

DIARY

• Ikebana at Maulévrier

“Japonisme 2018” from 20 to 22 July, is an invitation to explore the art of ikebana at the Parc Oriental in Maulévrier, Maine-et-Loire. In addition to a traditional ikebana exhibition, other installations in the park will show that ikebana is an art form that can be applied to many different kinds of supports and containers. Murette Renaudin, grandmaster of the Ecole d’ikebana Senshin-Ikebono and her pupils will have the chance to display their talent and creativity. Murette Renaudin will give demonstrations on all three days starting at 3.00 p.m.

■ Parc Oriental and salle des fêtes de Maulévrier 49360 Maulévrier
Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m., Saturday, to 8.00 p.m.
Fee: Park entrance fee
Tel. 02 41 55 50 14
Email: contact@parc-oriental.com
Website: www.parc-oriental.com



• Spanish congress

The new Spanish bonsai federation, Union del bonsai Español (UBE), is holding its first convention on 26 and 27 January, 2019 at the Isabel de Farnesio Aranjuez cultural centre in Madrid. The programme will include an exhibition of trees, demonstrations, competitions, professional traders’ stands and other surprises to discover.

■ Isabel de Farnesio Aranjuez Cultural Centre Capitán, 39 28300, Aranjuez, Madrid, Spain

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• In Andora, Italy

The municipality in Andora, near Imperia in Italy, and Drynemetum bonsai are organising a bonsai festival in Andora’s Delle Farfalle Park, later this year, on 15 and 16 September. Exhibitions of shitakusa, kusamono and bunjin (literati) bonsai are on the programme, as well as demonstrations, and other activities related to the art of bonsai.

■ Parco Delle Farfalle via Fontana 17051 Andora, Savona, Italy



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• European Bonsai Association (EBA) 2019 in Albi



Once again, France will play host to the EBA’s convention. In fact, the candidacy of the Fédération française de bonsai (FFB), for the organisation of the 2019 convention in Albi, from 10 to 11 May was accepted on 5 and 6 May of this year at Arco. The event will be held at the same time as that of the FFB and the European suiseki association (ESA). Philippe Massard, the president of the FFB was handed the baton by Gabriele Sbaraini, the president of the Arcobonsai Club Garda Trentino, who hosted the 2018 convention at the Arcobonsai event.

Bonsai World Events Mulhouse 2018 - France
- Congrès mondial du Bonsai Club International
- Bonsai Bonsaï Day 30
- Congrès de la Fédération Française de Bonsai
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Gathering

BCI international convention at Mulhouse

The Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) convention, which will take place in Mulhouse from 12 to 14 October this year, has not yet completed its programme. In addition to the exhibitions, which we will be discussing in our upcoming issues, about 20 demonstrators have been announced. Latest scoop: there will also be an exhibition of trees by John Naka, who was a pioneer of occidental bonsai in Europe in the 1990s. A reminder that the 2018 FFB convention will be held at the same time in Mulhouse.

A prize awarded at Noelanders

In our article on Noelanders 2018, in *Esprit Bonsai International* 93 issue, we omitted to include the prizes received by Enzo Ferrari from Switzerland for his suiseki. Enzo's stone won two prizes, one from the Bonsai Clubs International, awarded by Gudrun Benz, and a special mention awarded by the Japanese master Kunio Koboyashi.



A special mention awarded by Kunio Kobayashi au Noelanders 2018 to Enzo Ferrari for his suiseki.

A new concept for training pots

The Tie Pot is a patented training pot optimised for growing and shaping bonsai. It has knobs along the rim for a quick and sturdy attachment of guy wires. And it has an air root pruning system for growing healthy and efficient roots that accelerate the growth and development of a bonsai.

The size of the first model is 28 x 11 cm (outer dimensions without the knobs). More sizes are in preparation. It will be available in specialist shops and also can be ordered ex works on our website for €12,80 per item. Two innovations, knobs and air pruning. Knobs: the knobs serve as solid, resilient fixings that make the use of guy wires easier, quicker and more precise. The pots are made of solid, long-lasting, UV stabilised polypropylene and have stiffening ribs so they don't bend under mechanical stress. Air pruning: air pruning (also called air root pruning) avoids the growth of unhealthy, deformed

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NEWS

Laurent Breyse has left us

Laurent Breyse was a well-known figure among the French bonsai artists and to the readers of *Esprit Bonsai* when it made its first appearance. A great lover of pines, insects and nature in general, he owned the Arbre aux Papillons (The Butterfly Tree) nursery in Polignac, in the Haute-Loire.



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On 20 April 2018 Laurent Breyse passed away suddenly.

His trees were the benchmark of his character and were often departures away from Japanese conventions. He died suddenly on April 20, when he was scheduled to lead a workshop in Ille-et-Vilaine before going to the Jardin du Levant at Saint-Germain-du-Pinél where he was to give demonstrations during the weekend. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to his family and to those close to him. We pay tribute to him in the pages of this issue.

Exhibitions and conventions

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| ROCHESTER, USA | 8-9 September | 6th US National Bonsai Exhibition Total Sports Experience (TSE) 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY 14445 Demos by award-winning bonsaists: Taiga Urushibata, Japan & Mauro Stemberger, Italy; Lindsay & Glenis Bebb, husband & wife team - chairman & president respectively - of World Bonsai Friendship Federation, Australia; Bonsai Clubs International; Michael Ryan Bell pot & container expert, USA; award-winning Sean L. Smith, suiseki expert, USA. |
| DENDER, BELGIUM | 8-9 September | VBV Dender Exhibition, demonstrations, workshops. www.vlaamsebonsai.be/kalender/377/dender-najaarsvergadering-vbv |
| NOTTINGHAM, UK | 12-14 September | Bonsai Bash 2018 To mark 40 years at Greenwood, we will welcome Sean Smith from USA. This bonsai artist and suiseki expert will be holding workshops and demonstrations. www.bonsai.co.uk |
| ANDORA, ITALY | 15-16 September | Festival del Bonsai Parco Delle Farfalle via Fontana, 17051 Andora, Savone Email: giancarlo136@alice.it Facebook: drynemetum bonsai |
| DECIN, CZECH REPUBLIC | 21-23 September | Bonsai Triennale and Annual CBA Congress 2018 Bonsai Triennale is the common project of three national bonsai associations - Czech, Polish and German. About 100 trees of all three partners organisations shall be displayed. The event will be combined with CBA National Exhibition and CBA annual Congress. Workshops, demos, critique sessions and traders area. Email: info@cba-bonsai.cz |
| DONCASTER, UK | 23 September | Autumn Shohin Exhibition Markham Grange Nursery Brodsworth Email: shohinexhibition@gmx.co.uk |
| SAULIEU, FRANCE | 6-7 October | European Bonsai-San Show A dozen demonstrators and a large traders' market. www.european-bonsai-san-show.com |
| MULHOUSE, FRANCE | 12-14 October | Bonsai Clubs International 2018, Mulhouse will host this event. Includes the French Bonsai Federation Convention, the French Suiseki Federation Convention and other exhibitions. Displays of bonsai, suiseki and ishitsuiki; 20 international demonstrators and a very large trade market. www.world-bonsai-mulhouse.fr |
| ALCALÀ DE XIVERT, SPAIN | 2-4 November | Sakka ten 2018, Autumn Trees International bonsai art and culture congress Guest: Minoru Akiyama. Facebook: Sakka ten 2018 |
| MADRID, SPAIN | 26-27 January 2019 | UBE (Unión del bonsai español) convention Isabel de Farnesio Aranjuez cultural centre Capitán, 39, 28300, Aranjuez, Madrid Email: ube@ubebonsai.es Facebook: Unión del Bonsai Español |