

A cycling and walking path Abbé Lemire in Berlin

Father Jules Lemire (1853-1928) was a French social and visionary priest, professor and politician. He founded the French allotment federation in 1896. Together with representatives from Belgium, Germany, Great-Britain, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland, he also founded on 3rd October 1926 the Office International des Jardins Ouvriers (International Office of Allotment and Garden Holders Leagues) today International Office du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l.. He was its president until 1928. His activities, especially within the framework of the allotment movement, are very well known in the French-speaking countries and places and roads are named after Father Lemire. However, this is not so in the German-speaking countries.

Following an initiative of the allotment association Feldtmannsburg e.V. in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen a step was taken to change this.

Within the celebrations of the 100th foundation anniversary of the allotment association Feldtmannsburg e.V., a cycling and walking path bypassing the site was named after Father Lemire. This association was created as allotment site of the Red Cross in 1917.

You can find more information on this topic in the commemorative booklet issued at the occasion of the centennial of the association Feldtmannsburg e.V.

You can find more information concerning Father Lemire in Hyphens no 58, 59, 60.



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*Abbé-Lemire-Weg in Berlin: Scan of page 47 in the commemorative brochure:
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