations or issue resolutions through the World Orchid Conference Trust.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Orchid Nomenclature

Orchid nomenclature should be an important part of the IOC's work. The Committee will consider and evaluate policy issues that affect orchid species and hybrid nomenclature. It will act as an independent assessor of proposals put to the Committee, take advice where necessary and ultimately make recommendations to:

- For hybrids: the Royal Horticultural Society Advisory Subcommittee on Orchid Hybrid Registration.
- For species: the editors of the World Checklist of Monocotyledons kept by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew or
- Any other organisation that is deemed appropriate.

Orchid Conservation

There are several well-placed international orchid conservation organisations, and the IOC should not detract from their work. The IOC should act as a policy clearing-house or a sounding board before new policies and ideas are implemented. The IOC can also look at existing policy (like CITES) and give an independent opinion or feedback. IOC can provide a valuable networking opportunity. The Committee will make recommendations to:

- Other conservation organisations.
- Conservation-funding bodies.
- National governments and their representatives.

Orchid Research

A great variety of research on orchids takes place across the globe; IOC can play a role in advising on priorities. It can recommend particular strands where research is most needed, endorse project proposals to funding bodies and evaluate relevance of existing projects. The Committee can make recommendations to:

- Academic institutions.
- Research-funding bodies.
- Individuals

Advisory role to the WOC Trust

IOC will play an important role in advising the WOC Trustees on all aspects of World Orchid Conferences. The Trustees can request an opinion or evaluation of issues and projects such as: judging, lecture programme, proceedings, show standards, *etc.*

- The Committee makes recommendations to the WOC Trustees.

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

The right balance of membership is crucial to the success of the organisation. To be credible the IOC should consist of respected figures of the orchid world, representatives from the major orchid societies, the trade, scientists, hybridisers and other interested individuals. There also should be a good geographical spread.

The International Orchid Committee will consist of up to 35 members from which an Executive Committee of five will be chosen. These will be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary plus two other executive members. Up to five additional members can be co-opted to assist with specific tasks; they are appointed for the period of the task but no more than six years. The four active WOC Trustees will be ex-officio executive committee members.

Representatives can be proposed by national organisations or recommended by IOC members. They are elected by the Executive Committee for a renewable period of six years. The chairman and secretary will also be elected from this group by all members, for a renewable period of six years. The original Executive Committee will be proposed by the WOC Trustees who will also suggest the individuals to fill the officer posts. At the meeting to be held in November 2011 members will vote on the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary who will serve for a renewable term of six years.

MEETINGS

The International Orchid Committee will meet formally every three years at a World Orchid Conference. At these meetings resolutions will be discussed and formal recommendations made. Meetings of working groups can be convened at other times in preparation for a resolution to be brought to the tri-annual meeting; otherwise, contact will be maintained by email.

Recommendations will be presented to a plenary meeting at a WOC.

A well-designed website is important to publicising the work of the IOC.

Appendix 2

Report on conservation by Dr Phillip Cribb

- Commend the work of IUCN/OSG and on the success of the 4th IOCC in the Czech Republic. The 5th IOCC will be on La Réunion in December 2013.

-Commend the work of the trusts and groups that help fund orchid conservation work.

-Encourage the orchid community to support the e taxonomy of monocots project and encourage it to include conservation information on the web site.

-Commend the Darwin funded OSSSU orchid seed-banking project for its success in establishing an international network for banking orchid species seed.

-Thank the organisers of the 20th WOC for providing a room for the OSG meeting which is the conservation arm of the IOCC.

Appendix 3

Agreed permanent members of IOC (as from 14 November 2011)

Campbell Heather	member
Chalmers Ian	member
Chase Mark	member
Cribb Phillip	member
Dumont Vinciane	Vice-chair

Ejiri Munekazu	member
Elliott John	member
Furniss Peter	Ex-officio member
Gardiner Lauren	member
Gonella, Ingeborg	member
Grohovaz Anthony	member
Hammer Carsten	member
Harding Patricia	member
Head Cordelia	member
Hermans Clare	Secretary
Hermans Johan	Ex officio member
Higgins Wesley	member
Jennings Colin	member
Jenny Rudolf	member
Johnson, Liz	Ex-officio member
Koopowitz Harold	member
Lecoufle Philippe	member
McHatton Ron	Executive member
Nagata Harry	member
Niessen Andrea	member
Perner Holger	Executive member
Perry Clive	member
Portilla Pepe	member
Pradhan Mohan	member
Pridgeon Alec	Chair
Pupulin Franco	member
Purver Chris	member
Schuiteman, Andre	member
Slaughter Jr Frank.	member

Slaughter Taylor	member
Tan Kiat	Ex-officio member,
van den Berg Cassio	member