

## **World Congress of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): The French allotment gardeners were present!**

Much has been said about the World Congress of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which brought together experts from all over the World in Marseille from 3rd to 11th September 2021 and which was inaugurated by the President of the French Republic. The subject of this session was biodiversity and its conservation. An idea the French allotment gardeners know well.

Many thanks are addressed to the presidents of the allotment garden sites and the allotment gardeners who answered the questionnaire of our biodiversity study! They gave us the opportunity to speak twice during the « Espaces Génération Nature » which were opened to the public. The three management board members who took part in the event could illustrate with well-chosen pictures all that our allotment gardens allow to achieve in terms of cultivated biodiversity, the presence of auxiliaries and the cohabitation with plant and animal species. The results of our biodiversity survey were presented. In a more precise way, the garden Badis Merad in Marseille was a very good example, which even had the right to an article in the magazine “Jardin familial de France”.

Very interesting contacts were made with the spectators who were able to ask many questions.

The logo of the Fédération Française des Jardins Collectifs et Familiaux (French allotment federation) and the summary of its interventions were included in the program, which should also bring it links with other structures all over the world.

The French Federation was therefore perfectly in its role in presenting its work on biodiversity at this world congress.



