

INFORMATION TO ALL ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS !

Aims and purpose of the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l. which regroups the federations from Austria, Belgium, Danmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great-Britain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland with more than 3.000.000 member families

The International Office of Allotment and Leisure Garden Societies, the grouping of the European allotment and leisure garden federations, aims besides its social mission primarily at stimulating the protection of nature and environment, the landscape protection, the protection of the biological diversity in flora and fauna.

Further aims are:

- at supporting the national federations on the level of ideas in the execution of the aims announced in the preambel and at encouraging their cooperation. It organizes an exchange of experiences on all the questions concerning allotment and leisure gardens,
- at helping its members by giving them informations when they organize trips for making studies, seminars and lectures. It stimulates the exchange of reports on activities, plans concerning modern garden sites, newspapers ... ,
- at proposing subjects to be discussed, common activities and guidelines for specific activities to the national federations that should be integrated as recommendations in the national regulations, in order to allow the leisure garden movement to reach better its social aims in the areas of the family, elderly people, children and young people, handicapped persons, the protection of nature and environment and the fruitful leisure time occupation,
- at establishing relations with the European authorities and international institutions in order to bring about the feeling that it is necessary to give a greater security to the individual leisure gardens and leisure garden sites,
- at stimulating the feeling that the allotment and leisure gardens furnish an essential contribution for the improvement of the conditions of environment and the protection of nature, whereby one understands by: "Allotment and leisure gardens":
- gardeners that are either regrouped in a garden site and put at the disposal of the families or eventually single persons by public authorities or private bodies under the condition that they cultivate them for their personal needs. They cannot be used for commercial purposes.
- or individual gardens belonging to members of an allotment garden association under the same condition that they are used only for non-commercial purposes.

Are concerned by the aim and purpose of the Office both the national federations that are member of the Office and the national federations linked to the Office with an association agreement.

Members of the Office

The Office consists of national members.

Can become member of the Office for each country only one federation, which regroups in its country the associations the aim of which consists in developing allotment and leisure gardens.

When more than one federation satisfying the required conditions exist in a country and wish to join the Office, these organizations shall constitute a National Committee which is officially accredited to represent them in the Office.

The national federation or the national committee of a given country shall constitute a "national member".

The allotment and leisure garden movement shall grant no preeminence or privilege to any national association, regardless of the size of its membership, the date of its creation or the number of allotments held.

Associations of allotment holders affiliated to the allotment and leisure garden movement must not pursue economic and profit-making aims.

National federations which satisfy with the conditions stipulated before and wish to be admitted to the Office shall:

- notify their intention by forwarding a request in one of its three official languages to the Office,
- undertake to observe the current statutes and the texts signed by the Office,
- undertake to pay the annual affiliation fee fixed by the General Assembly.

Admission shall be decided by the General Assembly on a proposal by the Executive Board.

Cooperation with national leisure garden federations that are not member of the Office

The cooperation with national leisure garden federations that do not comply with certain conditions stipulated in the Office statutes can take place:

either by the way of a cooperation agreement or by the way of an association agreement.

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