## The International Office du Coin de Terre et des Jardins familiaux delegates met in Luxembourg

The national delegates met in Luxembourg on March 6th and 7th, 2020 for their annual statutory general assembly.

In addition to the statutory missions, the work for the amendment of the Office statutes and their adaptation to the current requirements could mostly be finished.

The brochure "the soil is alive" is a document, which should help allotment and amateur gardeners to increasingly protect the soil, their most valuable working tool. It is now ready in German. It could be translated into English, French, Dutch and Swedish. The brochure will be issued in June, both as a brochure and as an issue of the Hyphen. It will still be translated into Finnish as present for the Finnish federation's 90<sup>th</sup> jubilee.

All the federations informed on their activities. This exchange brought again interesting insights and provided – according to what was needed – new incentives for national activities.

The next issues of the Hyphen will deal with the topic: "We are proud of....." and will present projects, groups, sites, programmes and should have a multiplier effect.

The Office and the affiliated federations continue their efforts for an ecological gardening.

A memorandum will be published on the Office homepage, the national websites as well as in the national allotment magazines and is also a contribution to the annual week without pesticides (20th – 30th March, 2020).

5 requests for an Office diploma for ecological gardening, 1 request for the diploma for innovative projects and 1 request for the diploma for social activities could be positively assessed. The Office database with examples of a good horticultural practice could be extended with the help of these projects.

The delegates will meet again during their study session in Helsinki (Finland) on 26th August. During this meeting the Finnish allotment federation will celebrate its 90th jubilee.

The next statutory general assembly will take place in Luxembourg on March 5th and 6th, 2021.







