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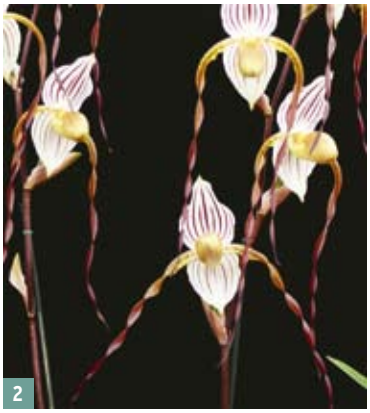
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The Third Peterborough

PIOS WAS HELD at the East of England Showground, 19–21 June, with over 70 exhibitors from around the world. For the first time the Show was open for sales on Friday, in line with the East of England Show, within which PIOS is staged. People flowed into the marquee, and high levels of attendance continued, with many thousands of visitors.

The annual symposium of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance was held alongside the show. A wide-ranging series of lectures was given by world experts. A symposium dinner with auction, and a farewell lunch were enjoyed. The overseas visitors, particularly from the USA, loved PIOS, and plans are being made to promote the IPA further in the UK.

A competition was held for regional schools to design the official poster for PIOS 2010 when the British Orchid Council Congress will be held at the Show. The 66 entries combined artistic and IT skills. The first three placed won cash prizes for their schools. The winner, Sonia Dodhia of Watford Grammar School for Girls, received £300 and a piece of commemorative glassware.

A photographic competition was held for the first time and attracted 83 entries. The winner was Benjamin Ooi of Ooi Leng Sun Orchids. There was a rare chance to see a display of paintings from the historic collection of the North of England Orchid Society (*Orch Rev*, May/June 2008). A Plant Doctor stand was introduced, and proved popular. HRH the Duke of Gloucester paid another extensive visit, and the RHS Orchid Committee judged plants submitted (p172–179).

Display judging also took place and Gold medals were awarded to East Midlands Orchid Society, Bournemouth OS, North of England OS, IPA/Helen Millner, Orchids by Peter White, Dave Parkinson Plants and Ryanne Orchidée. The standard of

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display, particularly by societies, was remarkably high and the positioning of quality exhibits close to entrances provided immediate visual impact on entry, and from outside the marquee. The trophies were presented by Bill Jordan, the President of the East of England Agricultural Society:

- **Best Display Amateur** East Midlands Orchid Society
- **Best Display Trade** Ryanne Orchidée
- **Best Species Amateur** Gary Firth (Mid-Sussex OS) *Brassia verrucosa*
- **Best Hybrid Amateur** Weng Lim (British Paphiopedilum Society) *Paphiopedilum* Mount Toro 'Watling Hall'
- **Best Species Trade** KJ Orchids, *Cypripedium reginae*
- **Best Hybrid Trade** In-Charm Orchids, *Paphiopedilum* Elim Attractum
- **Ray Bilton Trophy** (Best Phalaenopsis Amateur) Wayne Haywood, *Doritaenopsis* Sylvia Dream
- **Laneside Trophy** (Best Hardy Amateur) Richard Evenden, *Bletilla* Penway Coral.

The most frequent comments at the end of PIOS were, 'the best yet', and 'it just gets better and better'. In 2010 we host the BOC Congress – forms to register are now available, so sign up and enjoy! *Brian Woodward*

1 Vibrant *Cattleya* Miyuki Little King on the Plested Orchids stand.
2 *Paphiopedilum* Mount Toro 'Watling Hall' won Best Hybrid Amateur.
3 *Vanda* Rose Thompson x Thongcha on Burnham Nurseries display.
4 Max Hopkinson (left) received the trophy for East Midlands Orchid Society from the President of the East of England Agricultural Society, Bill Jordan, head of Jordans Foods.
5 East Midlands Orchid Society's winning stand.
6 *Stanhopea* Plemont perfumed the air around the Burnham Nurseries stand.
7 *Doritaenopsis* Taida Sweet Berry on the Gold medal winning Orchids by Peter White stand.
8 The black-lipped *Coelogyne pandurata*.
9 The North of England Orchid Society won a Gold medal for their art-inspired display.
10 *Bletilla* Penway Coral was awarded the new Laneside Trophy for best hardy orchid.
11 Ryanne Orchidée from France won the award for Best Display Professional, and a Gold medal.