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Dear Member,

The annual general meeting of the Orchid Society was held on Friday 8th March 2013 at the Cercle de Rose Hill, in Beau Bassin. The members elected by the assembly met on the 27th March to appoint the office bearers and the executive committee for 2013 is as follows :-

PRESIDENT	: Serge L'Ecluse
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CO-OPTED MEMBERS	: Mukesh Rughoo, Dharmen Isari.

Gerard Bax
Secretary

Programme of activities for 2013

The newly appointed executive committee has at its meeting of the 27th March set the programme of activities for the year as follows :

APRIL	: Talk on Irrigation Systems for hobby orchid shade houses by a specialist in that field.
MAY	: A full day workshop for OSM members on 'Successful orchid growing for pleasure' (Part I).
JUNE	: Club Mini Show—sharing our passion with non- OSM members.
JULY	: Full day workshop—Part II
AUGUST	: Anniversary celebration.
SEPTEMBER	: Annual Orchid Show .
OCTOBER	: Walk in the forest.
NOVEMBER	: End of year dinner

Members will receive more information about each coming event through the newsletter.

Your invitation for the April's meeting

You are invited to attend our first monthly meeting for the year, which has been programmed for Friday 26th April at 6.00 p.m. at the Cercle de Rose Hill.

The meeting will consist in a talk by a specialist in irrigation systems and our traditional mini show.

The talk will be delivered by Mr Dany Nina of Blychem Ltd and will cover the following subjects :

- **Basics of irrigation**
- **Different systems of irrigation**
- **Water pumps**
- **Filtration**
- **Overhead and drip irrigation**

Some irrigation equipments will be on display and you will have the opportunity to get free advice after the presentation.

We shall have a mini show as usual. Prizes will be offered for the most appealing specimens on display. We also want to remind you that your participation at the monthly meetings (presence, plants displayed etc..) will score points for the title of 'Orchid Person of the Year'. We hope to see many you and a nice table display.

Notice Board

1. Members are informed that a Souvenir DVD with a complete set of pictures of Orchid Show 2012 exhibits is available on request at Rs500.00 per copy. You are invited to contact the Secretary for that matter.
2. This is the time to settle your annual membership fee and get your membership card for 2013. Please contact our Treasurer, Mrs Lily Lee—Tel 724 9028. Please note that in a near future, you will be entitled to discounted prices when purchasing plants or growing accessories at some outlets, upon presentation of your OSM Membership Card.
3. The Library service is available at monthly meetings. You may borrow a copy of the Magazines of the American Orchid Society. There is an initial one-time deposit of Rs300.00 to start your subscription. Please contact the Treasurer for that matter.
4. First announcement of the next World Orchid Conference which will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, between the 10th and the 14th September 2014 at the Sandton Convention Centre.
5. A short introductory note on our May workshop:
 - *The workshop is meant to improve the knowledge of those members who have joined the Orchid Society to learn how to grow orchids successfully.
 - * It will be held on a Saturday in order to enable more people to attend.
 - * It will start at 10.00 am and end at 2.30 pm, with a sandwich break at 12.00 noon.
 - * The workshop will be in two parts : Part I in May and Part II in July 2013