

2019 EBA CONVENTION REPORT

The 2019 EBA convention took place in Albi just north of Toulouse, France on the 11 – 12 May.

It was held in the exhibition halls on the outskirts of Albi and had exhibitors and traders from France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Switzerland.

There was also a display of Suiseki organised by the French Suiseki Association.

The standards were high and many of the bonsai varieties reflected the native trees of the various countries and the regions within the countries.

There were demonstrations from various French bonsai clubs, Swiss and Spanish bonsai artists.

The overall standard of the 'New Talent Competition' was high. Out of the 10 competitors, Tony successfully achieved a very respectable 3rd place.

The competitors were:

Belgium	Eddy Paris
France	Mathieu Coquard
Netherlands	Erik van de Kamp
Austria	Gerhard Ploner
Slovakia	Ladislav Kadlus
Switzerland	Maurizio Emmi
Italy	Enrico Masini
United Kingdom	Tony Oswin
Spain	Andrés Rodríguez Gonzalez
Portugal	Pedro Castanheira

We had a contingent of 15 British supporters who travelled overland to the event and had a tremendous time looking at top quality Europeans bonsai and Suiseki; naturally spending money with the traders that had travelled from all over Europe.

