

Perennial Trials

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Hardy-geranium



Reserach group for perennial trial

1997: reorganisation, new and actual chairman: Prof. Dr. Bernd Hertle, institute of horticulture, university of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf



Trial garden, Weihenstephan



Reserach group for perennial trial



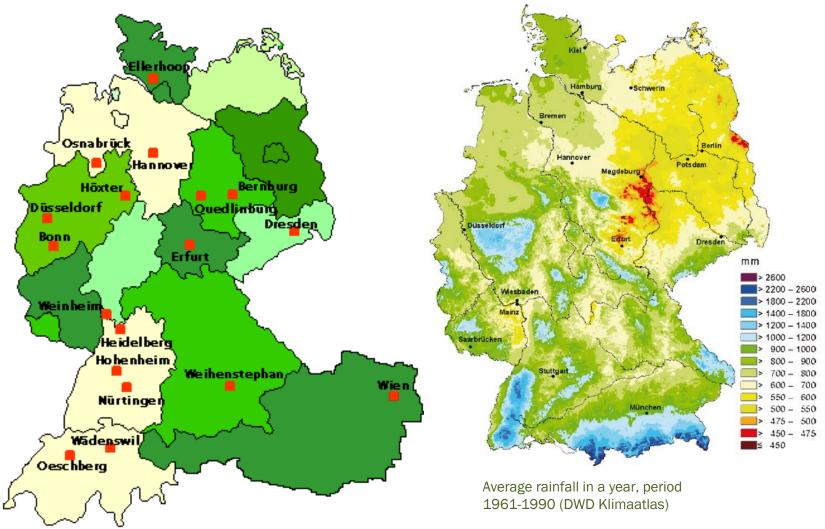


Locations of trial gardens in Germany – Austria-Switzerland:

- Universities
- Botanical gardens
- foundations
- Federal office for Plant Varieties
- Educational and experimental institutions



Reserach group for perennial trial



Different location conditions



Why this trial is necessary today?

- Assortments are still growing rapidly:
 - still an increased interest for perennials
 - more plantsman and collectors
 - competitive situation in production
 - "spirit of the time»: innovation
 - presentation of innovations at trade fairs and exhibitions
 - modern reproduction methods
 - global trading and information technology
 - planthunters
 - ⇒ Overview over the assortments gets more and more lost...



Why this trial is necessary today?

- Heuchera 65 & 120 species and cultivars
 - All which were in trade 1998: 65 species and cultivars
 - Trial 2000-2003
 - Since 2000: 120 new Heuchera-cultivars!
 - Additional trial of this 120 cultivars (2014-2016)
- Sedum: over 50 species and cultivars
- Sanguisorba: about 50 species and cultivars
- Bistorta amplexicaulis: 43 cultivars
- Monarda: 60 species and cultivars



Main aims of perennial trails

→ to find the best species and cultivars within the permanent growing assortments

the best perennials have to be "garden-worthy":

- reliable growing
- robust, vital
- healthy
- durable (according to the assortment)
- \rightarrow to give independent test-results



Principal purpose of perennial trails

The assessment of the worth of the perennials for the usage in gardens and parks...

For Plant users and planners:

 ...helps the plant users and planners to find reliably growing perennials

For perennial nurseries:

 ...helps the perennial nurseries to offer an wellarranged assortment in a manageable size but in a high quality



Principal purpose of perennial trails

useful tool for:

- Plant production
- Plant usage (planning, design)
- Quality management ***



Principal procedure of perennial trails

- examination of species and cultivars over several years
- Different locations (> different conditions: climate, soil...)
- Systematic procedure > same basic conditions (plant material, planting, evaluation criteria...)





Process and organisation

Year	Who	What
	Research group for perennial trial	Selection of the assortments (in agreement with the German ass. of perennial gardeners)
	Trial garden of the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf	Selection of all the cultivars (based on the offers from the nurseries)
	Trial garden of the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf	Purchase of the plants from at least three different nurseries
1	Trial garden of the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf	"pre-trial": check authenticity of cultivars (comparison, literature, group of experts)
2	Perennial nursery	Reproduction of the authentic cultivars and distribution to the trial gardens
2	Trial gardens	Planting
3-5	Trial gardens	Ratings with a standard form and specific assessment criteria

Process and organisation

Year	Who	What
5	Trial gardens	Send the results of their ratings to the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf
5	Trial garden of the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf	Evaluation and preparation of suggestions for the assessment
5	Research group for perennial trial	Meeting once a year in autumn: Discussion and common adoption of the results
	Trial garden of the university Weihenstephan-Triesdorf	Publication of the results in: -Gartenpraxis (journal) -Website www.staudensichtung.de



Veronica/Veronicastrum-Sichtung, Wädenswil



Echinacea-Vorsichtung, Weihenstephan 2011

Process and organisation

So each assortment is totally 5 years in trial:

year 1: "pre-trial" ⇒ check authenticity of cultivars

year 2: reproduction, distribution and planting

years 3-5: ratings and evaluation









Assessment criteria

Depending on the assortment:

- Health (Disease and pest resistance)
- stableness
- flowering (richness, colour, aesthetic...)
- flowering period
- leaf (appearance, colour, health, aesthetic...)
- vitality
- hardiness, winter resistance
- overall impression
- Autumnal colouring
- Winter aspect



Sortimentsprüfung - Rodgersia

Art/Sorte: Rodgersia

Standort: HS Wädenswil / CH Quartier: Gehölzstreifen

	Beobachtungsjahr		2007		2008		2009		Mittel- wert		x Faktor	Endwert
	Uberwinterungsverhalten	1 x									2	
	Reichblütigkeit	1 x									1	
	Blütenschmuckwirkung	1 x									1	
	Blattschmuckwirkung	2 x									3	
_	Standfestigkeit	2 x									2	
	Widerstandsfähigkeit gg. Krankheiten/Schädlingen	2 x									3	
	Wüchsigkeit/Vitalität	2 x									3	
	Gesamteindruck	2 x									4	
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Sortimentsprüfung - Hochwüchsige Veronica/Veronicastrum

Beobachtungsjahr		2010	2011	2012	Mittel- wert	x Faktor
Uberwinterungsverhalten	1 x					1
Reichblütigkeit	1 x					2
Blütenschmuckwirkung	1 x					2
Widerstandsfähigkeit gg. Krankheiten/Schädlingen	2 x					3
Standfestigkeit	1 x					2
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Anleitung zur Bewertung

Überwinterungsverhalten:

Bonitur nach Austrieb.

- 1 = sehr schlecht (alle Pflanzen ausgefallen)
- 3 = schlecht (stark lückiger Bestand)
- 5 = mäßig (einzelne Pflanzen geschädigt)
- 7 = gut (geringe Schäden einzelner Pflanzen)
- 9 = sehr gut (keine Schäden erkennbar)

Widerstandsfähigkeit gegenüber Krankheiten/Schädlingen:

Bonitur zur Blütezeit und im Herbst.

Bonitur zur Blütezeit und im Herbst.

- 1 = sehr gering
- 3 = gering
- 5 = mittel
- 7 = hoch

5 = mittel

7 = stark

9 = sehr stark

9 = sehr hoch

Wüchsigkeit/Vitalität:

Reichblütigkeit:

Einmalige Bonitur jährlich zur Vollblüte.

- 1 = schlecht
- 3 = gering
- 5 = mittel
- 7 = qut
- 9 = sehr gut

1 = sehr gering 3 = gering

Blütenschmuckwirkung: Einmalige Bonitur jährlich zur Vollblüte.

- 1 = ohne Zierwert 3 = geringer Zierwert
- 5 = mittlerer Zierwert
- 7 = hoher Zierwert
- 9 = sehr hoher Zierwert

Blattschmuckwirkung:

Bonitur zur Blütezeit und im Herbst.

- 1 = ohne Zierwert
- 3 = geringer Zierwert
- 5 = mittlerer Zierwert
- 7 = hoher Zierwert
- 9 = sehr hoher Zierwert

Standfestigkeit

- 1 = sehr gerin
- 3 = gering
- 5 = mittel
- 7 = gut
- 9 = sehr gut

Niedrigster Wert: 1

Ein Strich ist nur einzutragen, wenn das Merkmal an einem Bonitierungstag nicht bönitierbar

Gesamteindruck:

Bonitur zur Blütezeit und im Herbst.

- 1 = sehr schlecht
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Bewertungsvorschlag:

- ausgezeichnet
- sehr gut
- Li Liebhabersorte
- Lo Lokalsorte
- - entbehrliche Sorte

Results

Sign	meaning
***	Excellent cultivar, this cultivar is optimally adapted to the function it is thought for, aesthetically attractive and resistant to illnesses and pests.
**	Very good cultivar
*	Good cultivar
Li	"Liebhaber-Sorte" = only recommended for special usages
Lo	"Lokalsorte" = a good development only in special climate conditions
Ø	Dispensable cultivar



Results

Li = Lieberhabersorte



Veronica teucrium Trehane



Echinacea Hot Papaya



Results transfer

- www.staudensichtung.de
- Gartenpraxis
- Perennial catalogues
- www.staudensterne.de
- Flyer (Germ. Ass. of perennial gardeners)









@ FGW **Bistorta Calamintha Anemone** <u>Aster</u> **Echinacea** Chrysanthemum Euphorbia **Epimedium** M. Valenta **Geranium Helenium** Heuchera Nepeta **Panicum Pulmonaria** Rodgersia Sanguisorba Sedum Veronicastrum Veronica

Tested assortments

www.staudensichtung.de



Sortiment	Vor-, Haupt- sichtung	Sichtungsstandorte Vorsichtung Hauptsichtung
Brunnera	2019 - 2022	Bonn, Ellerhoop, Erfurt, Hohenheim, Weihenstephan, Weinheim
Carex Wintergrüne Formen	2019	Weihenstephan
Hakonechloa macra 11 Sorten	2015 - 2019	Bernburg, Bonn, Höxter, Osnabrück, Wädenswil, Weihenstephan, Weinheim, Wien
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> 17 Sorten	2018 2019 - 2022	Weihenstephan Bernburg, Bonn, Dresden, Ellerhoop, Erfurt, Höxter, Nürtingen, Wädenswil, Weihenstephan, Wien
Miscanthus sinensis 20 buntlaubige Sorten	2014 2016 - 2019	Weihenstephan Dresden, Ellerhoop, Erfurt, Höxter, Quedlinburg, Weihenstephan, Wien
<i>Monarda</i> 60 Sorten	2018 2019 - 2022	Weihenstephan Bernburg, Dresden, Ellerhoop, Hohenheim, Oeschberg, Weinheim, Weihenstephan, Wien
<i>Phlox</i> 26 Sorten	2017 2018- 2021	Weihenstephan Bernburg, Dresden, Erfurt, Hannover, Nürtingen, Weiheim, Weihenstephan, Wien

Actual assortments

"pre-trial"

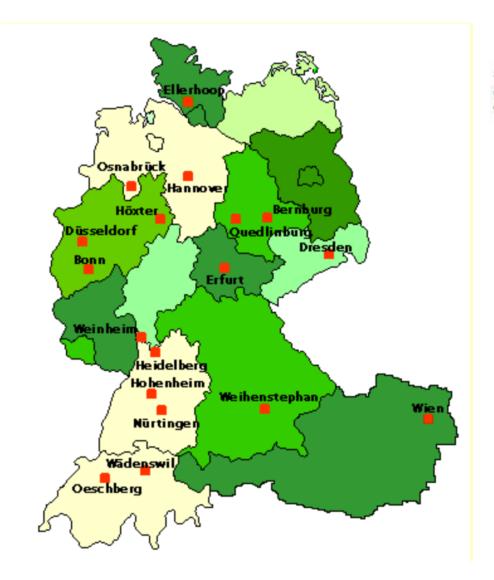
Main trial in the trial gardens

Publication of the results:

Panicum, Veronicastrum: 2018



Financing



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im Zentralverband Gartenbau



Structure and installation



Bistorta trial field, 10.10.2014



Bistorta trial field, 19.07.2017



Structure and installation



Panicum trial field, 30.09.2015





Structure and installation

Parzellenplan Sichtung Persicaria amplexicaule

Zentrum Urbaner Gartenbau Stand 28.05.2015 / A4, Mstb. 1:50



Oktober Pink 29	Orange Field 30	Pink Elephant 31	Pink Mist 32	Red Baron 33	Rosea 34	Rowden Gem 35	J.S. Sangre 36	September Spires 37	Speciosa 38	Spotted Eastfield 39	Summer Dance 40	Taurus 41	Superba 42	White Eastfield 43	
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P. a. var. pendula 1		Alba 2		Ample f	Pink	Anouk 4	Arends S	Stolz	Atropurpure		J.S. Betty Brandt 7	Blackfi 8	ield	Border Beauty 9		Coen's Auslese 10	Cotte sbrook e Gold 11	Dikke Floskes 12	Early Pink Lady 13	Anna 14
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Legende:

- Persicaria amplexicaule Pflanze
- 1 Parzellen-Nr.



Amount of work in h/person (estimated)

Example Bistorta, 43 cultivars

1 st year:	Preparation, planting	18				
	Ratings and documentation	20				
	Maintenance	40				
		78				
2 nd year :	Ratings and documentation	20				
	Maintenance	40				
		60				
3 rd year :	Ratings and documentation	20				
	Maintenance	40				
	Removal	15				
		75				
Total		213h				
•	ch group for perennial trial every year	20				
(exclusive travel and accommodation)						



Perennial trial

Critical points

- Location conditions (plant grows without concurrence)
- Selection / Containment of the assortment
- Long testing-term (when the results are published, assortments have changed)
- Transfer to market



Perennial trial for innovations and additional trial

Process

- Only 3 years (without pre-trial)
- for comparision: good cultivars from last trials









