

# 24<sup>th</sup> WOC



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26-29 March 2026 Dresden

CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULE

# THURSDAY, 26.03.2026

10:00	11:30	<b>Opening ceremony</b>		
11:30	12:30	<b>Harold Koopowitz</b> Conservation of Orchids in the Face of Global Climate Change		
12:30	13:30	Lunch break		
13:30	14:15	<b>Stefan Kattari</b> Terrestrial Orchids of Chiemgau region: old and new threats by land use and climate change	<b>Elbert Wijaya</b> Revisiting habitat of <i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i> f. <i>elysia</i>	<b>Carol Klonowski</b> Beyond the Wallace Line: <i>Bulbophyllums</i> of New Guinea
14:15	15:00	<b>Marta Kolanowska</b> Estimation of the distribution of climatic refugia for plants and their ecological partners as an element of effective orchid conservation strategies	<b>Jie-Yu "Jerry" Wang</b> Plastid phylogenomics resolves the phylogenetic relationship and classification of moth orchid, <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<b>Julien Baruch</b> Modern Breeding with Genus <i>Bulbophyllum</i>
15:00	15:30	Coffee break		
15:30	16:15	<b>Stefanie Reska, Jasmin Langhammer</b> Conservation at Wilhelma Botanical Garden: Fundraising, launching the IUCN CSS Orchids and establishing an ex situ Palau orchid collection	<b>Olaf Gruss</b> Lesser-known and some newer Species of the Genus <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<b>Rafaël Govaerts</b> Orchids names, the old, the new and the hopeful future of their providers
16:15	17:00	<b>Heinfried Block, Christy Powell</b> Palau Orchid Conservation	<b>Yung-I Lee</b> The history of <i>Phalaenopsis</i> breeding in Taiwan	<b>Chariya Peterson</b> Exploring OrchidRoots: Tools, Growth, and What's Next in the AI Era
17:00	17:45	<b>José Lázaro Bocourt Vigil</b> History of the Soroa Orchid Botanical Garden. Contribution to the study & conservation of Cuban Orchids	<b>Vitor Garcia de Almeida</b> Growing <i>Phalaenopsis</i> species on window sills and in indoor living spaces	<b>Ian Chalmers</b> Accepted species "academic (DNA) vs practical"

# FRIDAY, 27.03.2026

10:00	11:00	<b>Chu Xuan Canh</b> Slipper orchids of Vietnam in their habitat		
11:00	11:30	Coffee break		
11:30	12:15	<b>Frank Cervera</b> Phragmipedium Section Himantopetalum; The ecology and taxonomy of a group of Phragmipedium species unlike any other	<b>Madegowda Jadegowda</b> Orchid Diversity and Conservation in the Sacred Groves of Kodagu, Western Ghats in India - A Global Biodiversity Hotspot	<b>Erica Hannickel</b> Empresses and Orchids of the 19th Century
12:15	13:00	<b>Alexander Portilla</b> Phragmipedium: Insights into In-Situ Growth and Hybridization Approaches at Ecuagenera	<b>Roland Schettler</b> Seldomly seen Dendrobiums and their cultivation	<b>Wenqing Perner</b> Chinese Cymbidiums & Their Cultivation in the West
13:00	14:00	Lunch break		
14:00	14:45	<b>Carol Klonowski</b> Master of The Slipper Orchids: Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Norito Hasegawa	<b>Philip Spence</b> Dendrobium Section Latouria, species and their hybrids	<b>Deborah Boersma</b> Sobralias, The Exotic Ephemerals of Central and South America
14:45	15:30	<b>Yojiro Ishibashi</b> Paphiopedilum breeding in Japan	<b>Gary Yong Gee</b> Should Dendrobium be a Gigantic Genus?	<b>Hildegard Crous</b> Deciduous Disas - a further investigation of in situ growth patterns
15:30	16:00	Coffee break		
16:00	16:45	<b>Reza Saputra</b> Racing Extinction: In-situ Conservation Efforts and Field Discoveries in the Remote Forests of West Papua (Zoom)	<b>Ron Kaufmann</b> The Orchid Conservation Alliance	<b>Michael &amp; Wesley &amp; Barbara Homoya</b> The Hoosier Orchid Big Year: A Status Survey of Indiana (USA) Orchidaceae
16:45	17:30	<b>Gregory Griffis</b> The Eric Young Orchid Foundation: A Path to the Future	<b>Bijaya Pant</b> Orchid Conservation and Sustainable Use Initiative: Research and Community Engagement	<b>Johan Hermans</b> The fabulous orchids of the Vercors, South-east, France
17:30	18:15	<b>Manuel Aybar</b> Orchids Species of the Dominican Republic	<b>Sankar Prasad Das</b> Orchids in India: Biodiversity to Bioeconomy	<b>Matthias Kropf</b> Monitoring of the largest Central European population of Orchis (Anacamptis) coriophora in Austria

# SATURDAY, 28.03.2026

10:00	11:00	<b>Nora de Angelli</b> A Comprehensive Exploration of Romanian Orchid Diversity and the Fascinating Predator-Prey Dynamics within Orchid Ecosystems		
11:00	11:30	<b>Deborah Boersma</b> , Gift a Youth program <b>European Orchid Council</b> , Poster Awards		
11:30	12:00	Coffee break		
12:00	12:45	<b>Stig Dalström</b> New species of <i>Cyrtochilum</i> ... or not?	<b>Audrey Reilly &amp; Esmée Winkel</b> The art of painting Orchids	<b>Clare Hermans</b> The history of Mascarene orchid discoveries through the centuries
12:45	13:30	<b>Guido Deburghgraeve</b> Re-discovery of <i>Odontoglossum hunnewellianum</i>	<b>Peter T. Lin</b> Hybridising Miniature and Compact Vanda Hybrids	<b>Jean-Michel Hervouet</b> In situ conservation of wild orchids in Madagascar
13:30	14:30	Lunch break & Auction by the International <i>Odontoglossum</i> Alliance		
14:30	15:15	<b>Norbert Dank</b> A Brief History of <i>Odontoglossum</i> Breeding	<b>Judith Rapacz-Hasler</b> The enchanting flowers of the genus <i>Cattleya</i> : Culture requirements for the labiata-type unifoliate species	<b>Julian Hummel</b> A low-cost in vitro culture model for conservation of endangered endemic orchids in Reunion Island, "the Orchids 3.0 project"
15:15	16:00	<b>Robert Hamilton</b> Observations on the culture of <i>Odontoglossums</i> and related genera	<b>Arthur Chadwick</b> <i>Cattleya</i> breeding and cultivation	<b>Michael Tibbs</b> Disa... Update on a commercial cut flower project
16:00	16:30	Coffee break		
16:30	17:15	<b>Luke Callaghan</b> Growing <i>Odontoglossums</i> in Scotland, my journeys in hybridising & in-vitro propagation	<b>Leslie Ee</b> <i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> : The Last Frontier of the King of the Andes	<b>Claudia Obermüller</b> Angraecoids in Tyrol and thoughts on species conservation
17:15	18:00	<b>David Mathers</b> Ex situ Conservation: Caring for Six National Collections of Orchids	<b>Cássio van den Berg</b> <i>Cattleya</i> and related genera: insights from phylogenomics	<b>Thomas Ederer</b> Simplified and cost-efficient seed sowing methods for orchid conservation

# SUNDAY, 29.03.2026

10:00	10:45	<b>Emrys Chew</b> Vandacious breeding in Singapore	<b>Alexander Koper</b> <i>Lepanthes</i> and Related Miniature <i>Pleurothallidinae</i> - Inside the National Collection	<b>Monika Lipińska</b> It takes three to tango? Presentation of the ORCHIDBIOM project and its aims. (How floral microbiome shapes plant-pollinator interactions in orchids)
10:45	11:30	<b>Martin Motes</b> <i>Vanda coelestis</i> (Rchb.f.) Motes, a new combination with wide ranging horticultural significance	<b>Manfred Speckmaier</b> Orchids "on the rocks" ... but do they really need it?	<b>Ludger A. Wessjohann</b> Orchids - a Huge Plant Family with Little Phytochemistry Known - Can this be Overcome by Modern Methods?
11:30	12:15	<b>Daniel L. Geiger</b> Microimaging techniques suggest pollination mechanisms in <i>Oberonia</i>	<b>Adam Karremans</b> Demystifying orchid pollination	<b>Promila Pathak</b> Medicinally important orchids of India - Their status, threats and conservation strategies
12:15	13:15	Lunch break		
13:15	14:00	<b>Manuel Lucas García</b> Ants & Orchids: stories of love and deception	<b>Helen Jean Millner</b> A very close look at <i>Restrepia</i> form and function - <i>Restrepia</i> pollination biology and the consequences for its survival (Zoom)	<b>Sharif Hossain Sourav</b> Wild orchid species in Bangladesh
14:00	14:45	<b>Julita Minasiewicz</b> Unveiling Mycoheterotrophic Symbiosis: Transcriptomic Insights from Terrestrial Orchid Protocorms	<b>Kyle Lucyk</b> Popular <i>Masdevallia</i> Species and their contribution to modern hybrids	<b>Kanchit Thammasiri</b> Development of Orchid Biotechnology in Thailand
14:45	15:15	Coffee break		
15:30	17:00	<b>Closing ceremony</b>		