Horti’doc: the French Libraries Network in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape

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Created in 2003, the Horti’doc network gathers the four main organizations involved in research, development and higher education in ornamental horticulture and landscape. Information specialists, associated with engineers, researchers and professors coordinate this network aimed at students and professionals from this sector. The hortidoc.net website includes a directory and various resources dealing with scientific and technical information.

Objectives

• To enhance resources sharing and dissemination of information among libraries and information centers within the sector.
• To create dynamic interaction between actors throughout an inventory of the French organizations active in ornamental horticulture and landscape.
• To promote scientific information literacy by means of fact sheets and how-tos.

Hortidoc.net

The website contains several headings:

- The directory of French organizations active in ornamental horticulture and landscape (research laboratories, universities, research stations, schools of horticulture…). The sheets detail research or development activities, methods, facilities, and describe courses and diplomas.
- A selection of bibliographic databases, mostly for free, useful to find scientific and technical literature (e.g. Agricola, Agris, ProdInra).
- Downloadable fact sheets and how-tos for self-learning on information retrieval and technological intelligence, bibliography and photo management. Translation tools and multilingual lexicons are also proposed.
- Hortidoc.net also lists libraries and information centers within the sector and provides news about our projects and partnership.

Perspectives

Among future projects being planned are the addition of European organizations to the directory and the writing of new fact sheets on information retrieval and scientific and technical information management.

Partners

Astredhor, the technical Institute for ornamental horticulture, which gathers thirteen research stations in France.

Inra, the French National Institute for Agronomical Research, a mission-oriented research institute for high-quality and healthy foods, competitive and sustainable agriculture and a preserved and valorised environment.

Agrocampus Ouest is a French institution of Higher Education and Research, which offers to 1650 students a wide and unique choice of training courses (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) in the field of Life Sciences and Agriculture, in full accordance with the European standards.

Plante & Cité, the French national platform for experiments and technical information for green spaces and urban horticulture. It belongs to the Végépolys cluster.