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Dear member,

The Society wish you all the very best with your orchid growing during this new year.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 14th March 2014, following which the Executive Committee for the year has been constituted. The office bearers are:

PRESIDENT	: Christian Bellouard
VICE PRESIDENT	: Serge L'Ecluse
SECRETARY	: Gerard Bax
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MEMBERS	: Gerard Leung For Sang, Martine Stephen.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS : Evelyne Forget, Jean-Luc Jaffarally.

We welcome the new team and wish them a very successful term of office.

Greetings from the President

Dear member of the Orchid Society,

In 1981 when Jean BROUARD asked me for my help in the staging of the Annual Orchid Show at Continental Hotel in Curepipe, I came into contact with the magical world of orchids and their mysterious flowers. I was so fascinated by these plants that growing them became my hobby. I started a collection when Mr. Marcel lecoufle participated in one of the Society's annual show.

Now I am really happy to serve you who shared the same passion in the Orchid Society of Mauritius.

With this special team, and under the guidance of Serge L'Ecluse, I will do my best to make 2014 a year full of achievements. I am very lucky to have the opportunity to lead a group among our orchid members to attend the 21st World Orchid Conference & Show in Johannesburg

We are starting end of April with an Orchid Nature Walk at Midlands and will try to keep you on the move for the whole year

Our web site is regularly updated and your friends wanting to join our adventure are welcome to download application form to fill and to send back to the committee for approval

Hope to see you frequently at our monthly meetings at Cercle de Rose Hill where we are now well equipped to display your best Orchids in bloom at our mini shows.

Christian Bellouard

Calendar of Events for 2014

- APRIL 26** - Nature walk at Midlands.
- MAY 23** - Overview of tissue culture technique.
- JUNE 27** - Mini-Expo/Vente.
- JULY 25** - Talk on orchid pests & diseases and their control.
- AUGUST 29** - OSM anniversary celebration.
- SEPTEMBER 10-14** - World Orchid Conference
- OCTOBER 3– 5** - Annual Orchid Show.
- NOVEMBER** - Visit to Ebony Forest in Chamarel
- DECEMBER** - OSM end of year function.

21st World Orchid Conference

The next World Orchid Conference will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg, between the 10th and 14th September 2014.

The theme of the Conference & Show is “Orchids - Gold in the Green Age”.

A group of OSM members are planning to go. The Society will only facilitate matters as regard to Air bookings and Hotel reservation. Each participant will have to register on-line directly with WOC according to their preferences. Please note that you may not register for the conferences and buy daily entrance ticket for the show on site.

On Wednesday 10th September the Show is only open to registrants (i.e. those who have registered with WOC) and media. The public can visit the show as from Thursday 11th up to Sunday 14th at 5.00 PM

Registration details:

Conference registration fee - US\$ 276 (US\$ 325 after 1st May)

Companion - US\$ 190 (US\$ 225 after 1st May)

Gala Dinner - US\$ 200.

All Inclusive - US\$ 605.

All Inclusive & Companion - US\$ 1,127.

As a guideline the following is a price indication regarding air fare and Hotel accommodation:

Air Fare MUR-JHB-MUR Rs12,035.00 + Tax (approx. Rs8,335.00)

Hotel accommodation for 4 nights on B & B + return transfers—Double room ZAR 2,906.00 per person sharing and Single room ZAR 4,946.00

Suggested Tours

FULL DAY TOURS

- Sun City & Pilanesburg National Park / Wild life and Sun City.
- Journey to freedom / The pain and struggle of the heroes. Apartheid Museum, Mandela's House and lunch in Soweto.
- History of Humankind & wild life tour/ back to the beginning.

HALF-DAY TOURS

- Johannesburg City Tour/Soweto tour/ Pretoria City Tour/ Lesedi Cultural Village.

Members who would like to join the group may still contact the Secretary.

OSM News - End of year lunch at Andréas

Mr. Armand Lecourt de Billot received his Trophy

'Champion of the Show' 2013

This Trophy is awarded to the owner of the plant that fetched the largest No of votes from the visitors to our Annual Orchid



**Mr Gerard Leung For Sang won for the
2nd consecutive year the
Yvan Lagesse Memorial Trophy
For
'The Orchid Man of the Year 2013**

**This Trophy is awarded to the member
who has been most active during the
year within the Society.**