

Evolution of Plants in Mountainous and Alpine Habitats

Sponsorship Prospectus



**Xth Symposium
of the International Organization
of Plant Biosystematists**

2 – 4 July, 2008 | Vysoké Tatry | Slovakia

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I. SYMPOSIUM GENERAL INFORMATION



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Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Organization of Plant Biosystematists (IOPB, www.iopb.org) was founded in 1960 to promote international cooperation in the field of plant biosystematics. Most research covers the range from population biology to the taxonomic levels of genus and family. Besides experimentation with the living plants to determine crossing relationships, character stability or plasticity, and the genetics of character differences, there is an emphasis on cytology for the investigation of ploidy and hybridization, the chemistry of secondary compounds and molecular marker systems from isoenzymes to comparative genomic sequencing. IOPB has become an interest group of the IAPT (International Association for Plant Taxonomy) since 2004.

IOPB organizes an international symposium usually every three years. Following a really successful symposium in Valencia in 2004 (www.jardibotanic.org/iopb.html) the next IOPB meeting in July 2008 will be held in the Vysoké Tatry Mts. in Slovakia. The meeting will be devoted to the Evolution of Plants in Mountainous and Alpine Habitats. We would like to cover a wide span of topics ranging from the traditional biosystematic studies to the application of the most advanced molecular techniques addressing evolutionary, phylogenetic, phylogeographic and related questions. The idea is to present the results of studies of the high mountain and alpine flora from different parts of the world.

After the symposium guided botanical excursions will be offered for the participants to visit interesting localities of the mountain and alpine flora in the Tatry National Park.

The 2008 symposium in the Vysoké Tatry Mts. is organised by the Institute of Botany of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak National Taxonomic Facility, and the Department of Botany, Charles University in Prague in cooperation with the IAPT and IOPB.

We invite you to take part at this meeting, which will be an excellent opportunity to approach a wide spectrum of participants from all over the world, among them botanists, population and evolutionary biologists, geneticists, ecologists. Currently, plant biosystematics and related fields

address various research questions, employing an array of methods from field experiments to bioinformatics and most advanced molecular biology techniques.

We are offering you the opportunity to actively participate at the IOPB symposium and support it financially. Besides attractive exhibition spaces, there are many other promotional opportunities.

We believe you will be interested in our offer. Do not hesitate to contact us with all your needs, we are ready to discuss your requests and answer your questions.

Please, accept our most cordial invitation and we are looking forward to working with you.

For further information and registration please visit the symposium web site at www.guarant.cz/iopb2008.



Gonzalo Nieto Feliner, IOPB President



Karol Marhold, IOPB President Elect

II. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The symposium will focus on current advances in the study of evolution of plants in mountainous and alpine habitats in various parts of the world. We will invite speakers on different topics, including mountain and alpine plant phylogeography, systematics and phylogeny of vascular plants in relation to mountain and alpine habitats, ecological factors influencing evolution at high altitudes, and conservation genetics of mountain and alpine endemic plants.

Speakers who tentatively agreed to have their talks include:

Christian Brochmann, Oslo, Norway

Elena Conti, Zürich, Switzerland

Joachim W. Kadereit, Mainz, Germany

Gonzalo Nieto Feliner, Madrid, Spain

Douglas E. Soltis, Gainesville, FL, USA

Tod F. Stuessy, Vienna, Austria

Pierre Taberlet, Grenoble, France

Andreas Tribsch, Salzburg, Austria

III. PROGRAMME AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Christian Brochmann, Oslo, Norway

Elena Conti, Zürich, Switzerland

Joachim W. Kadereit, Mainz, Germany

Karol Marhold, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

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Clive Stace, Leicester, U.K.

Jan Suda, Prague, Czech Republic

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Pierre Taberlet, Grenoble, France

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Lubomír Hrouda, Prague, Czech Republic

Judita Kochjarová, Blatnica, Slovak Republic

Judita Lihová, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Karol Marhold, Bratislava, Slovakia

Pavol Mártonfi, Košice, Slovak Republic

IV. SYMPOSIUM VENUE

HOTEL PATRIA****, STRBSKE PLESO

Exclusive hotel presents you with a rich mosaic of wonderful surprises. In these exceptional surroundings you will find comfort and invigoration, a great selection of gastronomic specialities and an amenable staff, constantly prepared to provide guests with any one of a wide range of hotel services.

The dominate building at Štrbské Pleso ("Strba Tarn" - 1355 metres above sea-level) is the PATRIA Hotel, named after the nearby peak Patria (in Latin: "fatherland"), 2203 metres high. The hotel is located close to the shore of the high-mountain tarn at the mouth of Mlynická Valley, sensitively incorporated into the Tatra landscape.

In hotel Patria it is possible to organise congresses, symposiums, business meetings, or family celebrations.

- congress hall - 300 seats
- hunter's saloon - 70 seats
- game room - 25 seats

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V. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be at the Patria Hotel, close to the session halls, poster area and refreshment stations.

Cost: 150 EUR/1 sqm
Minimum space: 4 sqm

The price includes only location of net surface. All rental of equipment such as booths, carpets, furniture, technical or electrical installations etc. has to be ordered and will be charged separately.

PARTNER 'S PACKAGES

GOLD PARTNER 3.000 EUR

- Acknowledgement in all pre-symposium and symposium publications
- One full page, 4-colour advertisement in the Final programme
- 8 sqm of the exhibition ground
- Banner with the logo in the main plenary room
- 2 full symposium registration
- Link to partner's homepage
- Congress bag insert

SILVER PARTNER 1.500 EUR

- Acknowledgement in all pre-symposium and symposium publications
- One full page, 4-colour advertisement in the Final programme
- 4 sqm of the exhibition ground
- 1 full symposium registration
- Link to partner's homepage
- Congress bag insert

BRONZE PARTNER 750 EUR

- Acknowledgement in all pre-symposium and symposium publications
- 1 full symposium registration
- Link to partner's homepage
- Congress bag insert

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee breaks

2.000 EUR/1xAM + 1xPM

Complimentary coffee/tea will be served daily to all delegates during official coffee breaks. The serving points will be within the exhibition area. The partner's logo will be displayed at each serving point.

Welcome reception

3.000 EUR

An evening get-together reception will be held at the Top Hotel on April 24, 2008. The partner's logo will be placed at a visible position.

Congress bags

1.100 EUR

A congress bag with printed materials will be distributed to all delegates upon registration. The bag will contain the Final programme, the book of abstracts and other materials. The IOPB 2008 symposium's logo will be printed on the bag with the partner's logo.

Badge lanyards

550 EUR

A badge lanyard will be produced with the partner's logo.

Link to company's homepage

500 EUR

Congress bag insert

300 EUR

VI. SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT

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