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Second "Annual Meeting on Plant Ecology and Evolution"

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The award recipients at AMPEE2; from left to right: André Fraiture, Kenny Helsen, Fabienne Van Rossum, Dries Vandenbroeck and Arthur Vanderweyen (photograph by Steven Dessein).

The second "Annual Meeting on Plant Ecology and Evolution" (AMPEE2) took place on **Friday 14 November 2014 in Louvain-la-Neuve**. The event is co-organized by the two publishers of our journal, the Royal Botanical Society of Belgium and the Botanic Garden Meise, and aims to promote networking and exchange of ideas between people active in research matching the scope of our journal. More than fifty participants were present at the second meeting.

The invited speakers were Vincent Merckx (Naturalis, the Netherlands; "Mycoheterotrophy: plants living on fungi"), Mathilde Dufay (Université de Lille 1, France; "Evolution of dioecy and gynodioecy in plants"), and Bernard Goffinet (University of Connecticut, USA; "Phylogenomics of early land plant evolution: lessons from mitochondrial genome analyses"). Other participants brought some fifteen further contributions (oral presentations or posters).

The programme and abstracts of the meeting, as well as for the previous one, are available on the website of the Royal Botanical Society of Belgium.

The prizes awarded by the Society or the Botanic Garden were announced. Kenny Helsen (Universiteit Leuven) received the Errera prize 2010–2012 (for outstanding research in genetics, ecology and evolution of all groups of plants) for his publications on habitat restoration in calcareous grasslands (Helsen et al. 2011, 2012, 2013). The Crépin prize 2010–2012 (for vegetation studies in Belgium or neighbouring countries) was awarded to Fabienne Van Rossum for her population studies of several species in decline in Belgium, *Centaurea jacea, Lychnis flos-cuculi, Primula vulgaris* and *P. elatior* and *Comarum palustre* (Van Rossum 2010, Van Geert et al. 2010, Van Rossum & Triest 2010, 2012, Van Rossum et al. 2011, Mayer et al. 2012).

The Van Rompaey Prize 2011–2012 for floristic research (on both cryptogams and phanerogams) in Belgium and adjacent countries was awarded ex aequo, respectively to a catalogue of the rust fungi of Belgium (Vanderweyen & Fraiture 2007, 2008, 2011) and associated publications (Fraiture 2011, Fraiture & Vanderweyen 2007, 2011, 2013, Vanderweyen 2001, 2002, 2003, 2010, 2012,Vanderweyen & Baugnée 2012, Vanderweyen & Geerinck 2006), and to an inventory of the lichens in the Brussels Capital Region (Van den Broeck 2012).

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