

Germany: Day of the Garden celebrated in Karlsruhe on 14th June 2015

“In the garden one is never alone”.

This was the subject of this year's Day of the Garden celebrated for the 27th time in Germany on 14th June 2015.

Karlsruhe was chosen to host this event because the town is celebrating its 300th anniversary in 2015.

Dr. Frank MENTRUP, Lord Mayor of the town of Karlsruhe
Gisela SPLETT, Secretary of State of the county Baden-Württemberg as well as
Peter PASCHKE, President of the German allotment federation and
Wilhelm WOHATSCHEK, President of the International Office du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l., among others, took part in this event organised in the prestigious castle park.

Wilhelm WOHATSCHEK underlined the importance of the legal protection the German allotment gardeners have thanks to the Federal allotment garden law. Such a protection would be welcome in all the countries in order to guarantee a good functioning of the allotment federations and to increase the value of the allotments for society, nature, environment and a sustainable development even more.

Additionally W. WOHATSCHEK extended the meaning of the subject of this ceremony: “In the garden one is never alone” by stating that in the International Office the affiliated federations are never alone. They always get the requested support and help.

As forerunner of the Urban Gardening movement the allotment gardeners use the Day of the Garden to make people once more aware in Germany and all over Europe of this importance of allotments for the wellbeing of men and nature in towns and in the countryside.

“An allotment is not only a garden, it offers relaxation and compensation in a green area situated in the middle of houses and streets. Additionally you get fruit and vegetables of best quality nearly as a present”, states Peter PASCHKE.

At the occasion of this celebration Wilhelm WOHATSCHEK remitted the Office diploma for an ecological gardening to the association Im Albgrün e.V. from Karlsruhe.

This association was qualified to get this diploma by its important efforts for the maintenance of the gardening culture and the cultivation of exceptional fruit and vegetable species. They voluntarily keep the sheds at a reduced size. The plots are not separated by fences or hedges, and, therefore, they resemble a sea of flowers with many different species. An exceptionally well-developed gardening advice scheme guarantees that there are always well trained advisers at the disposal of the gardeners for answering all gardening questions.