



Dear EBA Members, dear Delegates,

The 2019 EBA Convention, organised by the FFB (French Bonsai Federation) and hosted by the Albi Bonsai Club (Bonsai Club de l'Albigeois) will take place from 10th - 12th May 2019 at the beautiful medieval town of Albi ("UNESCO World Heritage") near Toulouse (France).

As EBA Board we have to prepare among other things together with the organizers the necessary documents for the registration of the exhibits and the administrative work concerning the NTC. In this letter you will find some information about these matters.

Each year our common approach is that the EBA-ESA Convention will be one of the most important bonsai and suiseki events in Europe. So the exhibition will offer every EBA member country the opportunity to present exhibits such as bonsai, suiseki and kusamono. It is also an occasion for visitors to exchange opinions and suggestions about the art of bonsai.

The organizers of Albi Bonsai Club will do their best to make the convention an excellent show.

Beside the exhibition of bonsai and suiseki they are offering a rich accompanying program which you will also find on their website:

The venue is the Parc des exposition (Scenith) near the road RN 88.

The Gala Dinner will take place at **Base de loisirs de Pratgraussals** please see the attachments: Venues or City map with hotels and interesting places.

The Convention offers a variety of demonstrations and lectures please see the attachment: "Animations and demonstrations".

There will also be:

- Origami
- Martial Arts
- Japanese Calligraphy
- Ikebana
- Production of Japanese sabers
- Exhibition of the Albigensian painter Casimir Ferrer
- E.B.A. New Talent Contest.
- Organised tours of Albi - on request – please see the attachment: "inscription et reservation".

The New Talent Contest (NTC) with participants from all attending countries is an EBA contribution to the program.

The EBA Convention is a social event as well - bonsai enthusiasts from all over Europe will communicate with each other and share their experiences.

- There are exhibitions (EBA, FFB and Bonsai Club of Albi) to visit.
- Many traders will offer bonsai products, tools, pots, wire, plants, suiseki, kusamono, raw material and bonsai.

Please note the following:

Registration of bonsai:

For the correct registration of the EBA trees each national association must select their 5 bonsai which they will present at the exhibition and have to submit a list of their selection to the organizers president@ffbonsai.com and to the EBA-Secretary detlef.mostler@aon.at.

The list has to include

- The name of the EBA Member
- The full name of the owners
- The name of the species of the bonsai
- The space which will be needed for the presentation of each exhibit.

If there are questions concerning the registration process please contact either the secretary detlef.mostler@aon.at or the president of FFB Philippe Massard (president@ffbonsai.com). The deadline for submitting the lists is the 28th February 2019.

We ask you to inform us as soon as possible of your planned participation in the exhibition. Each Member Country is allowed to bring 5 bonsai or shohin (-displays) to the exhibition.

As soon as possible please send an email to the Secretary Detlef Mostler if you do **not** intend to bring bonsai to the exhibition. It is most important that we are able to fill up the whole allocated space for the EBA bonsai.

In the case of some EBA Members **not** being able to participate in the exhibition the board will ask other Members of EBA to bring more trees. Some of the member countries are always waiting for more space for displaying their bonsai.

It is also important to tell us if you will exhibit less than five bonsai. If this is the case we can then pass on the unneeded space to other members.

We ask those member countries that are able to bring more than 5 bonsai to the exhibition to tell us the number of bonsai that can be brought in a realistic way. The deadline for all these messages is the 21st February 2019.



1. Registration

Please see the programme at:

<http://www.ffbonsai.com/congres-eba-esa-albi-mai-2019> or www.ebabonsai.com

On this websites you will find most of the information you will need.

Don't forget to book for the Gala-Dinner with the awarding ceremonies

Menu

Toast foie gras

mesclun paysan déglacé au vinaigre framboise/balsamique

½ magret au kikkoman sauce poivres

Gratin façon Sarladaise & fagot haricots verts

Fromage de pays

Pâtisseries locales

Vin rouge AOC Gaillac Café

Gala Dinner 40 €

The admission charges you will find on the website and on the attachment "Inscription et reservation".

Participants in the **EBA New Talent Contest** get free access to the exhibition, to all demonstrations and the Gala Dinner.

2. NTC (EBA - New Talents Contest©)

Participants in the EBA - NTC have to be nominated by the Member Countries (EBA Delegates). The deadline will be 15th March 2019.

Send the name of your participant and the name of your country's judge to detlef.mostler@aon.at and to president@ffbonsai.com. If you **don't** know the names until 15th March please send us a notice that your country will participate in any case in the NTC and you will give us the name as soon as possible. All participants will receive free of charge a three day Convention Ticket and a ticket for the Gala Dinner. The NTC will take place on Saturday 11th May 9:00 to 13:00 at the venue (Hall Laperouse Room No. 2).

In the case you **don't** participate in the NTC please send a short notice about this fact to detlef.mostler@aon.at as soon as possible.

As in the past accommodation must be organized (booked and paid) by the national association or by the participant himself!

3. Delegate of your country

Please submit to the Secretary before 2nd April 2019 the name of your official delegate competent for voting at the 2019 EBA - AGM. Please note that:

- The RTM is scheduled for Saturday, 11th May, 15:00 – 17:00.
- The AGM will take place on Sunday, 12th May, 09:00 – 12:00.

(See attachment: "EBA Convention 2019 Program in Albi")

As soon as possible please send an email to the Secretary Detlef Mostler if **no** representative of your country will come to Albi to participate in the meetings (RTM or AGM) of the EBA Convention 2019.

4. Agenda RTM/AGM

Please inform the Secretary before end of March 2019 about all your wishes and ideas for topics on the agenda so that they can be included.

The final agendas will be sent to the EBA Members at the middle of April 2019.

5. Accommodation

On the website <http://www.ffbonsai.com/congres-eba-esa-albi-mai-2019/eba-esa-2019-reservation-exposantsvisiteurs> you will find links for booking hotels which are recommended by the organisers. It is requested by the organisers to specify when booking the rooms that you will be coming to the Bonsai Convention. If you do not, the hotel reception will not accept your booking as the rooms are only available to Bonsai Convention participants.

6. Promotion

For the success of each EBA Convention it is very important to motivate as many of the national bonsai enthusiasts to come to the Convention and attend this very interesting programme. Please promote this event within your national membership so that the EBA Convention 2019 in Albi will be a great success.

7. Contacts

Emails to:

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Websites:

European Bonsai Association:	www.ebabonsai.com
French Bonsai Association:	www.ffbonsai.com

Thank you all in advance for your answers by email.

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EBA President

Detlef Mostler
EBA Secretary

Klagenfurt
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