

Plant Population Biology

ABOUT PLANT POPULATION BIOLOGY

Plant population biology is about birth, growth, and death of individuals and the multitude of factors that influence them. This was already recognized in 1874 by the Swiss botanist Carl Wilhelm von Nägeli who studied how interactions among competing plants might affect their numbers. His studies were ignored for a long time, especially by Central European botanists. This situation changed after the foundation of the section „Plant Population Biology“ of the GfÖ almost 20 years ago. Meanwhile the annual meeting of the section is regularly attended by up to 120 scientists from more than 10 countries. The variety of discussed topics comprises demography and life-history evolution, the biology of rare and invasive plants, dispersal and pollination biology, population genetics, molecular ecology, theoretical modeling, interactions of plants with animals or fungi, meta-population biology and community ecology.

MEMBERS

- √ About 100 members
- √ Members from Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and United Kingdom
- √ Plant Population Ecologists, Population Geneticists, Pollination Biologists, Community Ecologists, Molecular Ecologists, Nature Conservationists, and others

Gesellschaft für Ökologie

Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland



Participants of our annual meeting 2005 in Halle / Saale in May 2006

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- √ Symposia at the GfÖ Annual Conference 2005
**Functional consequences of Biodiversity Change
Alpine Biodiversity and Ecology**
- √ Workshop 2006
Plant Population Biology in Halle / Saale
- √ Symposia at the GfÖ Annual Conference 2006
**Plant Population Biology
Arctic and Alpine Biodiversity**

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- √ Future Symposia at GfÖ Annual Conferences
- √ Next Workshop: 20th annual meeting in Basel, May 17-19, 2007
- √ Summerschools on Molecular Methods and Statistical Analyses

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