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Director
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Dear Director,

The grass *Festuca alpina* var. *dyris* recently raised to specific rank is named in honor of Dyris, collector of the original material.

In order to complete the entry for *dyris* in my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" I need a few biographical details of the collector. In particular, I would like his/her full name, year of birth and that of death, usual occupation and nationality.

If you are able to assist with any of these data I would be most grateful. For your information a page of the Dictionary is enclosed.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Professor of Botany

P.S. I read but do not write French.