CURRICULUM vitae of PETER DE CONINCK

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Goals : Achieving a better understanding of the plant Kingdom and its relations with and benefits for people, including clients and visitors of the nursery, my family and friends.

Experience :

September 1991-ongoing Nursery Aquabotanica at Veurne, Belgium

Owner of nursery specialising into seaside plants, plants for difficult situations, plants suitable for flower arranging. General management of small family run business with 2 employees (www.aquabotanica.be)

Installed demonstration garden, cutting garden. Recent acquisition of grounds to install small arboretum, consisting of rare and new trees and shrubs more or less tolerant of salinity.

1989-1991 Janssen Pharmaceutica, Plant Protection Division, Wood Preservation Department Beerse, Belgium Assistant Manager, preparing files of wood preservatives based upon fungicidal active ingredients propiconazole and azaconazole in different countries worldwide.

1986-1989 Ciba Geigy Plant Protection Belgium Asse, Belgium Chief Technical Division. Preparing files of plant protection products for Belgian Health Administration. Giving lectures on our products to farmers and clients. Assessing our products with Federal ministry of Agriculture. Organising field trips in our and other experimental farms.

1985-1986 Belgische Boerenbond (Belgian Farmers Association) Leuven, Belgium Supervisor. Organisation of local farmers guilds. Giving lectures. Organising different meetings. Secretary of vegetable and hop growers association.

1984 -1985 Ministry of Agriculture, Milk Quota Division Brussels, Belgium Agricultural engineer, treating files of farmers where diary stock was struck by diseases during reference year 1980.

1983- 1984 Military service at the Royal Military School Brussels, Belgium

Education : 1978-1983 Catholic University of Louvain Agricultural engineer Hydrology and Forestry

Leuven, Belgium

Intrests :

Botany, plant identification, plant diseases. Reading scientific literature. Cycling. Travelling. Collecting plants.

Tips : Born 18/08/1960 in Roeselare, Belgium. Happily married to Els Van Cauteren since 1983, 2 Sons (Bert 25, Jonas 23). Member of Belgian Dendrology Association. Winner Award Agrafiek 2009 (horticultural innovation) Nominated Garden Centre Awards 2012 – BGCA Horticultural writer and publicist, guide on garden tours and trips. Lecturer at Syntra West, Volkstuin and other gardening associations.

