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Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology

Announcement

Herewith we would like to announce that the 35th meeting of the Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology will take place in Ohrid (Republic of Macedonia) from 3. – 6. July 2013, organised by the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Institute of Biology, Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Venue

The venue will take place in Ohrid that lies on the eastern shore of Lake Ohrid. The city is rich in picturesque houses and monuments and it is called Balkan Jerusalem. It lies below the Galičica mountain range and not far from Pelister mountain where two national parks are situated. Ohrid and Lake Ohrid were accepted among cultural and natural world heritage sites by Unesco.

Preliminary program:

2. 7 Arrival of participants for pre-symposium excursion
3. 7. Pre-symposium excursion, welcome party
4. 7. Oral presentations, poster presentations, general assembly
5. 7. Excursion to the National Park Pelister
6. 7. Excursion to the National Park Galičica, farewell diner
7. 7. Departure

Oral and poster presentation

Participants are invited to present the results of their investigation in a form of oral presentations and/or posters.

Excursions

Excursions are designed to show the most prominent part of the region, as vegetation around the lake, forest and non-forest vegetation on silicate and limestone bedrock. As this area is in the contact of mediterranean and continental climates and there were glacial refugia, we can find in the region the biodiversity hotspots that offer us to see many interesting plants and habitats. Due to relatively high altitude (Ohrid cca 700 m), this period of the year is optimal for a study of flora and vegetation.

Pre-symposium excursion: water and shoreline vegetation of the Lake of Ohrid. The vegetation will be studied below St. Naum church (one of the oldest churches in the region), near to the source of Crni Drim. In the afternoon a visit of the town of Ohrid is foreseen.

During the excursion to the Pelister national park the participants will get acquainted with the endemic *Pinus peuce* forests, as well as forest edges, forest clearings and tall-herb vegetation along streams. In the late afternoon visits of an ancient town of Heraclea and Bitola are foreseen.

The excursion to the limestone massive of Galičica will deal with montane beech forests and high-altitude dry grasslands. The Galičica massive is a part of Galičica national park and harbours many endemic species.

About the society

Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society established in 1960 (first president was Braun-Blanquet) with an aim to stimulate the cross-border cooperation for studies of vegetation in the region. Membership is not limited to this region. There are members from different countries from Germany to Turkey. The society has been working continuously for 50 years and organises symposia every second year. The society brings together the researchers, initiates the co-operation and supports common work on the projects. The participation to the symposium is not limited only to the members of the society, but is widely opened to the scientific public interested in flora and vegetation of the region and beyond. (homepage: <http://www.odin.sbg.ac.at/>)

We are looking forward to meet you in Ohrid!

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Organising committee

PS. More information about the symposium and other details (way of registration, inscription fee) will be delivered in the autumn months.