KEY TO CODES USED IN THE INVENTORY OF PLANTS AT THE ARBORETUM DE MARCHE

Evaluation: Evaluation from good to low interest in Belgium (**, *, ,o)

Num: ACCESSION NUMBER

This 5-digit figure is composed of two digits for the year of entry into the collection and 3 additional digits for individual plants. Such entries can originate through purchase or transplanting from own nursery. The plant may have been growing for several years already (as seedling, cutting, etc.) in the various nurseries. Plants will only receive an accession number when they definitely enter the collection.

Name: THE PLANT'S BOTANICAL NAME

This field contains the name for genus, species, subspecies, variety, form and cultivar, in that order. For practical reasons, it was decided to avoid splitting the denomination over several computer fields. The result is that one has a condensed listing with all relevant information in one computer field. Nomenclature has been very much simplified. Abbreviations have therefore been necessary, mostly for the named cultivars. For plants of wild origin provenance data are included and take following form: collector and number, location, country, altitude.

Loc: LOCATION

This 3-digit code relates to the overall plan of "Arboretum de Marche".

The numbering of the locations is by natural boundaries.

Plot 615 is not accessible to the public.

D: DATE OF PLANTATION

These 2 digits indicate the year of plantation in the stated location ("Loc"). If plants are moved within the collection after their introduction, this date will be changed accordingly.

Src: SOURCE OF PLANT

This 3-digit code relates to the appendix of sources.

"WLD" stands for plants collected in the wild, directly or indirectly, location of collection will be found under DATA.

S: STATUS

This field has been expanded to describe the growth condition of living plants:

- "0" The plant is dead: see under data for reason, date, etc. It could have been moved to another collection or given away (dead plants are not included in this Catalogue)
- "1" The plant is in poor condition at the time of inventory. This may be eventually corrected in later inventories if the plant's condition improves.
- "2" Damaged, cut back (storms, diseases, frosts, etc...).
- "3" Lack of vigour, poorly adapted, die back.
- "4" Normal growth.
- "6" Is used for synonyms.

H: HARDINESS RATING

- A: hardy
- B: leaf damage
- C: branch damage
- D: cut to the ground, recovering since
- E: killed outright

V: VERIFICATION OF TAXONOMY

- T: typical
- V: verified
- C: close to the type (minor deviations)
- H: hybrid of the type (50 % deviation)
- K: hybrid of known parentage
- ?: requires further determination
- X: error to be determined and changed

DATA: One may find further hardiness refinements:

- A+: leaf and flower bud hardy
- A-: flower-buds frozen
- B+: light leaf damage (to evergreen plants)
- B-: heavy leaf damage, total defoliation
- C+: light wood damage
- C-: major branches die back