

REWARDS AND DIPLOMA

Attribution of the "Golden Rose" of the International Office to the town of Caen (Calvados – France)

On demand of the French allotment garden federation, on proposal of the executive board, the general assembly has granted the "Golden Rose" of the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l. to the town of Caen for its support of the allotment gardens for thirty years.

Thanks to the support of the town authorities the local committee of allotment gardens in Caen administrates several very well equipped sites, which are situated in the immediate proximity of the residential areas of the allotment gardeners. A sustainable development is highly simulated on these sites. The town itself shows the example in practicing a thermic weeding and by developing natural green areas, pavements ornamented with plants.....

In the town of Caen, the allotment gardens are inscribed in the urban planning schemes giving them in this way a good protection.

Thanks to the example of the town of Caen, numerous allotment garden sites have been created in the neighbouring towns as for example Hérouville-St-Clair, Giberville, Bayeux, Cabourg...., and several projects creating new allotment garden sites are in preparation and should be started in 2008.

The department du Calvados is so one of the first in France as far as the number and the quality of the allotment gardens is concerned.



Attribution of the « Golden Rose » to the communal authorities of the town of Czestochowa

On demand of the Polish federation, on proposal of the executive board, the general assembly has granted the "Golden Rose" of the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l. to the communal authorities of the town of Czestochowa.

The town of Częstochowa with 256.000 inhabitants has 36 allotment garden sites covering a surface of 345 hectares. The allotment gardens are cultivated by 5.300 families i.e. approximately 25.000 persons.

All the allotment garden sites in the town have been integrated in the new urban planning schemes and are so legally protected for the future.

There exists a very good cooperation between the town authorities, the federation and the allotment gardeners. The authorities give an important support to the allotment garden federation.

The local allotment gardeners can therefore look with confidence to the future.



Remittance of the „Golden Rose“ to Dr. Lorenz Mainczyk

Following to the demand of the German allotment garden federation, on proposal of the executive board, the general assembly has decided to give the „Golden Rose“ of the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux a.s.b.l. to Dr. Lorenz Mainczyk.

Dr. Lorenz Mainczyk was up to his retirement in 1996 Government Councillor in the former federal ministry for urban planning, constructions and urbanism and was especially responsible for the allotment garden movement.

Under his leadership, the federal allotment garden law was elaborated and voted by the German Parliament in 1993. Thanks to his efforts the articles on the protection against resiliation and on the limitation of the rent could be integrated in this law applicable throughout the whole German Federal State and grants legal security to more than a million allotment garden leases.

After the re-unification of Germany he battled as Government Counsellor in the federal ministry for transport, that these disposals became applicable as well for the 500.000 East-German allotment gardeners. This contributed mainly to calm the situation and to grant as well a legal security to these allotment garden leases.

Dr. Lorenz Mainczyk is the main commentator of the German allotment garden law. Very carefully he seizes the new problems and includes them into his comment of the law. Since several decades he offers his help to the German federation as advisor and expert. He writes expertises and memoranda. He is member of the scientific board of the German federation. He has participated as lecturer in many seminars of the German federation, has written contributions and is an advisor for many allotment garden organisations.

He has been of a great help for the German allotment gardeners who owe him much.



Attribution of the Honorary diploma to Mr. François ROLLAND

On demand of the French Allotment Garden Federation, on proposal of the executive board, the General assembly has granted the honorary diploma to Mr. François ROLLAND, vice-president of the French Allotment Garden Federation. This honorary diploma of the Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux was granted to honour the merits of Mr. François ROLLAND and his efficient work for the International Office.

