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The Orchid Society of Mauritius held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 20th March 2015 and the executive committee for the current year was appointed at a meeting held on Tuesday 7th April.

The office bearers for 2015 are as follows:

President	- Christian Bellouard
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Coming events

35th anniversary of our society

Come and let's celebrate OSM's 35th anniversary around the traditional dinner/mini show which will be held this year at the Royal Choice restaurant in Roches Brunes. We trust that you have already confirmed your presence at this function and look forward to see you.

On this occasion, the Mauritius Post will issue a special commemorative stamp cover to mark this important date in the life of our society.

The President will also take this opportunity to launch the OSM publication on the control of orchid pests and diseases. The booklet is meant to be a handy guide for all local orchid growers.

Annual Orchid Show

The OSM's 35th annual orchid show will be held on the 26th and 27th September 2015 at the Allied Motors, Audi Zentrum Car Gallery in Reduit.

The show preparation team is already at work and we are all very much looking forward to this big and colourful event.

It is now the time to start grooming your plants which you intend to send in for the award competition.

Please bear in mind that we need a large number of plants in bloom in order to put up a nice show. Some plants may not be of award quality but yet can greatly enhance the overall display.

Remember, it's above all a public show of orchids grown locally and the competition is a stimulus for excellence.

Programme of activity for the year

The proposed programme of activity for the year was originally as follows:-

APRIL - Nature walk at Combo endemic forest.

MAY - Mother's day Mini-Show & Plant Sale.

JUNE - Conference on medicinal plants.

JULY - Car Rallye & Fun Quizz.

AUGUST - 35th OSM anniversary celebrations.

SEPTEMBER - Annual Orchid Show.

OCTOBER - Nature walk in Bel Ombre forest.

DECEMBER - Annual Dinner.

Note: some of the proposed activities have had to be altered and replaced by something else.

Notice Board

Florilèges du Tampon

Une tradition depuis 1983 à l'Ile de la Reunion. La Société a facilité l'organisation d'un court séjour à la Réunion dans le cadre des florilèges du Tampon. Un groupe de 20 personnes feront le déplacement du 9 au 12 octobre 2015.

TSO 2016

Professor Kanchit Tamasiri of Mahidol university in Thailand has extended an invitation to members of the society who would like to attend the 1st International Symposium on Tropical and subtropical Ornamentals to be held in Krabi, Thailand, between the 7th to 9th March 2016. You may wish to check its web site for more details - <http://www.sc.mahidol.ac.th/>

Past first semestre activities

Flower arrangement demonstration

February 27th, Jean Luc Jaffarally, a floral art designer, made a talk entitled ‘ Un arrangement floral pour une mariée’, and demonstrated for the benefit of all those present the mounting of a bride’s ti-ara and a bridal bouquet, with orchids.



Nature Walk

Saturday 2nd May, we were privileged to walk through a lush endemic forest at Combo. The journey was very challenging for most participants: walking along the edge of the cascade or climbing a vertical slope on slippery grounds. But at the end of the day we all agreed that it was well worth it. Our warmest thanks go to Armand Lecourt de Billot, who guided us through.





Oiseaux rares



et endemiques.



Oberonia sp.



Calanthe sp.

Jardin D'Eveil - Terre de Paix, Albion

L'Association Terre de Paix a organisé le samedi 30 mai dernier 'Un parcours de santé destiné à l'initiation des enfants à la nature et à ses merveilles au Jardin d'Eveil, à Albion.

Les membres de l'Orchid Society y ont participé avec une expo-vente d'orchidées et la recette de la journée a été offerte à l'association.

