

DUBLIN ORCHID FAIR 2015

During the weekend of April 25th and 26th many beauties of the extensive orchid family were shown in the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin. There also was the possibility of buying many plants in full bloom as well as small seedlings ready to plant. Among the more popular species for homes there was a large choice of plants: Phalaenopsis with different spots, stripes, dots or of pure colour; Dendrobium with pastel colours or with flash as the one named 'Stardust Firebird'; Cambria 'Bartley Schwartz' – beautiful combination of red-wine and white colours.

There were also some less known plants like the beautiful Cymbidium 'Honey' of deep yellow colour or some interesting spotty ones like 'San Francisco' and 'Vogel's Magic'; *Paphiopedilum carlesworthii* x ('Californian Queen' x 'Incredible') or elegant *Paphiopedilum maudiae*; mix of Masdevalia hybrids from warm yellow, orange, red to purple colour and Vanda with big spotty flowers with different shades of purple and pink like 'Gordon Dillon', 'Sunta's Delight' or 'Thailand Delight'.

My attention was drawn to one fragrant orchid – the hybrid *Acacallis cyanera* x *Zygopetalum* 'Barbel Hohn' – a delicate combination of pastel colours – pink, purple and white. Other interesting plants were *Dienia ophrydis* 'Frisky' with many tiny flowers and for very attentive persons a tiny, purple beauty, *Lepanthopsis astrophora* 'Stalky'.

Also, several members of the Irish Orchid Society presented some of their orchid collections; to name just a few of them: *Cypripedium* 'Kentucky,' *Sarco Fitzhart (hartmannii x fitzgeraldii)*, *Slc. Roblar* and *Epidendrum radicans*.

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In 2010, Professor Rapee Sagarik, an ornamental plant advisor of the Department of Agriculture, foresaw particular benefit for being the host of the conference. The Department of Agriculture then submitted a project to the Thailand Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperations and Asia Pacific Orchid Committee. The committee has recognized the potential of Orchid Thailand and therefore agreed that Thailand will host the 12th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference (APOC) on the upcoming March 19th to 27th, 2016

