

# Reports from the Svabesholm Workshop 'Diversity of gardens around the Baltic Sea' 13-14 September 2007

## 1. General garden diversity

- a. **What** A pilot study as a garden project for countries around the Baltic Sea, describing different identities through gardening.
- b. **How** Set up a garden exhibition to be circulated among countries. Each country is represented by its own model plants and garden architecture.
- c. **When** To be accomplished 2008
- d. **Who** The members of the 'Blickpunkt Österlen' garden society and Polish counterparts in Olsztyn. Coordinated by Monika Olin Wikman and Jarosław Znamiński.

## 2. Ornamental plants

- a. **What** A manifestation to raise the public awareness
- b. **How** Exhibition of ornamental plants in all five countries, including bulbs (Poland), lilies (Estonia), daylilies (Sweden), dahlias (Latvia) and iris (Lithuania). This exhibition should also display stories that are associated with the specific plants.
- c. **When** Starting 2009
- d. **Who** Coordinated by Monika Olin Wikman and Emma Karp Lundström. Country focal points:
  - i. Estonia Heiki Tamm
  - ii. Latvia Anta Spariņska
  - iii. Lithuania Audrius Skridaila
  - iv. Poland Beata Płoszaj
  - v. Sweden Eva Fristedt & Karin Persson

## 3. Fruits

- a. **What** A manifestation to raise the public awareness, and share knowledge.

- b. **How** Production of a pamphlet about Baltic Sea region apple cultivars. The pamphlet should describe 5-10 carefully chosen old cultivars and display several aspects of them: their history, introduction and distribution, variation within clones, identification problems, rootstock effects, etc. A task force is set up to establish the conditions. Selection of cultivars and information is made nationally.
- c. **When** To be completed end of 2008/beginning of 2009
- d. **Who** Coordinated by Nordic Gene Bank (Lena Ansebo). Country focal points:
- i. Estonia NN (Polli)
  - ii. Latvia Laila Ikase
  - iii. Lithuania Audrius Sasnauskas
  - iv. Poland NN
  - v. Sweden Inger Hjalmarsson

#### 4. Vegetables

- a. **What** Establishment of a Baltic Sea collection of vegetable seed
- b. **How** The basic concept is to establish and provide an identical seed collection of old vegetable cultivars to growers, as well as establish public demonstration fields (plots), in all countries around the Baltic Sea. All seed samples should be accompanied with a fact sheet describing the cultivar and its cultural history.
- c. **When** The work will start during winter of 2007/2008 and be completed during spring 2008.
- d. **Who** Coordinated by Jõgeva Plant Breeding Institute (Ingrid Bender). Country focal points:
- i. Latvia Liga Lepse
  - ii. Lithuania Rasa Karkleliene
  - iii. Poland NN
  - iv. Sweden Svein Solberg, Agneta Börjesson

## 5. Medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs)

- a. **What** Use the scientific expertise available in the Baltic Sea region, and the complementarity of partners, to apply for and set up a pre-project. By doing this, we will be able to establish a cross-disciplinary network.
- b. **How** The project is aimed to include the following:
- i. An inventory of the current state of knowledge of the following plant species:
    - ❖ Valerian (*Valeriana officinalis* L.)
    - ❖ Thyme (*Thymus serpyllum* L.)
    - ❖ Roseroot (*Rhodiola rosea* L.)
    - ❖ St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum* L.)
    - ❖ Sweet flag (*Acorus calamus* L.)
    - ❖ Caraway (*Carum carvi* L.)
  - ii. The selected species are to be studied/evaluated from different perspectives:
    - ❖ Agro-technique Estonia
    - ❖ Botany Latvia
    - ❖ Chemistry Lithuania
    - ❖ ? Poland
    - ❖ Genetics Sweden
    - ❖ Ethno-botany All countries
- c. **When** The work is to be initiated in 2008. Money will be sought from ...
- d. **Who** This work will be coordinated by the Nordic Gene Bank (Morten Rasmussen). Country focal points:
- i. Estonia Priit Põldma
  - ii. Latvia Ina Alsiņa
  - iii. Lithuania Jolita Radušienė
  - iv. Poland NN
  - v. Sweden Katarina Wedelsbäck Bladh

## 6. Woody ornamentals

- a. **What** The main objective is to establish a series of networks focusing on ornamental trees and bushes, including roses. **Remaining questions: (1) What is the main purpose of these networks? (2) How will they communicate? (3) Is there a common target?**
- b. **How** Four different networks will be established:
- ❖ Garden reconstruction group
  - ❖ Conifer tree group
  - ❖ Broad-leaf tree group
  - ❖ Rose group
- Each network coordinator should compile lists of country focal points having adequate competence, to be disseminated to the other members of the whole network.
- c. **When** 1 December 2007
- d. **Who** Overall coordination by Krzysztof Mlynarczyk.
- Network coordinators:
- i. Garden reconstruction Krzysztof Mlynarczyk
  - ii. Conifer trees Andres Vaasa & Inese Drudze
  - iii. Broad-leaf trees Krzysztof Mlynarczyk & Katarina Wedelsbäck Bladh
  - iv. Roses Lars-Åke Gustavsson