

Orchid judging at EOCCE 2018

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As in all major international exhibitions, a judgment has been held to reward the most beautiful plants presented. More than fifty judges from all over Europe (and even further afield, South Africa, Singapore) gathered in Paris. The judgment was organized by Clare Hermans and Vinciane Dumont, assisted by AFJO members, including H  l  ne Royer, Albert Falcinelli and David Lafarge.

In France, as in many countries, orchid shows are an opportunity to judge plants. Judging had ceased after the 18th World Orchid Conference in Dijon in 2005, but in 2011 a new training scheme was started. Judges are accredited after a three-year training program and then have two years probation. Three training centers are currently operational and are based in Bordeaux, Paris and Leucate. Judges are now fully qualified and belong to one of two associations. The AFJO (French Association for the Judgment of Orchids), is based in the south and EJO (School of Orchid Judges) works mainly in   le-de-France and in the northern part of the country. Members of both organizations regularly meet to judge together at shows.

The rules for plant and display judging are reproduced here from **The Judges Handbook**.

Display judging

All orchid displays will be judged for First, Second and Third place ribbons; EOCCE 2018 Trophies and Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals, a simple majority will determine any decision. All Ribbons and Medal cards will be put on the displays. Points for Medals: Bronze = 40-59 Silver = 60-79 Gold = 80-100 (Table 1).

Plant judging

All plants in the Show will be considered for First, Second and Third place ribbons in

Table 1. Pointing system for displays.

	Points
General impression (aesthetic, originality, colours, legibility, balance, etc.)	30
Range of orchids	20
Plant condition	20
Number of plants	20
Labelling, educational and nicely finished	10
Total	100

their class and for EOCCE 2018 Trophies (Table 2). Ribbons will be put with the awarded plant on the displays. All Registrants, who are Orchid Judges recognised by their national judging organization are invited to participate. Registrants, who are Trainee Judges, will be eligible for stewarding duties, Judges may also be asked to assist with stewarding. Judges must enrol before the 1st March 2018 (also see Rules). All Judges and Trainee Judges are also invited to participate in the European Judging Symposium on Friday afternoon.

EOCCE 2018 Judging Guidelines

Cut flower spikes cannot be taken into account for ribbon judging but can be considered for Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals

Table 2. Pointing system for plants.

Culture	Points
General aspect	20
Health & condition	10
Number of flower	10
Flower	
Presentation	20
Colour	20
Size and shape	20
Total	100

at the discretion of the judges. However plants can only be considered for ribbon judging and not Medals.

Made-up plants (group of plants in one container), cannot be judged as a single plant but individual plant from such a group can be considered in their own right.

Although comparative judging is used, if no plant of adequate quality can be found for a place in any class it is permissible not to award that ribbon.

To make certain that the Judges enjoy a display in its full glory Exhibitors should make sure that all lighting, water-features etc. are switched on during judging of displays.

Stewards will normally be Trainee Judges and therefore have no voting rights, however some groups may have the benefit of a fully qualified Judge as Steward, in this case this person will have voting rights.

It is important that Judging Teams adhere to the time-table.

Early access to the show has been provided, so all Judges and Stewards should spend as much time as possible looking at plants before actual judging starts. After meeting the Judging Team should initially make an informal tour of the show with all members making note of those plants and cut flower spikes within the groups remit that catch the eye. At the end the Team should have arrived at an agreed list of noteworthy plants and cut flower spikes. A further circuit can then be made to examine these formally and agree on a shortlist. Final ribbons and medals should then easily be agreed. Finally any Trophies to be awarded can be agreed on.

Every plant and cut flower spikes should be examined carefully. It may become apparent that a plant or cut flower spikes which looked a winner from some distance is much less good when seen closely.

Team Leaders are there to moderate and inspire the Team and should only vote if the votes by the Team are tied.

Whatever method is actually used, it is vital that Teams keep accurate records of results. These should be written on the result sheets provided and signed by the Team Leader. The sheets should be passed to the Judging Committee as a batch. Team Leaders should ensure that ribbons and medal cards are correctly placed and that one of the Team's Stewards knows exactly which plants have been recommended for trophies so that placement of these awards can be accurate. Stewards should write the name of the plant and its class on the back of any ribbons.

All Team Leaders should partake in the judging of the Premier Plant Trophies.

Should any member of a Judging Team have an interest in a plant or cut flower spikes that might be judged by that Team then that member must declare that interest and remain aloof from any judging that may affect that orchid. If a Team Leader should be in this position the Team must agree a temporary Leader to take charge while the affected class is judged. If no suitable member of the Team can perform this function, a member of the Judging Committee can be coopted.

All discussion should be conducted courteously and democratically.

Where errors or confusion cause problems please refer to a member of the Judging Committee.

Judges may abstain from voting for whatever reason.

If Exhibitors feel the need to discuss any decision by the Judges they should speak to the Judging Committee Chairman; other Judges are not at liberty to divulge any discussions or decisions made during judging.

EOCCE 2018 Judging Rules

All Judges and Stewards should carefully read the Judge's Handbook and bring their copy to the Show.

Exhibitors and anyone not involved in the judging process are required to leave the Hall while judging takes place.

EOCCE 2018 Team A
1. Paphiopedilum Species

Leader:
Judges:
Steward(s):

	Plant Name	Stand	Owner
First			
Second			
Third			

Signed by Leader as a true Record:

Figure 1. Example of form for Ribbon judging

All orchids on display in the Show are eligible to be judged in their appropriate classes, plants on sales tables cannot be judged.

Judges or Stewards may not change Teams without permission of the Judging Committee.

Where for any reason the votes for and against a particular award are even, the Team Leader shall have a casting vote.

Plants or cut flower spikes which show active disease or infestation will not be eligible for award, the Exhibitor may be asked to remove it from the hall. This decision is entirely that of the Judging Committee and its advisors.

Plants which show clear evidence of being recently wild-collected are excluded by the Show Rules and are not eligible for award. All plants on display should comply with current CITES and Plant Health regulations.

Where inadequate or incorrect labelling of an orchid prevents knowledge of the orchid's breeding or provenance, the orchid may be excluded from judging.

It is important to note that the use of flowering non-orchidaceous plants is not encouraged in displays.

The Organizers will exercise all appropriate caution in securing the exhibition and conference facilities at all times; however, Exhibitors and other conference participants are

solely responsible for the safety and security of their possessions before, during and after the show. The Organisers will not be liable for any loss or damage however caused. Exhibitors and Judges are strongly advised not to leave their goods unattended. No one may hold the Organizers, Sponsors or supporters, the Show or its Committees and workers (volunteers included) responsible for loss of, or to, plants, flowers, or any other item brought to the show by a participant, visitor or any person.

Plants put in displays after judging has started will not be eligible for judging.

All plants must remain on the display until the end of the show; otherwise any ribbon or trophy may be withheld.

Deliberately disbudded and overly manipulated plants will be disqualified.

In the event of any dispute or failure to reach a conclusion on any point, the Chairman of Judging will, together with the Judging Committee, ensure that a decision is made. Their decision will be final.

Judges and Stewards must wear their name label at all times during judging.

Smoking is strictly prohibited in the Hall.

All discussions during judging are confidential.

All official deliberations should be in English or be translated into English.

Exhibitors may not rename plants already possessing a valid recognised name and any wilful disregard of this will be taken into account in judgement.

Taxonomic rules to be used for the purposes of this event are those laid down on the RHS International Orchid Register and the World Check List of Selected Plant Families.

Judges who register after the deadline date of 1st March 2018 may be assigned to a Judging Team at the discretion of the Judging Committee. Judges who register less than a week before the show may not be able to be accommodated. Judges who present themselves unannounced can only be assigned to a Team by the Chairman of the Judging Committee and the Team Leader and will have no voting rights.

Definitions

An **Accredited Judge** is one recognised and certified as a Judge by a National Judging organization. This is subject to assessment by the Judging Committee.

A **Class** is a group of genera listed together (see schedules) to be judged in one group against one another.

A **Disbudded** plant is one where one or more buds have been removed from an inflorescence to increase size of the remaining blooms or to improve its configuration.

The **EOCCE 2018 Judging Committee** consists of a majority of the Members listed above and it's Chairman.

The **Final Judging Panel** is the group of Team Leaders to award Premier Trophies.

A **Steward** (Clerk) is attached to every Team to find plants, keep records, put out ribbons and assist with other duties. Normally this will be a Trainee Judge.

The **Team Leader** (Team Captain) is the person listed in the documentation to lead a particular Judging Team.

A **Trainee Judge** is one recognised as a Trainee or Probationary Judge by a National Judging Organization. A Trainee Judge does not have voting rights.

Medals and trophies

Trophies are provided in Tables 3 and 4. Winners are classified into several categories (Tables 5-7).

Master Class - EOCCE Judging Symposium

On the day after the judging, all the judges were invited to a symposium. One of its objectives was to compare the different judging schemes. It included practical exercises and presentations about the different systems

After a short introduction on why such a symposium was organized, Vinciane Dumont asked some participants to explain about the judging systems each European country used. David Lafarge, explained for France, Clare Hermans (RHS) and Chris Barker (BOC) for Great Britain, Carsten Hammer for Germany, Viviane Parrat for Switzerland, Guido Diana for Italy, Jan H. Larsen for Denmark.

After these short presentations, whatever system is used, the best is selected by most judging teams. The systems are working following parallel lines and get to the same result.

A practical judging session for all judges and trainees took place after this and it was

very successful. Each participant could compare his results with known international judges who then gave reasons for their choice. Most of the participants agreed on the « bad » plants with defects, to choose the best was more complicated. This explains why a long practical training is necessary before becoming a judge. There followed many questions and an open and frank discussion making the session a great success.

In conclusion the participants asked for more symposiums in the same style

Table 3. Plant trophies.

No	Title	Notes
30	Best Cypripedioideae (slipper orchid)	Trophy best of classes 1-4
31	Best Cyrtopodiinae	Trophy best of classes 5-6
32	Best Lycastinae – Maxillariinae - Zygopetalinae	Trophy best of classes 7-8
33	Best Oncidiinae	Trophy best of classes 9-10
34	Best Coelogyninae	Trophy best of classes 11-12
35	Best Laeliinae	Trophy best of classes 13-14
36	Best Pleurothallidinae	Trophy best of classes 15-16
37	Best Dendrobiinae	Trophy best of classes 17-18
38	Best Vandeae (not including <i>Phalaenopsis</i>)	Trophy best of classes 20-23
39	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	Trophy best of classes 24-26
40	Best Any Other	Trophy best of classes 19, 27, 28, 29

Table 4. Premier trophies.

No	Title	Notes
41	Best species	Premier Trophy
42	Best hybrid	Premier Trophy
43	Grand Champion Plant in Show	Premier Trophy best of classes 41 &-42

Table 5. EOC2018 Premier trophy winners – Plants.

Class	Title	Plant	Owner
41	Best species	<i>Oncidium cristatum</i>	Writhlington School
42	Best hybrid	<i>Dendrobium x delicatum</i>	La Canopée
43	Grand Champion Plant in Show	<i>Oncidium cristatum</i>	Writhlington School

Table 6. EOC2018 Trophy winners – Plants.

Class	Title	Plant	Owner
30	Best Cypripedioideae (Slipper Orchid)	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wössner Vietnam Star	L'Amazone
31	Best Cyrtopodiinae	<i>Cymbidium madidum</i>	La Cour des Orchidées
32	Best Lycastinae - Maxillariinae - Zygopetalinae	<i>Lycaste Denley</i>	La Canopée
33	Best Oncidiinae	<i>Oncidium cristatum</i>	Writhlington School
34	Best Coelogykinae	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	Writhlington School
35	Best Laeliinae	<i>Prosthechea</i> Scriptum* (Prismatocarpax*Cochle ata)	L'Amazone
36	Best Pleurothallidinae	<i>Masdevallia uniflora</i>	Akerne Orchids K.Bruyninck
37	Best Dendrobiinae	<i>Dendrobium x delicatum</i>	La Canopée
38	Best Vandaeae (not including <i>Phalaenopsis</i>)	<i>Vanda ampullacea</i> 'Dario'	EOC - FIO
39	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i>	Writhlington School
40	Best Any Other	<i>Cypripedium</i> <i>formosanum</i>	EOC – Michael Tibbs

Table 7. EOC2018 Ribbon winners.

Class	Title	Plant	Owner
1.1	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species. First	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>rothschildianum</i>	Popow Orchids
1.2	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species. Second	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>haynaldianum</i>	Asendorfer
1.3	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species. Third	<i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i> f. <i>vinicolor</i>	Vacherot Lecoufle
2.1	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid. First	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wössner Vietnam Star	L'Amazone – Gérard Schmidt
2.2	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid. Second	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> White Lady	Asendorfer

Class	Title	Plant	Owner
2.3	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid . Third	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>Arthurianum</i>	Jardin du Luxembourg - Sénat
3.1	<i>Phragmipedium</i> species. First	<i>Phragmipedium</i> <i>lindleyanum</i>	Jardin du Luxembourg - Sénat
3.2	<i>Phragmipedium</i> species. Second	<i>Phragmipedium</i> <i>caudatum</i>	LOF- L'Orchidée en France
3.3	<i>Phragmipedium</i> species. Third	<i>Phragmipedium</i> <i>richteri</i>	Asendorfer
4.1	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hybrid. First	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Fritz Schomburg "Alberto"	EOC - FIO. Federazione Italiana
4.2	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hybrid. Second	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber	Vacherot Lecoufle
4.3	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hybrid. Third	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Wössner Supergrande	Vacherot Lecoufle
5.1	Cyrtopodiinae species. First	<i>Cymbidium</i> <i>madidum</i>	La Cour des Orchidées
5.2	Cyrtopodiinae species. Second	<i>Cymbidium</i> <i>erythraeum</i>	Jardin du Luxembourg - Sénat
5.3	Cyrtopodiinae species. Third	<i>Cymbidium</i> <i>devonianum</i>	Writhlington School
6.1	Cyrtopodiinae hybrid. First	<i>Cymbidium</i> Gymer 'Cooksbridge'	Orchideen Garten Marei Karge
6.2	Cyrtopodiinae hybrid. Second	<i>Cymbidium</i> Cricket (<i>devonianum</i> x <i>madidum</i>)	La Cour des Orchidées
6.3	Cyrtopodiinae hybrid. Third	<i>Cymbidium</i> Hoosailum (<i>floribundum</i> x <i>sinense</i>)	La Cour des Orchidées
7.1	Lycastinae, Maxillariinae & Zygopetalinae species. First	<i>Lycaste</i> <i>skinneri</i>	Jardin du Luxembourg - Sénat
7.2	Lycastinae, Maxillariinae & Zygopetalinae species. Second	<i>Lycaste</i> <i>virginalis</i>	La Canopée
7.3	Lycastinae, Maxillariinae & Zygopetalinae species. Third	<i>Maxillaria</i> <i>lepidota</i>	Les Orchidées de Michel Vacherot
8.1	Lycastinae ,Maxillariinae & Zygopetalinae Hybrid. First	<i>Lycaste</i> Denley	La Canopée
8.2	Lycastinae, Maxillariinae & Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Second	<i>Angulocaste</i> Olympus 'Rex'	L' Amazone
8.3	Lycastinae & Maxillariinae Hybrid. Third	<i>Zygopabstia</i> Elaine Oliver x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Blue Blood	EOC
9.1	Oncidiinae species. First	<i>Oncidium</i> <i>cristatum</i>	Writhlington School
9.2	Oncidiinae species. Second	<i>Miltonia</i> <i>kayasimae</i>	L' Amazone
9.3	Oncidiinae species. Third	<i>Oncidium</i> <i>maculatum</i>	Vacherot Lecoufle
10.1	Oncidiinae Hybrid. First	<i>Oncidium</i> Avalon	Vacherot Lecoufle

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10.2	Oncidiinae Hybrid. Second	<i>Oncidium</i> Widecombe Fair 'Burnham'	Vacherot Lecoufle
10.3	Oncidiinae Hybrid. Third	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Robert Strauss 'White Flag'	EOC Michael Tibbs
11.1	Coelogyninae species. First	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	Writhlington School
11.2	Coelogyninae species. Second	<i>Coelogyne holochila</i>	Writhlington School
11.3	Coelogyninae species. Third	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	Hans Christiansen
12.1	Coelogyninae Hybrid. First	<i>Coelogyne</i> Orchideengarten Sabine	Orchideen Garten Marei Karge
12.2	Coelogyninae Hybrid. Second	<i>Coelogyne</i> Intermedia	EOC - FIO
12.3	Coelogyninae Hybrid. Third	<i>Coelogyne</i> Orchideengarten Clara	Orchideen Garten Marei Karge
13.1	Laeliinae species. First	<i>Epidendrum</i> <i>parkinsonianum</i>	Writhlington School
13.2	Laeliinae species. Second	<i>Epidendrum</i> <i>centropetalum</i>	Writhlington School
13.3	Laeliinae species. Third	<i>Epidendrum</i> <i>stamfordianum</i>	Les Orchidées de Michel Vacherot
14.1	Laeliinae Hybrid. First	<i>Prosthechea scriptum</i> x (<i>Psh. prismatocarpa</i> x <i>Psh. cochleata</i>)	L' Amazone – Gérard Schmidt
14.2	Laeliinae Hybrid. Second	<i>Cattleya</i> Thais de Valec	Vacherot Lecoufle
14.3	Laeliinae Hybrid. Third	Cattlianthe Chit Chat 'Tangerine'	Associazione Italiana di Orchidologia
15.1	Pleurothallidinae species First	<i>Masdevallia uniflora</i>	Akerne Orchids K.Bruyninck
15.2	Pleurothallidinae species. Second	<i>Porroglossum</i> <i>meridionale</i>	Writhlington School - Simon Pugh-Jones
15.3	Pleurothallidinae species. Third	<i>Masdevallia ignea</i>	LOF – Raoul Cere
16.1	Pleurothallidinae Hybrid. First	<i>Masdevallia</i> Pichincha	Akerne Orchids K.Bruyninck
16.2	Pleurothallidinae Hybrid. Second	-----	
16.3	Pleurothallidinae Hybrid. Third	-----	
17.1	Dendrobiinae species. First	<i>Dendrobium gracilicaule</i>	La Canopée
17.2	Dendrobiinae species. Second	<i>Dendrobium mohlianum</i>	Writhlington School
17.3	Dendrobiinae species. Third	<i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i>	EOC - FIO
18.1	Dendrobiinae Hybrid. First	<i>Dendrobium</i> x <i>delicatum</i>	La Canopée

Class	Title	Plant	Owner
18.2	Dendrobiinae Hybrid. Second	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mtn's Butterfly Kisses (<i>cuthbertsonii</i> x <i>glomeratum</i>)	Hans Christiansen
18.3	Dendrobiinae Hybrid. Third	<i>Dendrobium</i> (<i>alexandrae</i> x <i>rhodostictum</i>)	Asendorfer
19.1	Bulbophyllinae species or hybrid. First	<i>Bulbophyllum falcatum</i>	La Canopée
19.2	Bulbophyllinae species or hybrid. Second	<i>Bulbophyllum falcatum</i>	Röllke
19.3	Bulbophyllinae species or hybrid. Third	<i>Bulbophyllum graveolens</i> 'Big Brother'	Röllke
20.1	Aeridinae species (not including Phalaenopsis). First	<i>Vanda ampullacea</i> "Dario"	EOC - FIO
20.2	Aeridinae species (not including Phalaenopsis). Second	<i>Vanda lamellata</i> var. <i>remediosae</i>	EOC - FIO
20.3	Aeridinae species (not including Phalaenopsis). Third	<i>Papilionanthe vandarum</i>	Jardin du Luxembourg - Sénat
21.1	Aeridinae Hybrid (not including Phalaenopsis). First	<i>Vanda</i> Sunanda Magic Black	Orchideen Garten Marei Karge
21.2	Aeridinae Hybrid (not including Phalaenopsis). Second	-----	
21.3	Aeridinae Hybrid (not including Phalaenopsis). Third	-----	
22.1	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae species. First	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Vacherot Lecoufle
22.2	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae species. Second	<i>Jumellea arachnantha</i>	Marei Karge
22.3	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae species. Third	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	La Canopée
23.1	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae Hybrid. First	<i>Aerangis</i> Zipper	Vacherot Lecoufle
23.2	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae Hybrid. Second	-----	
23.3	Aerangidinae & Angraecinae Hybrid. Third	-----	

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24.1	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> species. First	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i>	Writhlington School
24.2	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> species. Second	<i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i>	L' Amazone - Gérard Schmidt
24.3	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> species. Third	<i>Phalaenopsis lobbii</i>	Ecuagenera
25.1	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid – Plain. First	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sexy Venus 'Chaplin'	Joseph Wu
25.2	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid - Plain. Second	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Demoiselle de Rochefort	Vacherot Lecoufle
25.3	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid - Plain. Third	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Crème Chantilly	Vacherot Lecoufle
26.1	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid – Patterned. First	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sexy Venus 'Nancy'	Joseph Wu
26.2	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid – Patterned. Second	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Little One (<i>hygrochila</i> x <i>japonica</i>)	LOF
26.3	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid – Patterned. Third	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yaphon Goodboy x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>gigantea</i>	Orchid4U
27.1	Any other Terrestrial species or Hybrid. First	<i>Cypripedium formosanum</i>	EOC – Michael Tibbs
27.2	Any other Terrestrial species or Hybrid. Second	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	Akerne Orchids K. Bruyninck
27.3	Any other Terrestrial species or Hybrid. Third	<i>Dienia ophrydis</i>	Röllke
28.1	Any other species not included above. First	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	EOC – Dansk Orchidee Club
28.2	Any other species not included above. Second	<i>Chysis bractesens</i>	Les Orchidées de Michel Vacherot
28.3	Any other species not included above. Third	<i>Oeceoclades saundersiana</i>	L'Orchidium
29.1	Any other Hybrid not included above. First	<i>Calanthe</i> (<i>sieboldii</i> x <i>discolor</i>)	L' Amazone – Gérard Schmidt
29.2	Any other Hybrid not included above. Second	<i>Zygoneria</i> Dynamax x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic	EOC Michael Tibbs
29.3	Any other Hybrid not included above. Third	<i>Calanthe</i> Kozu	EOC Michael Tibbs