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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 Beyond the Wallace Line: <i>Bulbophyllums</i> of New Guinea
14:15	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	Madegowda Jadeyegowda Orchid Diversity and Conservation in the Sacred Groves of Kodagu, Western Ghats in India - A Global Biodiversity Hotspot	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?	Adam Karremans Demystifying Orchid Pollination
15:30	16:00	Coffee break		
16:00	16:45	Reza Saputra Racing Extinction: In-situ Conservation Efforts and Field Discoveries in the Remote Forests of West Papua (Zoom)	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	Gregory Griffis The Eric Young Orchid Foundation: A Path to the Future	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	Manuel Aybar Orchids Species of the Dominican Republic	Sankar Prasad Das Orchids in India: Biodiversity to Bioeconomy	Matthias Kropf Monitoring of the largest Central European population of Orchis (Anacamptis) coriophora in Austria

SATURDAY, 28.03.2026

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

SUNDAY, 29.03.2026

10:00	10:45	Emrys Chew Vandacious breeding in Singapore	Deborah Lambkin Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Artist: continuing the tradition of painting orchids for the historic RHS Collections	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	Manfred Speckmaier Orchids "on the rocks" ... but do they really need it?	Ludger A. Wessjohann Orchids - a Huge Plant Family with Little Phytochemistry Known - Can this be Overcome by Modern Methods?
11:30	12:15	Daniel L. Geiger Microimaging techniques suggest pollination mechanisms in <i>Oberonia</i>	Hildegard Crous Deciduous Disas - a further investigation of in situ growth patterns (Zoom)	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 (Zoom)	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		