



# British Orchid Congress and British Orchid Show

November 2nd-4th 2018  
Writhlington School, near Bath BA3 3NQ



## October 2018

### Welcome to the fifth BOS2018 newsletter

Please share this with anyone you think may be interested.

There is now just a month to go until the show opens and last minute touches are being put together for an amazing weekend of orchids at Writhlington School.

In this newsletter we have added information to help those arriving at the event whether to stage exhibits, trade stands or as registrants.

Registration is still open for the event online and we have extended early registration to the 20th October - Please visit [wsbeorchids.org/bos2018/register](http://wsbeorchids.org/bos2018/register) to register today.



### Programme

This is the outline programme for the event. Please scroll down for more information on the science and conservation symposium, the hardy orchid day programme and other events. Set up Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, The venues will all be open from 9am on Thursday for starting set up and will remain open on Thursday until 7pm. Venues will open again at 8am on Friday and we will need all displays finished by 4.30 to allow cleaning before the preview evening opens at 6pm.

Preview Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov from 6pm - 9pm we are expecting a good crowd for preview evening with registrants and preview ticket holders (you can buy tickets separately for the preview at [www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018](http://www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018)) enjoying an evening with all traders in action, a very nice buffet included and a couple of special events.

Show open to public 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 10am until 4pm each day. Day tickets will be available giving



## **Fantastic society display**

We are delighted that Orchid Societies from around the UK will be showing at BOS2018. We will be flexible on display sizes so get in touch to book you display space and discuss sizes. Please contact [wsbeorchids@gmail.com](mailto:wsbeorchids@gmail.com).

To be more specific we have tables that are 2ftx4ft and you can order 1,2,3,or 4 of these, or you can request a floor display. All the displays will be island displays

Booked so far: East Midlands, Devon, North of England, Sheffield and district, Ron and Kit Lindsay, Phil Seaton, Somerset Dorset and Wilts, British Paphiopedilum Society, Hardy Orchid Society, Cheltenham and District orchid Society, Bournemouth Orchid Society, Darlington Orchid Society, Helen Milner, Orchid Society of Great Britain, Thames Valley Orchid Society and the Hinckley & District Orchid Society.

The following societies may be exhibiting; Cheshire, Harrogate, Wessex, Central and the Scottish Orchid Society as we have the option of providing a small table at short notice.

access to the show, the Writhlington glasshouses, public lectures and refreshment areas.

Science Symposium Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov with speakers from the UK and abroad. Symposium registrants and Congress registrants will have access to a day of lectures with a focus on science and conservation including practical workshops. Full timetable coming soon.

Hardy Orchid Day Sunday 4th Nov - there will be a series of special lectures and activities for registrants and the public (at an extra cost) focusing on all aspects of hardy orchids including culture, propagation, field observation and travel.

Congress dinner

On Saturday evening there will be a grand congress dinner at the school. The four course dinner with a bar will be prepared by the School's award winning chef and include a number of special extras including a special congress dinner mystery orchid quiz, the congress raffle and live music. The event starts at 6.30 giving people time to freshen up after a long day at the show. Tickets are available

at [www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018](http://www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018)



## **Trade already confirmed**

Our list of trade confirmed is growing. Please visit the nursery websites for pre-orders.



## Exciting registrants' lecture programme

We are delighted to announce a fascinating series of lecture programmes for the event.

### Science and Conservation Symposium - Saturday 3rd November

Our science and conservation lectures will cover a variety of diverse topics including conservation genetics, tropical conservation, photography and practical workshops.

Speakers include Kew scientists Roberta Gargiulo and Leif Bersweden with the fascinating insight molecular studies have given to understanding orchid conservation, Phil Seaton and Dino Zelenika providing up to date information on the conservation of some of the world's most iconic orchid species in Colombia and Thailand.

Time	speaker	title
10.20-11.00	Dino Zelenika	Orchid Conservation in Myanmar
11.00-11.40	Phil Seaton	Colombia part 2: Bogota to Medellin and a return to Cali
11.40-12.00	Coffee	
12.00-12.30	Rudolf Jenny	Stanhopea and its fascinating pollination
12.30-1.10	Leif Bersweden	Species Integrity and Gene Flow in Anthropomorphic Orchid species
1.10-2.00	Lunch	
2.00-2.40	Roberta Gargiulo	"The lady's slipper orchid, <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> : genetic diversity over space and time"
2.40-3.20	Ian Parsons	Techniques of Close-Up Photography of Orchids
3.20-4.00	Coffee	

Burnham Nurseries (UK)

[www.orchids.uk.com](http://www.orchids.uk.com)

Akerne Orchids (Belgium) [www.akerne-orchids.com](http://www.akerne-orchids.com)

Roellke Orchids (Germany) [www.roellke-orchideen.de](http://www.roellke-orchideen.de)

Laneside Hardy Orchids (UK) [www.lanesidehardyorchids.com](http://www.lanesidehardyorchids.com)

Laurence Hobbs Orchids (UK) [www.laurencehobbсорchids.co.uk](http://www.laurencehobbсорchids.co.uk)

Royden Orchids (UK)

Assendorfer Orchideenzucht (Germany) [www.asendorfer-orchideenzucht.com](http://www.asendorfer-orchideenzucht.com)

Orchid Alchemy (UK) [www.orchidalchemy.com](http://www.orchidalchemy.com)

Real Escape

Travel [www.realescapetravel.co.uk](http://www.realescapetravel.co.uk)



## Roberta Gargiulo at BOS2018

We are delighted that Roberta Gargiulo will be joining us at the Congress and speaking on "The lady's slipper orchid, *Cypripedium calceolus*: genetic diversity over space and time."

Roberta Gargiulo is an Early Career Research Fellow in Conservation Genetics at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and has worked in partnership with Writhlington School to support the development of Orchid Science particularly conservation genetics amongst school students.

## **Hardy Orchid Symposium - Sunday 4th November**

On Sunday the lecture programme for registrants focuses on hardy orchids with lectures on British orchids, Mediterranean orchids, orchid conservation and reintroduction in the UK and Europe, cultivating hardy orchids in the UK and practical propagation workshops.

Speakers include Richard Laurence, Jeff Hutchins, Celia Wright, Andrew Bannister and Simon Tarrant.

## **Public Lectures - Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th November**

There will also be a full programme of lectures to suit beginners and experts alike on orchid cultivation, orchid genera of interest and orchid history.



## **Great accommodation in local historic towns and cities**

Writhlington School is on the edge of the Mendip Towns of Radstock and Midsommer Norton, seven miles from the Historic Town of Frome and just nine miles from the Georgian City of Bath.



## **Garden Society Special Offer**

We are delighted to welcome orchid societies and garden societies to the show and already have several booked in. We are offering a 20% discount on public entry (£4 a head instead of the standard £5) to garden societies who bring twenty people or more to the show. Please contact [wsbeorchids@gmail.com](mailto:wsbeorchids@gmail.com) to book your group. (Please do share this newsletter with your local garden societies.)

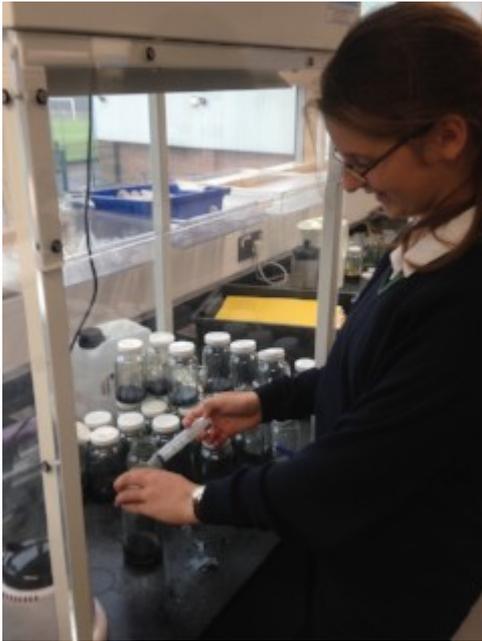


## **Treasure hunt and other activities for children aged 5 to 105**

We have planned a range of activities at the show aimed at children, from the ages of 5 to 105, that will add some fun and learning to the event and draw on the school's experience of developing engaging educational activities around orchids in schools as far afield as Rwanda, Canada and Sikkim.

Local primary school are involved too, so if you are thinking of bringing future children and grandchildren along to the event you can be confident that they will have a memorable day out.

As a result there are hundreds of great hotels within easy reach and an opportunity to turn your BOS2018 visit into an Autumn mini break in the West Country.



## Grow your own orchid flasks

A number of special events have been arranged over the event to give registrants a weekend to remember and these include grow your own flasks where visitors will be able to transfer orchid seedlings in vitro to grow on at home.



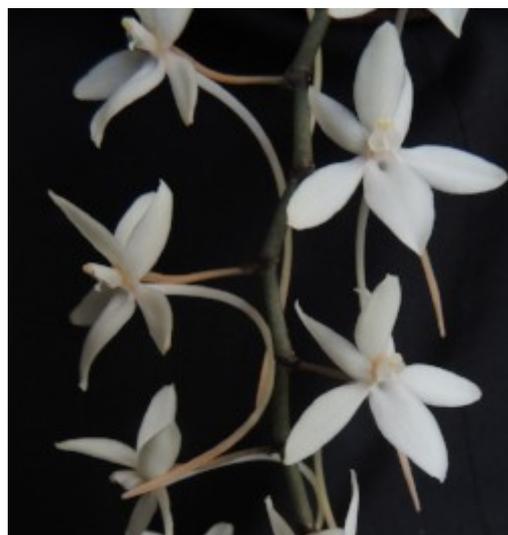
## Arriving at the event

Registrants should visit the main entrance on arrival where they will be given their registrants bag with



## Some more highlights

Other highlights include full access to the Writhlington Orchid Project glasshouses with students on hand to describe their culture of more than a thousand orchid species in six climate zones. This offers a great opportunity to see plants in the conditions that they grow and a starting point to many interesting conversations about growing the plants we love. There will be a repotting service in operation, the Mendip Wood Carvers that proved so popular at the 2012 congress and a number of refreshment options including a registrants lounge.



## Judging

Judging will take place from 8am on Saturday 3rd November and trophies and rosettes will be awarded in 31 classes ensuring that all the orchids displayed will

wristbands, buffet and congress dinner tickets, programmes and some special goodies.

Signs will direct those exhibiting to the correct buildings and help will be on hand if needed to carry plants.

Please follow parking instructions to allow access to the halls for exhibitors.

Parking throughout the event will be free.

On show days registrants will be able to simply show their wristbands while public visitors will collect day passes at the main entrance.

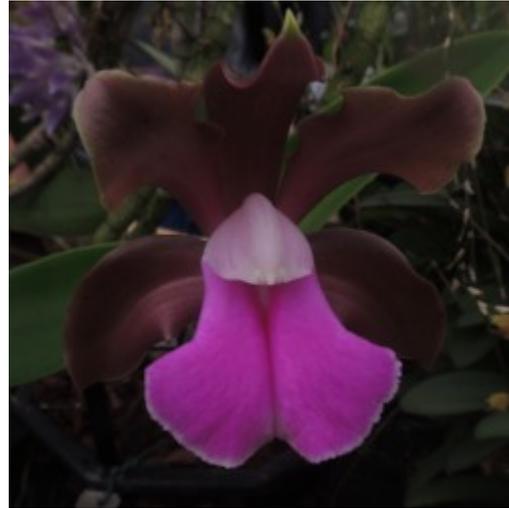


## Orchid Babies for all registrants

A great success at the Congress held at Writhlington was the BOC Babies given to all registrants in their registrants bags. We are pleased to announce that there will be baby orchids in your bags again this year along with the exciting challenge of being the first to flower your baby and share the news on your plants. See to see how the baby orchid from the last congress turned out.

be included. There are also classes for Society Displays, Trade Displays, Photographic Exhibits and Educational Exhibits.

A breakfast of coffee/tea and croissants will be provided for the judging teams.



## Reminders for exhibitors

A few reminders for those of you building society displays at the Show.

1. All displays are island displays.
2. We will try our best to be flexible if you need an extra table or one less.
3. Setting up starts on Thursday until 7pm and continues on Friday 8am-4.30pm.
4. All displays must be finished by 4.30 on Friday to allow cleaning the venue for preview evening.
5. If you set up and want to stay for the preview evening you will need either to be a registrant or to purchase a preview evening ticket from <https://wsbeorchids.org/bos2018/>
6. Judging is on Saturday morning from 8am. Plants and displays will all be judged.
7. No water features please.
8. If you have any questions please let ask at <https://wsbeorchids.org/contact/> or e-mail [wsbeorchids@gmail.com](mailto:wsbeorchids@gmail.com)