

XI OPTIMA Meeting

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XI OPTIMA Meeting

Beograd 5-11 September 2004

Second Circular

TIME AND PLACE

- ✿ The XI OPTIMA Meeting will be held on September 5-11, 2004 in Belgrade (Serbia and Montenegro).
- ✿ Meetings of Commissions, Executive Council and International Board will be held before the official beginning of the Meeting, on September 3, 4 and 5, at Natural History Museum in Belgrade (Njegoševa 51).
- ✿ The scientific activities of the XI OPTIMA Meeting will be located in the building of ZADUŽBINA ILIJE M. KOLARCA (Studentski Trg 5), in the very centre of the city.
- ✿ The Opening Ceremony of XI OPTIMA Meeting, followed by the Welcome Reception, will take place on 5 September at 7 pm, at Zadužbina Ilije M. Kolarca (Studentski Trg 5).
- ✿ The Closing Ceremony of the XI OPTIMA Meeting will occur on 11 September at 5 pm at Zadužbina Ilije M. Kolarca (Studentski Trg 5).

BELGRADE

One of the oldest cities of Europe, with continuous human settlement for 7000 years. In the old times, numerous tribes and ethnic groups passed through this area, lingering on for a shorter or longer period of time, continually destroying, renewing and rebuilding the settlement. The soil upon which the present-day Belgrade is built hides a treasury of archaeological remains that bear witness to the history of the area. The last to come and stay were tribes of Slavs who, in the 7th Century, built a new city with the Slavic name Beograd on the remains of the Celtic Singidunum and Roman Alba Graeca. Belgrade first became the capital of the Serbian state in 1404. During the four centuries that followed it passed through stormy events and had changing rulers, official faith, appearances and ways of life. Belgrade again became the capital city of the Serbian state in 1841 and it continues as such today. During the past two centuries, Belgrade changed from a Middle Eastern provincial town to a European metropolis. The national, cultural and religious diversity and historic past, its position at the confluence of the rivers Sava and Danube, as well as the Kalemegdan fortress overlooking it, give Belgrade a specific charm and attractiveness.

Belgrade is situated at the natural boundary of the Pannonian Plain with Šumadija, an area that belongs to the Balkan region. To the north from the rivers Sava and Danube, Belgrade spreads into the spacious plain, while to the south it climbs numerous hillsides and mountain slopes.

Belgrade's climate is temperate-continental, but with a significant influence of Atlantic and somewhat weaker of Mediterranean climate. September in Belgrade is generally pleasant, warm and with little rain. The days are mostly sunny, with temperatures varying between 16 and 25°C, while the evenings and nights are pleasantly cool.

ARRIVAL

You can arrive in Belgrade by plane, train, bus or car.

The air traffic connects Belgrade to most world cities. Many air traffic companies have daily flights to Surčin airport, about 20 km from Belgrade.

Several international trains arrive daily at the Main Train Station (Glavna Železnička Stanica), which is situated in the city centre, next to the Belgrade Bus Station also running national and international lines.

For those travelling by car, Belgrade is accessible by highway, from the north via Subotica, from the south and east via Niš, and from the west via Ljubljana and Zagreb.

VISAS

In order to enter the country Serbia and Montenegro, participants from European countries (except Albania) as well as Israel, Tunisia and the USA do not need a visa, but they must have a passport valid for 6 more months.

The participants coming from Albania, Morocco, Egypt, Algeria, Mauritania, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia and Iran must obtain a visa beforehand.

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Dinar; at present rates one Euro is equivalent to 68 Dinars. Euros are not generally accepted. Banks for exchange are open Monday through Friday 9 am to 7 pm (Saturday to 2 pm). Exchange can also be effected at the airport, hotel counters and exchange offices.

Payments are normally expected in cash. Credit cards (Visa, Diners, MasterCard) are accepted in most shops and restaurants, hotels (including those in which participants will be staying), and by car rental companies (Avis, Hertz).

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Public transport: buses, trolleybus, trolley car.

Taxis are available all over the city. A ride within the city will cost about 150-250 dinars, one from the airport to the city centre about 700 dinars. At the airport it is recommended to make the order at the taxi service desk.

The city map can be found on: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/europe/beograd_1999.jpg

ACCOMMODATION

Participants and the accompanying persons will be accommodated in several hotels in downtown Belgrade, about 15-30 minutes on foot from the venue of the XI OPTIMA Meeting.

The official agency that will take care of accommodation of participants is ZEPTER PASSPORT in Belgrade. ZEPTER PASSPORT managed to secure special, low rates in all hotels for participants of the XI OPTIMA Meeting.

Single and double rooms are available, but the number of single-bed rooms is limited in all hotels. Reservations will be made on a first come first served basis. It is therefore recommended that you register early.

Hotel METROPOL (Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69), which holds the greatest number of rooms and offers the best prices, will accommodate most participants.

✳ You can book your accommodation by filling in the HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM (given separately) and faxing or sending it to ZEPTER PASSPORT.

Deposit payment is compulsory and guarantees the reservation of accommodation. Deposit will be deducted from the hotel bill. Copy of the receipt for deposit payment should be sent to ZEPTEK PASSPORT together with the HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM.

Detailed information on hotels, reservation, payment and deadlines can be found on the attached HOTEL INFORMATION and HOTEL REGISTRATION forms.

REGISTRATION

Registration of the participants and accompanying persons will take the place at the ZADUŽBINA ILIJE M. KOLARCA building (Studentski Trg 5), from 10 am to 8 pm on 5 September 2004, and from 9 am to 3 pm on 6 September.

REGISTRATION FEE

No	Category	Payment in Euros		
		Regular by 31 may 2004	Late	On-Meeting
1	Regular OPTIMA Members	250	375	500
2	Associated members	320	480	640
3	Non-members	320	480	640
4	Accompanying persons	150	225	300
5	Students	120	180	240
5a	Farewell dinner: students, optional	30	30	30
6	Proceedings subscription, optional	75	75	75

REGISTRATION FEE COVERS

Full (1-3): book of abstracts, program, all printed meeting documents; welcome reception, farewell dinner, break refreshments, one-day excursion.

Accompanying persons: program, welcome reception, farewell dinner, break refreshments, one-day excursion.

Students: book of abstracts, program, welcome reception, break refreshments, one-day excursion. The farewell dinner will be available for additional booking.

Regular registration rates apply to payments made prior to **31 May 2004**. After that date, **late registration rates** will apply.

PAYMENT

The registration fee, as well as Proceedings subscription and student's Farewell dinner (optional) should be paid in Euros to account of Natural History Museum in Belgrade.

In the reason country Serbia and Montenegro has not yet received the full position in the international money transfer, the payment will be possible on two ways:

✿ **to Natural History Museum account** (instructions below and in inside back cover of this announcement).

As soon as the fee has been paid, please fax or send the copy of bank receipt, bearing your name and notify the Natural History Museum in Belgrade to (optional): fax 381 11 3442265; optima2004@beotel.yu (scanned); Olja Vasić, Natural History Museum, Njegoševa 51, 11000 Beograd, Serbia and Montenegro.

PAYING INSTRUCTIONS (please give to the staff in your bank):

INTERMEDIARY	DEUTSCHE BANK AG FRANKFURT/M, FR GERMANY SWIFT CODE: DEUTDEFF BLZ 500 700 10
ACCOUNT WITH:	/ 935966200 – EUR KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD BEOGRAD SV. SAVE 14 11000 BELGRADE, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO SWIFT CODE: KOBBCSBG BLZ 99900158
BENEFICIARY:	Acc. no. 54010000-07010010 Name: NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM IN BELGRADE Address: 11000 BEOGRAD, NJEGOSEVA 51 SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

✿ **by check** (amount+10 euros; recipient: Natural History Museum in Belgrade - XI OPTIMA Meeting) **sent to the address:**

Olja Vasić
Natural History Museum
Njegoševa 51, 11000 Beograd, Serbia and Montenegro

Students must, in addition, send a certificate of student status from their relevant institution of higher education in order benefit of the reduced participation fees

CANCELLATION of the participation **before 30 June 2004** will entitle to full refund.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Includes 12 Symposia with invited speakers, as well as two Poster sessions with presentations that may or not may be correlated to the Symposium topics.

✿ Printing of abstracts for the posters as well as their presentation at the meeting in the Poster Sessions will be possible only when Registration fees have been paid.

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of invited oral communications and poster presentations will be printed in the XI OPTIMA Meeting Abstracts Book. The book will be made available to all participants at the beginning of the meeting.

✿ The abstracts should be sent in electronic form as an attachment to the address: optima2004@beotel.yu and received not later than **15 July 2004**.

ABSTRACT:

- ✿ Language: English or French
- ✿ Program: Microsoft Word
- ✿ First paragraph: title (no more than 120 characters)
- ✿ Second paragraph: name(s) of the author(s)
- ✿ Third paragraph: name of the institution, place, and country
- ✿ Fourth paragraph: text (no more then 1500 characters)

POSTER PRESENTATION

All participants except those giving a lecture have the right to present one poster. Authors of the posters are kindly requested to fill the FINAL REGISTRATION FORM.

POSTER

Size: width no more than 80 *cm*, height no more than 120 *cm*

Mounting: previous day (3-7 pm), and morning of Poster Sessions day

Space allocation: a list assigning poster positions will be available in the Hall

Equipment for mounting will be available on the spot

Dismounting: immediately after the end of the Poster Session

PROCEEDINGS BOOK

The papers corresponding to the lectures and poster presentations at the XI OPTIMA Meeting can be submitted for publication in BOCCONEA. Their length must not as a rule exceed 12 printed pages (lectures) or 6 printed pages (posters), including illustrations and tables. Acceptance is conditional upon positive peer reviewing.

✿ The authors who intend to see their papers printed must bring to Belgrade a completely prepared text, both as hard copy and on electronic support, and hand it in at the Registration desk by the end of the meeting. They are urgently requested to conform with the Instructions to authors published on the cover inside of recent issues of BOCCONEA (or: <http://www.unipa.it/herbmed/pubblica.htm>)

✿ The participants to the meeting can buy the proceedings volume at a special subscription rate of 75 Euros, to be paid either together with the registration fee or at the Registration desk in Belgrade (later on, the price will be at least 100 Euros).

ADDITIONAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- ✿ Sunday, 5 September - Welcome reception
- ✿ Tuesday, 7 September – Opening of the exhibition
- ✿ Wednesday, 8 September – Congress excursion
- ✿ Thursday, 9 September - Reception
- ✿ Friday, 10 September- Farewell Diner

POST-CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

Tara Mountain, 12-16 Sept. 2004

Djerdapska Klisura (Iron Gate) gorge, 12-16 Sept.2004

✿ Detailed information on excursions is presented on: www.optima2004.org

FINAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Friday/Vendredi 03/09

Commission meetings (restricted)

Réunions des commissions (sur invitation)

16:00 Publications Commission

16:30 Commission on Fungi

18:00 Herbarium Mediterraneum Commission

18:30 Commission for the Diffusion of Knowledge on Mediterranean Plants

Saturday/Samedi 04/09

Commission meetings (restricted)

Réunions des commissions (sur invitation)

10:00 Lichen Commission

10:30 Commission for the Mapping of Orchids in the Mediterranean Area

12:00 Commission for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Resources

12:30 Web Commission

16:00 Commission for Karyosystematics and Molecular Systematics

16:30 Commission for Floristic Investigation

Sunday/Dimanche 05/09

10:00-20:00 **Registration of the participants**
Inscription des participants

Morning/Matin

9:00 **Executive Council Meeting (restricted)**
Réunion du Conseil exécutif (sur invitation)

10:00 **International Board Meeting**
Réunion du Comité international

Afternoon/Après-midi

19:00 **Opening ceremony, Welcome Reception**
Cérémonie d'ouverture, réception de bienvenue

Monday/Lundi 06/09

Morning/Matin: Symposium 1

Botany in Serbia and Montenegro ☉ La Botanique en Serbie et au Monténégro

Organizer/Organisateur: **O. Vasić**

- F. Rexhepi & E. Krasniqi: On some endemic species in the serpentine areas of Kosovo
- N. Diklić, O. Vasić & M. Niketić: The limestone flora and vegetation in E Serbia
- P. Boža, A. Knežević, O. Vasić & G. Anačkov: Mediterranean species in the flora of Vojvodina
- M. Sabovljević: Bryology in Serbia and Montenegro
- P. Marin: Chemotaxonomic investigation of vascular plants in Serbia

Afternoon/Après-midi: Symposium 2

Euro-Mediterranean Plant Databases ☉ Les bases de données des plantes euroméditerranéennes

Organizer/Organisateur: **B. Valdés**

- W. Berendsohn: Integrating plant information - a taxonomic challenge
- S. Jury: Plans to continue developing the Euro+Med PlantBase plant information system for Europe and the Mediterranean
- X. Font: Intraherb/Interherb – un réseau coopératif d'informatisation et publication en ligne de données botaniques
- N. Jogan & M. Kotarac: The Flora of Slovenia database
- W. Greuter: Editing databases: Sisyphus, Med-Checklist, and *Compositae*

Afternoon/Après-midi: Symposium 3

Medicinal and Aromatic Plants ☉ Les plantes médicinales et aromatiques

Organizer/Organisateur: **K. H. C. Başer**

- F. Ertuğ & I. Çalış: Indispensable partners - an overview on ethnobotanical and pharmacognostic research in Turkey
- R. Della Loggia: Traditional and modern uses of plants of the Mediterranean region for the benefit of humans and animals
- S. Cañigual: International monographs as the basis for the rational use of medicinal Mediterranean plants
- R. Jančić: Plant chemistry as a tool for studying Mediterranean medicinal and aromatic plants
- S. Kokkini: Aromatic plants in protected areas of Greece (Natura 2000)

Additional program ☉ Hors programme

Organizer/Organisateur: **W. Greuter**

- C. Eichberger: The trees and shrubs on classical Greek vases

Tuesday/Mardi 07/09

Morning/Matin: Symposium 4

Plant taxonomic studies in the southern Balkan countries ☼ Les études taxonomiques des plantes dans les pays du sud balkanique

Organizers/Organisateurs: **G. Kamari & M. Ančev**

- K. Marhold, M. Perny & J. Lihova: A new taxonomic treatment of some *Cardamine* taxa in the Balkan Peninsula
- A. Petrova & V. Vladimirov: Recent taxonomic studies on the Bulgarian flora
- V. Vladimirov: Taxonomy of *Hieracium* in the Bulgarian flora
- M. Rakaj & L. Kashta: Taxonomic problems in the flora of Prokletije Mountains (Bjeshket e Namuna) with emphasis on some endemic species
- P. Bareka & G. Kamari: A biosystematic study of the genus *Bellevalia* in Greece
- E. Hanlidou, R. Karousou & S. Kokkini: Chemotaxonomy of *Satureja* s. l. in the Balkan Peninsula

Morning/Matin: Symposium 5

Botanical Networks in the Mediterranean area: collection data, georeferenced information and interactive identification tools ☼ Les réseaux botaniques dans la zone méditerranéenne: rassemblement des données, information géoréférencée et outils d'identification interactive

Organizers/Organisateurs: **M. Fennane & P. L. Nimis**

- W. Berendsohn: Databasing biological collections
- M. Grube: Scientific data on the Internet: persistence and quality
- S. Martellos: Interactive keys for the identification of plants. An example: Flora of the Trieste Karst on-line
- C. Del Prete & D. Dallai: The Italian Network for Botanic Gardens: activities, proposals and perspectives for a Mediterranean strategy in plant science and conservation
- J. El Oualidi & M. Fennane: Les bases de données et les réseaux botaniques au sud de la Méditerranée: défis et perspectives

Afternoon/Après-midi

Poster session 1 ☼ Session de poster 1

Organizer/Organisateur: **V. H. Heywood**

Wednesday/Mercredi 08/09

Congress excursion ☼ Excursion

Thursday/Jedi 09/09

Morning/Matin: Symposium 6

Landscape ecology of the Mediterranean ☉ L'écologie du paysage en Méditerranée

Organizer/Organisateur: **U. Plitmann**

- V. H. Heywood: Conservation of plant landscapes in the Mediterranean
- A. Escudero, R. G. Gavilán & J. M. Iriondo: A concise scheme of the vegetation landscape of the Iberian Peninsula
- D. Djordjević-Milutinović: Development of palaeovegetation in the Balkan Peninsula in last seven million years
- O. Vasić & G. Kamari: The Mediterranean landscapes of the Balkan Peninsula
- H. Duman & T. Ekim: The vegetation of Mediterranean Turkey
- A. Danin: Ecological landscapes of Israel and Jordan

Morning/Matin: Symposium 7

Pollen dispersal in the Mediterranean plants ☉ La dispersion du pollen chez les plantes méditerranéennes

Organizers/Organisateurs: **E. Pacini & A. Dafni**

- G. Aronne & E. Pacini: Anemophily in the Mediterranean environment: some case histories
- C. Blanchè: Conservation issues arising from research on pollination ecology
- M. Galloni, L. Podda & G. Cristofolini: Pollination strategies in entomophilous Mediterranean legumes
- I. Márquez, A. Rosselló-Graell & J. M. Iriondo: Pollination ecology and hybridization between *Narcissus serotinus* L. and *N. cavanillesii* A. Barra & G. López (*Amaryllidaceae*) in Portugal
- A. Dafni, R. Tsahor-Swartz & D. Eisikowitch: Pollination ecotypes in *Cyclamen persicum*

Afternoon/Après-midi: Symposium 8

Mediterranean Compositae ☉ Les Compositae méditerranéennes

Organizers/Organisateurs: **N. Kilian & C. Oberprieler**

- K. Tremetsberger: Comparative population structures of species of *Hypochaeris* (*Asteraceae*, *Cichorieae*) in the western Mediterranean region based on AFLP analysis
- M. Niketić: Review of current investigations in the *Hieracium gymnocephalum* group (*Compositae*)
- L. Robba: The systematics of *Cynara* L.: evidence from the nuclear ITS region
- R.-M. Lo Presti & Ch. Oberprieler: Phylogenetic relationships in *Anthemis* L. (*Compositae*, *Anthemideae*) based on nrDNA ITS sequence variation
- A. Susanna, B. Gemeinholzer & Ch. Oberprieler: The International Compositae Alliance: recent advances in Mediterranean tribes

Friday/Vendredi 10/09

Morning/Matin: Symposium 9

The influence of environmental factors on the diversity of fungi (including lichens) in the Mediterranean ☉ L'influence des facteurs environnementaux sur la diversité des champignons (y compris les lichens) en Méditerranée

Organizer/Organisateur: **S. Onofri**

- G. Zervakis & G. Venturella: The influence of environmental factors on the diversity of macrofungi in Mediterranean forests
- J. Mouchacca: Biodiversity of novel fungal taxa in the Maghreb Region in relation to climate (1940-2000)
- B. Ivančević: Review of the investigations, studies on diversity and prospects for the conservation of fungi in Serbia and Montenegro
- M. R. D. Seaward: The importance of lichen monitoring for environmental impact assessment, with particular reference to the Mediterranean flora
- P. Giordani & G. Incerti: The influence of climate on the distribution of lichens - a case study in a borderline area (Liguria, NW Italy)
- V. John: Lichenological studies in Turkey and their relevance to environmental interpretation
- S. Savić: Lichens in Serbia and Montenegro

Morning/Matin: Symposium 10

Edaphic Islands ☉ Les îlots édaphiques

Organizer/Organisateur: **Th. Constantinidis**

- A. Danin: Smooth faced rocks as mesophytic edaphic islands in deserts
- N. Özhatay & E. Özhatay: Important plant areas of Turkey with special reference to the geological substrate
- Th. Constantinidis: Serpentine areas in Greece: older and recent investigations
- A. Chiarucci: Ultramafic outcrops as edaphic islands: ecological and evolutionary drivers of species diversity
- M. J. del Arco Aguilar: Floristic and phytocenotic variations of zonal vegetation in the Canary Islands in relation to physical factors
- A. Escudero: The ecology of gypsum environments in semi-arid Spain

Afternoon/Après-midi

Poster session 2 ☉ Session de poster 2

Organizer/Organisateur: **D. Zohary**

Saturday/Samedi 11/09

Morning/Matin: Symposium 11

Spatial analysis in Mediterranean Botany ☼ **L'analyse spatiale en botanique méditerranéenne**

Organizer/Organisateur: **J. M. Iriondo**

- A. Guisan: Predicting species distribution: advances and perspectives
- T. Nikolić, A. Alegro & L. Novosel: Spatial analysis of the flora of Dalmatian Islands (Adriatic Sea, Croatia)
- M. Parra, D. Draper & J. M. Iriondo: GIS-based gap analysis for the conservation the wild relatives of crops
- D. Draper & J. M. Iriondo: Space and habitat requirements in threatened floras: How can we assess them?
- G. Bedini & F. Garbari: Mapping and demography of populations of endangered plants in the Natural Park of Alpi Apuane, NW Tuscany, Italy

Morning/Matin: Symposium 12

Botany in ex-Yugoslav countries ☼ **La botanique dans les pays ex-yougoslaves**

Organizer/Organisateur: **O. Vasić**

- De-Y. Hong: Peonies in Europe and Mediterranean region: taxonomy and biogeography
- T. Wraber: Nedeljko Košanin and his botanical research in Serbia and NE Albania
- N. Jogan: Plant diversity and phytogeography of Slovenia
- T. Nikolić: Current trends in Croatian botany
- S. Redžić: Botanical Science in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- V. Matevski: Botany in the FYR Macedonia

Afternoon/Après-midi

Closing ceremony
Cérémonie de clôture

Sunday/Dimanche 12/09

Departure of participants
Départ des participants

Start of post-congress excursions
Début des excursions après le Colloque

