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## RESULTS OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP

### 1\* Working group: Psychological Aspects

Chair: J. Vána; Specialist: H.-J. Mosler; Spokesman: H. Greven; report by P. Geissler.

Guidelines for the discussion were the six steps of the psychological intervention programme presented by Mosler (this volume, p. 159). The overall aim was to present convincingly the necessity of bryophyte conservation. In addition, psychological processes related to the subject were looked at.

The discussion has led to the following recommendations<sup>1</sup> :

1. Bryologists should be proud of themselves and stress the importance of Bryophytes at the same level as any other biological group.
2. Bryologists should make the best of modern communication means, particularly with mass media. Attractive materials like the excellent Norwegian documentary film on bryophytes<sup>2</sup> should be presented in other countries as well.
3. Bryophytes should be duly treated in educational materials, as well as in school programmes at primary and high school level as well as in university text-books. Bryophytes should be more often proposed for standard microscopic preparations in laboratory courses.
4. Bryologists should write popular books on bryophytes and prepare attractive exhibitions. Particularly in tourist resorts the attention should be drawn to bryophytes, e.g., in description of nature trails.
5. Bryologists should exchange among themselves good informational and educational material.
6. Bryologists should present in a convincing way the goal of bryophyte conservation, including conservation of diversity, conservation of declining species and conservation of ecological processes. The presentations should be adapted to the traditional regional perception of bryophytes. The local population should be well informed about the scope of bryophyte conservation.
7. Bryologists should communicate the aesthetic value and the beauty of bryophytes.
8. Bryologists should contact politicians, administrators and managers about necessary measures to conserve bryophytes. They should try to influence legislation in order to include explicitly bryophytes.
9. Guidelines for collecting bryophytes should be produced along the lines of, e.g., the British Bryological Society Code of Conduct.
10. Bryologists, giving a good example, must not collect the very rare or strongly endangered species.
11. The momentum of success in bryophyte conservation must be maintained with the introduction of, e. g. monitoring programmes or establishment of 'Blue Lists' containing species from Red Lists to which conservation programmes could be successfully applied.

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<sup>1</sup> The conclusions presented at the closing session are reported by Solli & Weibull, 1994. *Bryol. Times* 80: 1-3.

<sup>2</sup> Produced by NRK (contact person: Tore Rosshaug, NRK, Otto Nielsens vei 2, N-7005 Trondheim, Norway) in July 1994 with the participation of Kjell-Ivar Flatberg and presented in the series called 'Min tur' (= my turn).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Working group: Juridical and Political Aspects**

Specialists: M. Pilch-Giering, P. Giering, G. Raeymaekers; Spokesman: R. Longton.

During the closing session the results of the work of this group were somewhat modified and afterwards adopted by the participants of the symposium in the form of eight resolutions. These are reported in the last chapter of this volume (see p. 193).