

Allotment gardener's responsibility to support the authorities and scientific bodies

Example Switzerland: Plant Health Network Switzerland

On 18th February 2021 the founding event of the “Plant Health Network Switzerland” took place; this in accordance with the prevailing circumstances as video-conference.

It had already become apparent during last year's cooperation between authorities and federations for the “International Year of Plant Health 2020” that the work had to continue.

Luckily, all the previous main partners of the Federal Plant Protection Service are also involved in the “Network” including of course the Swiss allotment federation SFGV/FSJF.

Other institutions and federations will certainly join soon. The cantonal experts from Ticino will play here a special role, as this continues to be the main gateway for pests.

Due to the nationwide spreading of our garden areas, our plant diversity and the intensive cultivation of grounds with fruit, berries and vegetables, we have a special responsibility to support the authorities and scientific bodies in the identification, reduction and control of pests.

Additional information: <https://www.blw.admin.ch/blw/de/home/nachhaltige-produktion/Pflanzengesundheit/ihrbeitrag/netzwerk.html>

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