

## **The delegates of the International Office met in Luxembourg**

On 28th February and 1st March the delegates of the International Office met for their general assembly in Luxembourg.

Besides the annual statutory formalities, the positive events and the problems in the national federations were discussed.

With satisfaction the delegates acknowledged that following both national and international pressure a new allotment garden law was voted in Poland.

The cooptation of Peter Paschke as new member of the executive board was confirmed with unanimity.

Many demands for diplomas in the ecological or social area or for innovative projects have been presented. There is as well one demand for a Golden Rose. The diplomas will be remitted during the international congress in Utrecht.

The allotment gardeners continue with determination their efforts to safeguard biodiversity (see contribution dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March below)

After the activity to sensitize the allotment gardeners to keep bees on the allotment sites, now a pan-European project is planned aiming at the sensitization of children for nature.

The program for the international congress in Utrecht was adopted and is joined as appendix.



## **PROVISIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAMME 2014 OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE DU COIN DE TERRE ET DES JARDINS FAMILIAUX**

**Dates:** 28th, 29th and 30th August 2014

### **WEDNESDAY 27th August 2014**

- 15.00 hrs. Arrival of the national presidents  
Meeting of the executive board
- 19.30 hrs. Dinner for the presidents taking part in the General Assembly and their accompanying persons

### **THURSDAY 28th August 2014**

- 09.00 - 11.30 hrs. Meeting of the General Assembly
- 12.00 - 13.00 hrs. Lunch for the persons taking part in the General Assembly  
From 13.30 hrs. Welcome of the guests
- 14.00 hrs. Start of the congress
- 14.00 - 15.00 hrs. Welcoming speeches a.o. international President, representative of the city of Utrecht, secretary general
- 15.00 hrs. Ton Thuis: summary of the activities and outcomes of the meetings 2012 - 2013
- 15.15 - 15.45 hrs. Break
- 15.45 hrs. Lecture: Polish lecturer, Campaigning and media strategy: what works and what does not
- 16.30 hrs. Lecture: Runrid Fox-Kamper, Dipl. Ing. Architect Chair TU1201: "Urban Allotment Gardens in European cities"
- 17.30 hrs. End of opening day
- 18.30 - 20.30 hrs. Dinner
- 20.30 hrs. Evening free or optional guided walk through Utrecht

**FRIDAY            29th August 2014**

- 09.00            hrs. WORKSHOP: showing the movies/slide dvd/PowerPoint of the participating organizations, with tips and tricks.  
Moderator: Mr. Jack de Vries
- 10.30            hrs. Break
- 11.00            hrs. Continuation WORKSHOP
- 12.00            hrs. End of morning program
- 12.00 - 13.00 hrs. Lunch
- 13.15            hrs. Departure coaches for workshops on location and visits on several garden sites
- 13.45            hrs. Workshops on location in smaller groups and visits of garden sites - organizers are the garden associations
- 17.00            hrs. Departure coaches to hotel
- 19.00 - 21.00 hrs. Dinner
- Evening free

***PARTNERS OF CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A SEPARATE RECREATIONAL PROGRAMME THIS DAY***

- 09.00 - 09.30 hrs. Departure of coach from hotel
- 10.00            hrs. Visit and tour through Botanical Gardens Utrecht
- 12.30 - 13.30 hrs Lunch at the Activities and Information Centre for Nature and Garden in Utrecht
- 13.30            hrs. Departure of coach to Castle De Haar in Haarzuilens
- 14.00 - 17.00 hrs. Visit and tour of Castle De Haar and the gardens
- 17.00            hrs. Departure of coach to hotel

**SATURDAY        30th August 2014**

- 09.00            hrs. Conclusions and evaluation of 2012 - 2014 by Ton Thuis

- 09.15 hrs. Chris Zijdeveld, President of the International Office, Chairman of the AVVN Lecture: Strategy for the future
- 10.00 hrs. Introduction theme Austria 2016 by Dr. G. Bedlan, Austria
- 10.30 hrs. Presentation and awarding Golden Rose and other international diplomas by the International President, International Chairman and General Secretary
- 11.15 hrs. Approval resolution  
Statutory formal proceedings by Malou Weirich, secretary general of the Office
- 11.45 hrs. Impressions of the congress by the International Chairman
- 12.00 hrs. Farewell speech by the International President Chris Zijdeveld
- 12.10 hrs. Transfer of presidency and inauguration speech by the new International President, Wilhelm Wohatschek
- 12.30 hrs. Closing of congress
- 12.30 - 13.30 hrs. Lunch
- 13.30 hrs. Departure of coaches

**Celebration of the European Day of the Garden and official reception of the City of Utrecht at Garden site De Hoge Weide**

- 14.00 hrs. Acquaintance with the garden site
- 15.30 hrs. Reception and welcome by the Mayor of Utrecht and several formal and/or festive activities
- 16.30 hrs. Informal gathering, several activities organized by the hosting garden association
- 17.00 - 17.30 hrs. Departure of coaches to hotel
- 17.30 - 18.00 hrs. Arrival in hotel
- From 19.30 hrs. Arrival of guests for closing dinner

20.00 - 23.00 hrs. Closing dinner with live performances by the Shanty choir De IJsselmannen

**SUNDAY 31th August 2014**

Departure of participants