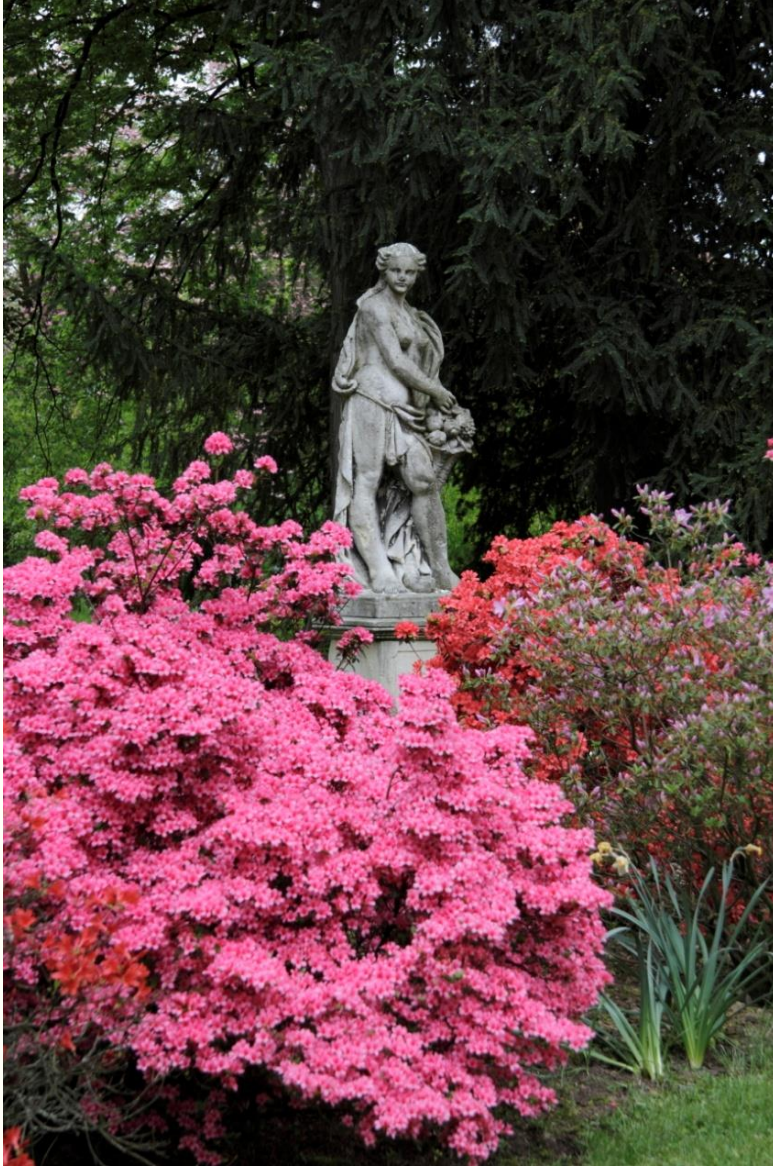




## *Dissemination, education, and research in horticultural practices*

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## Goals:

- 1 - professional training of young people in outdoor plant, pot flower, fruit and vegetable growing as well as gardening;
- 2 - research in the flower, fruit and vegetable growing field as well as nursery crops;
- 3 - dissemination of the results of the research, by means of technical meetings and publications;
- 4 - services and collaboration with foreign Countries.

## Minoprio Foundation

### Training centre:

- Professional school and post-degree courses
- Introduction to job in agriculture
- Students services

### MiRT Centre

- Research, consultancy and advisory service
- Support for the Lombardy Region activities
- Plant health research
- Environmental studies

### Experimental Farm



# Training Centre



## Training centre

- ✓ Professional courses
- ✓ Technical Institute for Agriculture and Environment
- ✓ Post-degree Specialisation in ornamental plant growth
- ✓ Post-University Degree courses on Landscape and Garden Design, with the Polytechnic of Milan;
- ✓ Careers guidance in collaboration with the local employment centres
- ✓ International activities to encourage the professional training in horticulture at European level



## MiRT Centre

Research on:

- ✓ Floriculture and Nursery Crops
- ✓ Fruit growing
- ✓ Phytopathology

Support to Lombardy Region:

- ✓ Training courses for farmers
- ✓ Plant health laboratory
- ✓ Twinning projects with Eastern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

Environmental studies

Advisory service

Technical meetings and scientific symposiums

# Floriculture and Nursery Crops Research

- Environmentally friendly techniques for ornamental crops



# Urban landscape

- Production and management methods to improve the quality of ornamental plants





# Native plants from Lombardy flora

- Reproduction of native plants for conservation and reintroduction into the environment



# Green Roofs in Mediterranean areas

- Life project in partnership with the University of Malta “Constructing two demonstration green roofs to illustrate the potential of meeting environment and energy targets”



# Entomologic Research

- Biology and control of exotic insects
- Support activity to the Regional Plant Health Service



# Fruit growing research

- Studies about new apple's varieties
- Variety evaluation of small fruits



# Environmental studies

- Botanical studies
- Environmental retraining and compensation
- Advisory services about monumental trees
- Pollen monitoring (for allergy warning)



## Dissemination of research results

- Consultancy about fruit-vegetable-ornamentals growing
- Scientific and technical articles
- Symposiums, Meetings, Seminars
- Books, leaflets, CD-rom
- Website, newsletter, Minoprio@Informa e-journal

## AREAS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN FONDAZIONE MINOPRIO AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- Twinning programs for Institutional Building (in collaboration with Lombardy regional administration and other Italian institutions)
- Partnership on research activities between Fondazione Minoprio and Italian Universities and foreign Universities and local research centers in agriculture
- Support for the establishment of a phytopathology and a ground/water analysis laboratory
- Training of technicians on vegetables, fruit and ornamentals growing in partnership with NGOs
- Missions of experts in development projects (Lebanon, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo)



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