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## A brief history

1861 Vereeniging tot Regeling en Verbetering der Vruchtsoorten

1869 Pomologische Vereeniging

1925 Vereeniging voor Boskoopse Culturen



1961 100th anniversary

Koninklijke Vereniging voor Boskoopse Culturen

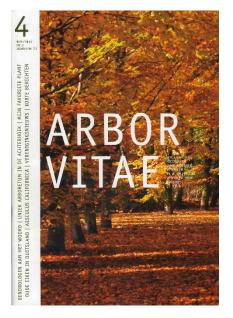


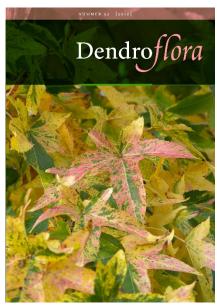
2011 150th anniversary

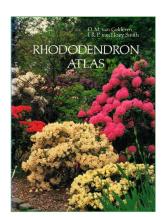
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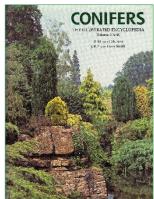


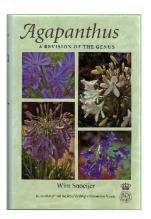
- **\*** Publications
  - \* Dendroflora
  - **Arbor Vitae**
  - \* Books

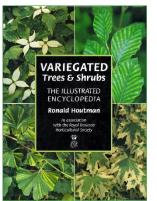


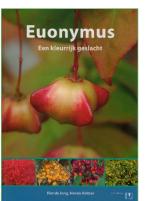






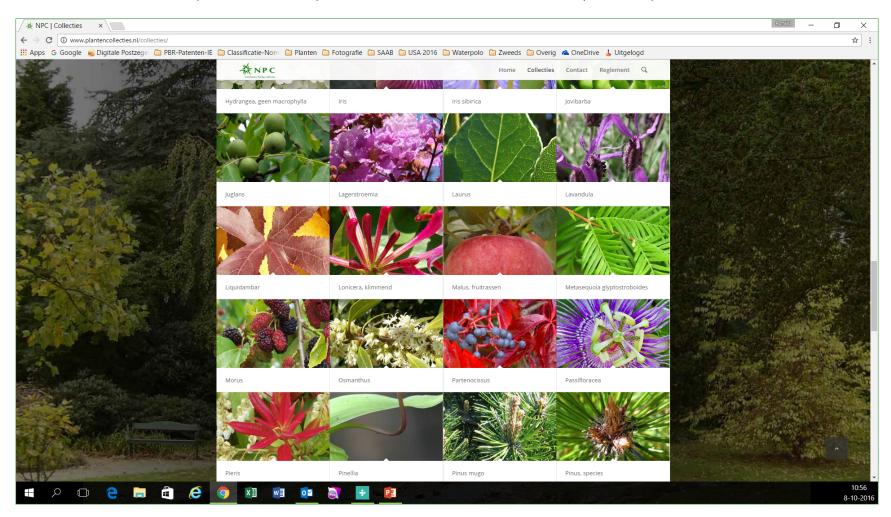








### \* Dutch (National) Plant Collections (NPC)



## **\*** Harry van de Laar Garden





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**\*** (Inter)national cooperation



# Plantarium









Lehr- und Forschungszentrum Gartenbau www.gartenbau.at









- \* Trials
  - \* Trade shows (Plantarium, GrootGroenPlus)
  - **\*** New introductions
  - **Comparative trials** (incl. Euro-trials)



## **Trials Committee**

#### **Established 1895**

One of the first awarded plants (Award of Merit):



Spiraea japonica 'Anthony Waterer'

#### **Trials on trade shows**

Plantarium and GrootGroenPlus

#### Three possible awards:

Bronze Medal

Silver Medal

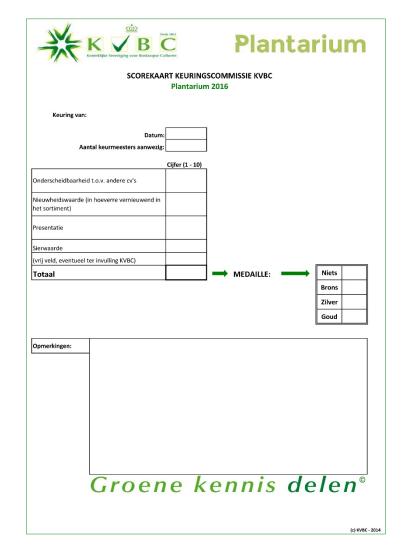
Gold Medal

The Best Novelty is chosen from the Gold Medals









### Trials of new introductions

\* A single cultivar is assessed on characteristics, utility value

and

ornamental value

### Three possible awards

Bronze Medal
Silver Medal







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BEOORDELINGSFORMULIE	R KEURINGSCOMMISSIE KVBC
	dkeuring
Keuring van:	
Datum:	
Aantal keurmeesters aanwezig:	
Habitus	Cijfer (1 - 10)
Loof	<del>     </del>
Bloei: bloeirijkheid	<del>     </del>
Bloei: bloemvorm	<del>-   -  </del>
Bloei: bloemkleur in bloei/bij berbloeien	<del>-</del>
Gezondheid	<del>     </del>
Sierwaarde/algemene indruk	<del>     </del>
Nieuwheidswaarde (in hoeverre een toevoeging in het sortime	ent)
Onderscheidbaarheid t.o.v. andere cv's	
Toepasbaarheid in tuin/openbaar groen	
Totaal	0 → KVBC-Award: → Niets
	Brons
	Zilver
	Goud
Overige aspecten:	
	kennis delen°
0 = zeer slecht 10 = ultmuntend	Versie 3.1 (c) KVBC - 201

# Trials of new introductions: KVBC-Award Gold 2015



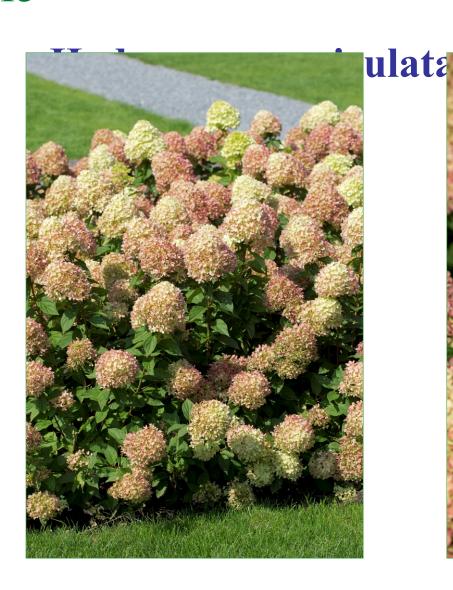
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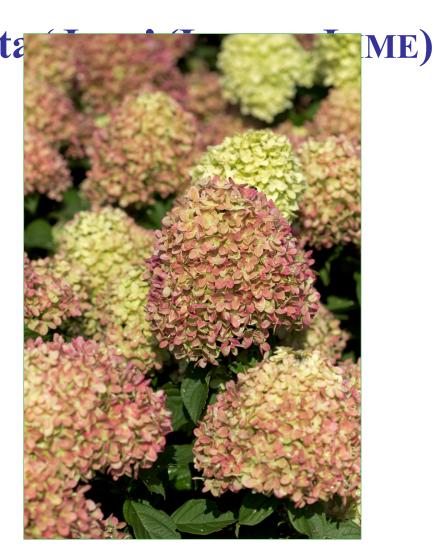
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## **Comparative trials**

- \* All cultivars of one species or genus are assesed for several years
- \* All cultivars are compared to each other in order to award the best plants in

a group

Trials field Abelia

#### Five possible awards:

- \*\*\* = excellent
- \*\* = very good
- \* = good
- s = for special purposes
- o = can be eliminated, better cultivars with the same ornamental value are available



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## Comparative trials; Euro-trials:

#### Various European countries have their own trials

#### **Sharing main criteria**:

- \* Resistance to pests and diseases
- \* (Winter)hardiness
- \* Difficulties in propagation and cultural requirements
- \* Utility value (gardens, public areas, etc.)
- \* Ornamental value



## Participating organizations











HBLFA Gartenbau



#### France

Agro Campus Ouest



#### **Ireland**

Teagasc



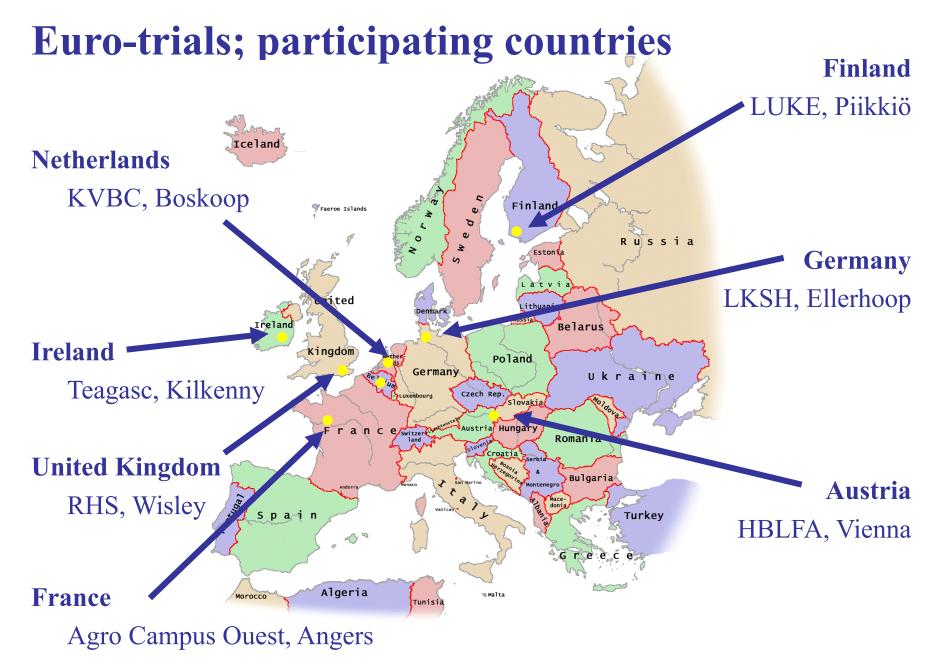
#### Germany BdB



**Netherlands** KVBC



# **United Kingdom** RHS



### Added value

- \* Participating organizations are independent and objective
- \* Same judging criteria used in all countries
- \* Starting with the same plant paterial in all countries
- \* All participating organizations are able to publish nationally
- \* All participating organizations are able to publish an overall final report
- \* Co-operation and sharing knowledge is important

Euro-trial Weigela Brown-leaved cultivars		o				
	Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	United k	Kingdom
	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	AGM	Awards
Weigela 'Alexandra' (WINE & ROSES)	*	*	***	**	AGM	***
Weigela 'Bokrashine' (NAOMI CAMPBELL)	***	*	**_***	***	AG	**
Weigela 'Elvera' (MIDNIGHT WINE)	0	0	**		А	*
Weigela 'Foliis Purpureis'	*	0	*	0	Α	*
Weigela 'Ruby Queen'	0	**	**_***	0	Α	*
Weigela 'Verweig 3' (MINOR BLACK)	*	**	***	**	Α	*
Weigela 'Victoria'	0	0	**	0	Α	*

## **Euro-trials**



Hydrangea paniculata 2004 - 2009



*Buddleja* 2008 - 2012



*Weigela* 2009 – 2012



*Vinca minor* 2011 - 2015



Hibiscus syriacus 2012 - ...



*Physocarpus* 2015 – ...

# Hydrangea paniculata 'Big Ben'

- \* High scores in all countries
- \* Conspicuous long and narrow inflorescences



Source: internet

France	Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom	
Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
**/***	*/**	***	AGM	***

# Hydrangea paniculata 'Kyushu'

\* Still one of the best cultivars with "classic" inflorescences



Source: internet

France	Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom	
Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
*/**	*	**	AGM	***

# Buddleja davidii 'Dartmoor'

\* Extremely large, branched inflorescences



Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom	
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
**	*	**	**	AGM	***

# Buddleja davidii 'Pink Delight'

\* The best (pink-flowering) Buddleja



Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	Unite	d Kingdom
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
***	***	***	***	AGM	***

## Weigela 'Alexandra'

## (WINE & ROSES)



Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	United	l Kingdom
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
*	*	***	**	AGM	***

## Weigela 'Bokrashine'

## (NAOMI CAMPBELL)



Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	United	l Kingdom
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
***	*	**_ ***	***	AG	**

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# Weigela florida 'Verweig' (MONET / MY MONET)

\* Variegated cream and pink; rich-flowering



Austria	France	Germany	Netherlands	Unite	d Kingdom
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
**	**	**_**	**	Α	*

# Vinca minor 'Atropurpurea'

\* Handsome cultivar with a unique flower colour



Austria	Belgium	France	Germany	Netherlands	United	Kingdom
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
*	*	**	*	***	AG	**

## Vinca minor 'Elisa'

\* The overall best white-flowering cultivar



Austria	Belgium	France	Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom	
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Award	Rating
**	**	**	**_***	**	А	*

## Hibiscus syriacus

- \* Propagated in 2014
- \* Planted in 2015
- \* First trials started in 2016
- \* Publication: 2019/2020
- \* Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands & United Kingdom





# Physocarpus

- \* Propagated in 2015
- \* Planted in 2017
- \* First trials start in 2017
- \* Publication: 2020
- \* Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands & United Kingdom







# Thank you!

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