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Stellingen

behorende bij het proefschrift *Sex Ratio and Sex Determination in Urtica Dioica*
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1. Dioecious plant species have been neglected in studies on variation in progeny sex ratio (Chapter 2).
2. The impact of sex-differential survival and growth is usually overrated when explaining biased sex ratios among flowering plants (Chapter 3).
3. Biased sex ratios in *Urtica dioica* are not due to environmental sex determination (Chapter 4).
4. Sex determination in dioecious plant species is complex (Chapter 5, 6 and 7).
5. In dioecious species genetic conflict plays an important role in generating sex ratio variation.
6. Strictly dioecious plant species do not exist.
7. The fact that 35% of Europeans agree to the statement 'ordinary tomatoes do not contain genes while genetically modified plants do' and 30% 'do not know' shows that the public understanding of basic biotechnology issues is poor (Eurobarometer 2000: The Europeans and biotechnology).
8. The character of the mother plays a significant role in human sex ratios, additional to chromosomal sex determination.
9. In Stresssituationen neigen Menschen oftmals dazu unlogische Argumente zu gebrauchen.
10. Wir haben alle zwei Leben, eines was wir träumen und eines was wir leben und in dem wir sterben.
11. Für viele Schüler ist die Schulzeit nicht die Vorbereitung auf den ‚Ernst des Lebens‘, sondern der Ernst des Lebens selbst.
12. Wissenschaft ist nicht nur eine Frage der Nützlichkeit, sondern auch eine des Fortschritts.