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new general models for vegetation analysis and for ecological succession should be elaborated. Besides several aspects of diversity and structural - functional relationships and population dynamics are worth while study-

Indeed, this all would imply a new organisation of vegetation ecologists. I hope the Nijmegen Symposium will contribute to this new development.

MI indicated already multivariate methods will remain important for the period to come. Unlike some colleagues who are satisfied with the present state of the art and now wish to achieve results of large scale data treatments I believe that we have not reached that stage. To mention one example: we do have a rather complete series of

comparisons of methods by M. A. Ayyad, S. Jensén, V. Komárková, J. Lepart, M. P. Austin, P. van Hecke, I. Impens and R. S. Clymo. The contribution by Ayyad and the inserted lecture by Feoli will be published in the next issues of *Vegetatio*. Otherwise we have a second volume of *incomplete* *Proceedings of the Symposium*. There are also presentations which do not fit in the Symposium itself. By excluding them from the proper proceedings the proceedings more homogeneous and by publishing them in the same way as the *Journal of the contributors*.)

Poster demonstrations were given by most of the speakers mentioned above and in this way we would compensate for the short lecture time (15-20 min.) most of them got.