



39th EBA Convention

Organised by the Lithuanian Bonsai Association
3 - 5 October 2025
Palanga, Klaipėda, Lithuania



The already very difficult social, political, economic, and military situation in Europe and the world has worsened further in recent months. This is affecting many areas of society, including clubs and associations with their planned activities and events.

We are therefore pleased that the Lithuanian Bonsai Association is holding its "Japan Art and Culture Festival" together with the "EBA-ESA Convention" this autumn.

In cooperation with the organisers and the EBA Board, we can now provide members with the most up-to-date information about the organisation and the venue.

The organisers have provided extensive documentation, which is attached.

The attached program shows that the organising team, led by Kestutis Ptakauskas, has put together many very interesting and unique lectures, workshops, shows, and demonstrations related to Japanese culture and art for visitors, in addition to the EBA Meetings (Board, Round Table, Annual General Meeting) and the EBA New Talent Contest (NTC).

The event is spread across various locations in Palanga. These are detailed in the program for each individual item.

The Bonsai and Suiseki Exhibition will take place in the halls of the Palanga Cultural Centre, (Palangos Kurhausas, Grafų Tiškevičių al. 1, Palanga, 00135, Lithuania), where the bonsai delivery point is also located.

The EBA New Talent Contest (NTC) with participants from EBA member countries will be held there (Palanga Kurhausas Theatre Hall).

Another venue is the Palanga Concert Hall (Vytauto g. 43, Palanga) for the Japan Art and Culture Festival, the opening ceremony, and the EBA meetings.

The Palanga Resort Museum (Birutės al. 34A, Palanga) will be available for lectures and workshops.

The organisers will announce further details for the gala dinner in due course.

The trading area will be provided free of charge right next to the exhibition venue (outdoors).

Registration of Bonsai:

For the correct registration of the EBA trees each national association must select their bonsai they will present at the exhibition. The number of trees per country is limited to 3 – 5. It is most important that the organisers are able to manage the space for the exhibits.

The organisers kindly ask all exhibitors of bonsai and Suiseki to arrive in Palanga by Friday, 3 October 2025. The exhibition must be fully set up and ready by 12:00 pm on 3 October.

Please send a list of the bonsai you plan to exhibit no later than 21 July to Kęstutis Ptakauskas – info@bonsai.lt **and** to the EBA-Secretary detlef.mostler@aon.at . The list needs to include:

- The full name of the tree owner, their email address and mobile number
- The name of the species of the bonsai

Each owner has to register the exhibition bonsai using the "EBA 2025 Palanga, Participant registration – Bonsai" on the official website of the EBA-ESA Convention no later than 21 July.

If we do not receive this information by the deadline, the organisers will fill the space with other exhibitors.

If there are questions concerning the registration process please contact Kęstutis Ptakauskas info@bonsai.lt . The deadline for submitting the lists is the 21 July 2025 but we ask you to write to us a short notice of a planned participation or non-participation in the exhibition instantly.

Because some EBA Members are not able to participate in the exhibition the board will ask other Members of EBA, especially from the nearby countries, to provide and bring more trees if requested by the organisers.

It is also important to tell us if you will exhibit less than 3 bonsai. If this is the case the organisers can then pass the free places to other exhibitors.



1. Registration

All events are free of charge, with the exception of:

- Theatre Performance: "The Buddha in the Attic" (Friday after the opening ceremony)
- Jazz Concert: (Sunday) - Please see the attached program.

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 1 September 2025.

Send the name and email-address of your participant and of your country's NTC-Judge to detlef.mostler@aon.at and to Gytis Volungevičius gytis@serveris.lt as soon as possible. If you don't know the names until 1 September 2025 please send us a notice that your country will participate in any case in the NTC and you will give us the names in time. All participants will receive free of charge a ticket for the Gala Dinner. The NTC will take place on Saturday, 4 October 10:00 to 14:00 at the venue Palanga Kurhausas Theatre-Hall. All participants and judges will receive additional information about the NTC procedures by the EBA Secretary.

In case your member country does not participate in the NTC please send a short notice about this fact to detlef.mostler@aon.at and gytis@serveris.lt as soon as possible.

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

3. Delegate of your country

Please submit to the Secretary before 1 September 2025 the name of your official delegate competent for participating and voting at the 2025 EBA - AGM. Please note that:

- The RTM is scheduled for Saturday, 4th October, 15:00 – 17:00.
- The AGM will take place on Sunday, 5th October, 09:00 – 12:00.

4. Agenda RTM/AGM

Please inform the Secretary before 1 of September 2025 about all your topics for inclusion in the agendas.

The final agendas will be sent to the EBA Members at the end of September 2025.

5. Accommodation

List of hotels put together by the organisers:

Hotel Name:

- Žilvinas Hotel Palanga
- Mercure Palanga Vanagupe Resort
- Kerpė hotel and spa
- Gradiali
- Mana Suites & Spa

(For information about contacts and discount see attachment: "[Hotel Palanga 2025](#)")

6. Promotion

For the success of each EBA-ESA 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-ESA Convention 2025 in Palanga will be a great success.

7. Contacts

Emails to:

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Thank you all in advance for your answers by email. Further detailed information from the Lithuanian Bonsai Association will be immediately forwarded to the EBA delegates. We are looking forward to an excellent "39th EBA Convention" and to seeing you again in Palanga.



Marc Noelanders
EBA President

Detlef Mostler
EBA Secretary
4 July 2025

Personnel Changes Among EBA Members (Board, EBA Delegate)

In recent months, there have been personnel changes within the organisation of some EBA members. Individuals who have worked very successfully within the national societies for many years and promoted the European Bonsai idea have left their positions. The EBA Board thanks them for this and wishes them much success in their future activities. At the same time, the EBA Board wishes all those who have assumed new roles within the national societies much success in their responsible work.

BCD Germany: **Elmar Heil** has resigned from his position as President. **Stefan Smolinka** was elected as the new President.

ABA Austria: **Detlef Mostler**, along with all Board members, have resigned from their positions. The new President is **Herbert Aigner**, along with the Board members **Johann Kaufmann** (Vice President), **Willi Prager** (Secretary), and **Harrie Bol** (Treasurer). **Detlef Mostler** is the EBA Delegate.

FBBC Belgium: **Marc de Beule** is the new EBA delegate.

NBV Netherlands: **Ton Rense** is the new chairman, along with board members **Rik Ebbeling** (treasurer), **Tino van Beek**, and **Kees de Kort**. **Pieter van Uden** will represent the NBV at the EBA Convention in Palanga.

DBS Denmark: **Peter Landerloos** is the new EBA delegate and is also the president of DBS. **Emil Wolff** has left the DBS board.

CBA Czech Republic: **Kamil Abuklan** is the new EBA delegate and board member of CBA. **Ivan Machacek**, the long-standing president, remains a member of the CBA board.