

24th WOC



Germany 2026

24th World Orchid Conference
26-29 March 2026 Dresden

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, 26.03.2026

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

FRIDAY, 27.03.2026

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

SATURDAY, 28.03.2026

10:00	11:00	<p align="center">Nora de Angelli A Comprehensive Exploration of Romanian Orchid Diversity and the Fascinating Predator-Prey Dynamics within Orchid Ecosystems</p>		
11:00	11:30	<p align="center">Deborah Boersma, Gift a Youth program European Orchid Council, Poster Awards</p>		
11:30	12:00	<p align="center">Coffee break</p>		
12:00	12:45	<p>Stig Dalström New species of <i>Cyrtochilum</i>... or not?</p>	<p>Audrey Reilly & Esmée Winkel The art of painting Orchids</p>	<p>Clare Hermans The history of Mascarene orchid discoveries through the centuries</p>
12:45	13:30	<p>Guido Deburghraeve Re-discovery of <i>Odontoglossum hunnewellianum</i></p>	<p>Judith Rapacz-Hasler The enchanting flowers of the genus <i>Cattleya</i>: Culture requirements for the labiata-type unifoliate species</p>	<p>Craig Peter Orchids at the source of the Okavango River: contemporary exploration of the orchid diversity of the highlands of south-east Angola</p>
13:30	14:30	<p align="center">Lunch break & Auction by the International <i>Odontoglossum</i> Alliance</p>		
14:30	15:15	<p>Norbert Dank A Brief History of <i>Odontoglossum</i> Breeding</p>	<p>Alejandro Capriles Ruby Red: The Search for the Elusive Standard Red <i>Cattleya</i></p>	<p>Julian Hummel A low-cost in vitro culture model for conservation of endangered endemic orchids in Reunion Island, "the Orchids 3.0 project"</p>
15:15	16:00	<p>Robert Hamilton Cultural Observations for the Raising of <i>Odontoglossum</i> and Associated <i>Oncidiinae</i></p>	<p>Arthur Chadwick <i>Cattleya</i> breeding and cultivation</p>	<p>Jean-Michel Hervouet In situ conservation of wild orchids in Madagascar</p>
16:00	16:30	<p align="center">Coffee break</p>		
16:30	17:15	<p>Luke Callaghan Growing <i>Odontoglossum</i>s in Scotland, my journeys in hybridising & in-vitro propagation</p>	<p>Leslie Ee <i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i>: The Last Frontier of the King of the Andes</p>	<p>Claudia Obermüller Angraecoids in Tyrol and thoughts on species conservation</p>
17:15	18:00	<p>David Mathers Ex situ Conservation: Caring for Six National Collections of Orchids</p>	<p>Cássio van den Berg <i>Cattleya</i> and related genera: insights from phylogenomics</p>	<p>Peter T. Lin Hybridising Miniature and Compact <i>Vanda</i> Hybrids</p>

SUNDAY, 29.03.2026

10:00	10:45	Emrys Chew Vandacious breeding in Singapore	Amihan Lubag-Arquiza Agroecotourism and Endemic Philippine Orchids: Stories and Scenarios	Monika Lipińska 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	Martin Motes Vanda coelestis (Rchb.f.) Motes, a new combination with wide ranging horticultural significance	Antonio Miranda Zapata Bolivia: South America's Best Kept Secret	Ludger A. Wessjohann Orchids - a Huge Plant Family with Little Phytochemistry Known - Can this be Overcome by Modern Methods?
11:30	12:15	Thomas Ederer Simplified and cost-efficient seed sowing methods for orchid conservation	Manfred Speckmaier Orchids "on the rocks" ... but do they really need it?	Promila Pathak Medicinally important orchids of India - Their status, threats and conservation strategies
12:15	13:15	Lunch break		
13:15	14:00	Manuel Lucas García Ants & Orchids: stories of love and deception	Helen Jean Millner A very close look at Restrepia form and function - Restrepia pollination biology and the consequences for its survival	Sharif Hossain Sourav Wild orchid species in Bangladesh
14:00	14:45	Julita Minasiewicz Unveiling Mycoheterotrophic Symbiosis: Transcriptomic Insights from Terrestrial Orchid Protocorms	Kyle Lucyk Popular Masdevallia Species and their contribution to modern hybrids	Kanchit Thammasiri Development of Orchid Biotechnology in Thailand
14:45	15:15	Coffee break		
15:30	17:00	Closing ceremony		