

Courses for interested allotment gardeners

329 allotment gardeners have followed courses in order to get the certificate of aptitude in accordance with the Viennese law on plant protection and have received their diplomas from the central federation. The courses were held by Dr. Bedlan and Master Plenk of the agency for health and food security (Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit AGES). The courses leading to this diploma will be continued until 2015 because, according to the European directive 2009/128/UE fixing a framework for a sustainable use of pesticides, new laws on plant protection and plant protection products will enter into force in the federal States.

The central federation will try to make sure that in the future the formation of professional users, especially of our expert advisers, and other interested people will remain possible in accordance with this law.

The education of the first newly accredited expert advisers has come to an end. 80 expert advisers and 42 allotment gardeners have successfully passed the courses. It has to be underlined that a great number of young allotment gardeners have started these educational courses and that they will share the acquired knowledge with other interested allotment gardeners. We are going to give the diploma to the expert advisers during a small celebration. We are very proud about the judgement of the external lecturers who confirmed that the level of knowledge of the formed expert advisers is equivalent to the knowledge acquired in specific technical high schools.