Guidelines of the Association of German Botanic Gardens

- 1) The association aims to coordinate efforts in optimizing the transfer of informations between and within the gardens.
- 2) Most of the German Botanic Gardens are locally well known, some have a high international reputation. Nevertheless, the association aims to popularize all gardens on a national level.
- 3) Important events in Botanic Gardens shall be reported in news and magazines nation-wide.
- 4) There is a questionnaire for gardens to compile data from all German Botanic Gardens. It may finally serve as a source for detailed informations on size, structure, collections, specialization, staff, etc.
- 5) Joint efforts are considered to be most important to maintain and conserve the biodiversity of higher plants in Botanic Gardens.

 Therefore, free plant and seed exchange is mandatory.
- 6) Coordinated strategies must be used to support gardens which suffer from financial cut downs and staff reductions.
- 7) Lobbies for Botanic Gardens have to be developed and/or improved.