



Programme International Seminar of the Office International from 22nd till 25th August 2013 in Berlin

Subject of the Seminar of the Office International:

"The benefits of the allotment garden movement and their efficient reflection in public media as well as in political decisions" (*Presentation:Armin MATZKE*, member of the executive committee for public relations of the German allotment garden federation (BDG)

The International Seminar will take place in Berlin at the Hotel Palace Berlin, Budapester Straße 45, 10787 Berlin, Germany, in combination with the "European Day of the Garden" in the "Gardens of the World" as well as in allotment garden sites in Berlin.

Thursday 22 August 2013

Till 13.00h Arrival of participants
14.00 – 16.30 h Executive board meeting of the International Office
17.00 – 19.15 h General assembly of the International Office
20 h Dinner with the presidents and chairmen of the federations

Friday 23 August 2013

9 h **Plenary session** (simultaneous translation into English and German)

Welcome speech

Dr Norbert FRANKE, (President of the BDG)

Chris ZIJDEVELD, (President of the International Office)

Malou WEIRICH, (Secretary General of the International Office)

9.15 h Summary of the results of the study session 2012 in Zurich

Ton THUIS, (vice-president of the Dutch allotment garden federation (AVVN))

Key points for the International Seminar in Berlin

Dr Norbert FRANKE

9.45 h Lecture on the subject

"Allotment gardens and gardeners in the course of time – from the garden of the poor to a cultural asset of the cities"

Prof Dr Klaus NEUMANN, (expert in the field of landscape and nature protection in particular environmental compatibility issues (UVP))

10.30 h Coffee break





11.00	h	Lecture on	the	sub	ject
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"Which conditions does the allotment garden movement have to fulfil in the countries in order to make its benefits public in an efficient way"? Dr. J. H. C. VAN ZANEN (mayor of the town Amstelveen)

12.00 h Lecture on the subject:

"The representation of the allotment garden movement in the media" Dr. Michael KÜHN, (representative of the president of the ARD)

13.00 h Lunch break

14.00 h Lecture on the subject:

"What is the importance of the allotment garden movement in politics and administration and how is it taken into consideration in political decisions?" Christian WEBER, (president of the Parliament Bremen)

15.00 h **Discussion** of the contents of the lectures of the conclusions of the study session in Zurich in two workshops

(workshop 1: English, workshop 2: German)

Subject of the Workshops:

"Possibilities and examples of a successful cooperation between the allotment garden movement and the media"

Responsible for the English workshop: Annette MOLL, (educator in the journalist school of the rbb)

Responsible for the German workshop: Walter SCHAFFNER, (president of the Swiss allotment garden federation)

15.45 h Coffee break

16.15 h **Continuation of the discussions** in the two workshops

17.15 h **Plenary session**:

Presentation of projects of the European federations by the people responsible for these projects

Swiss: 1st project: Ecofaubourgs; 2nd project: Action plan of the biodiversity Switzerland, Walter SCHAFFNER (president of the Swiss allotment garden federation)

Germany: 1st project: Centre for mentally handicapped people in Sinzheim (Alfred LÜTHIN, (president of the allotment garden federation in Baden-Württemberg e.V.)

2nd project: Social pilote project: parc for young people, sport and generations Wathlingen (Jugend-,Sport-, und Generationspark Wathlingen, Rolf Dieter DÜMELAND, (1st president of the allotment garden association of Wathlingen e.V.)





Netherlands: 1st project: the allotment gardens as driving force for more green in the cities 2nd project: Food for life – projects for healthy food in the allotment site "De Hoge Weide", Wim HOENTGEN, (director of the Dutch allotment garden federation)

18.15h Transfer by bus to the "Fernsehturm" (TV Tower)

19.00 h Dinner in the "Fernsehturm" in Berlin

Saturday 24 August 2013

8.30 h **Workshops**

Possibilities and examples of a successful cooperation between the allotment garden movement and politicians

Responsible for the English workshop: Hervé BONNAVAUD, (president of the French allotment garden federation)

Responsible for the German workshop: Ingo KLEIST, (honorary member of the BDG)

9.45 h **Summary of the workshops** results by their leaders

Responsible: all workshop leaders

(presentation of the subjects discussed for inclusion in the guidelines for the future)

- 10.15 h Coffee break
- 10.45 h **Conclusions** of the seminar

Wilhelm WOHATSCHEK, (chairman of the International Office)

11.05 h Identification of approaches to be processed in the frame of the congress 2014 in Utrecht with the aim to define a strategy for the future

Ton THUIS

11.25 h Closing of the seminar

Chris ZIJDEVELD