



2010 - 53 years SOS



A portrayal of the Swiss Orchid Society (SOS)

- 1957** In Zürich some passionate orchid lovers founded the Swiss Orchid Society in order to exchange experiences and to give recommendations for the cultivation of these fascinating plants.
- 2010** 53 years later the society has grown to nearly 616 members.
- 10 regional groups** The SOS, as a central organization, consists of 10 autonomous regional groups, who organize monthly meetings with lectures, slide performances and presentation of plants.
- Library** A well-stocked library is at the disposal of all members.
- Sale of plants** A sale of orchids is organized every autumn where members may exchange and/or purchase plants.
- Lectures** Renowned experts give lectures twice a year, at the general assembly and at the above mentioned autumnal event.
- Tours** Each year a 2-3 days' tour is organized to visit not only professional nurseries and botanical gardens, but also cultural sites of general interest.
- Awards** Superior plants of outstanding quality and in flower may be submitted by the members to a group of judges who will award medals and merits.
- Native orchids** Specific workgroups take care of our native orchids in their natural environments in order to ensure their survival.
- Cultivation** The SOS provides their members with recommendations for cultivating plants and information concerning national and international events.
- Contacts** The SOS maintains contacts to other countries' societies.
- Exhibitions** The SOS is responsible for the organization of exhibitions in Switzerland.

