Supervisor's evaluation of PhD thesis by Jan Horník: Changes of the vegetation of wet meadows depending on management

Jan (alias Pinos) came in 2004 with idea to do landscape scale experiment on management of wet meadows in Zelezne Hory Mts. Together with him and Stepan Janecek we prepared project which was finally granted by Czech Science Foundation for five years (2005-2009). The grant enabled us to build up the experiment on 22 meadows and to map vegetation in surrounding landscape. The experiment still last and collected data are very good base for lot of practical and theoretical studies. I hope I was a good supervisor and have taught Jan something from scientific work, this I consider important as he is not heading for scientific career but is devoted to practical nature conservation. From my side, I am sure that thanks to Jan I have learned lot of wet meadow species and visited lot of nice wet meadows and also learned something about practical conservation problematics. Although the PhD study have taken more time than necessary and only final deadline persuaded Jan really finish, I am satisfied with the output and left its final evaluation on referees.

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