

## **Belgium: 1000<sup>th</sup> edition of our federation's magazine**

Our first magazine was published in 1930.

The original name of our magazine was 'De Volkstuin' (The allotment). The magazine gave hints and tips on how to grow crops.

Today we publish eleven magazines per year, filled with tips and information about gardening. Besides information on the work on allotments and vegetable growing we talk about private gardens, ornamental gardens, ecological gardening. Our organisation made it its mission to promote garden pleasure for allotment gardeners and private gardeners. In addition we give information on projects in our organisation.



Fixed articles are activities in the vegetable, the fruit and the ornamental garden. The same counts for our children's corner, flower arranging and plagues and diseases. Each article addresses problems or tasks for the following month. This way all gardeners can prepare themselves.

Almost all of our articles are written by volunteers, schoolteachers, professors, garden contractors, but also experienced leisure gardeners. There is a working group lead by the auditor. In 2017 they ordered an enquiry to evaluate the current magazine. Based on the feedback they received they try to make the magazine even more appealing than before. The biggest challenge is to address a broad public, from experienced gardeners to layman, young and old, families living in the city and in the countryside.

As an organisation we cannot thank and applaud these volunteers enough. They put their heart and soul in to this magazine. They create a professional magazine worth reading every month!