

11th INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

"EUROPEAN VEGETATION SURVEY"

ROMA (Italy), September 6-9, 2002

In the tradition of the European Vegetation Survey we always met in spring; indeed, as it was decided in the last Assembly, the 2002 Workshop is postponed to September, to avoid the coincidence with the IAVS congress in Brazil. In consequence, the 11th Workshop of the IAVS Working Group for European Vegetation Survey will begin in Rome, at September 6 (Friday). The special theme of this workshop is Wetland Vegetation. Presentations and discussions will occupy Friday, Saturday and also Monday, closing in time for night trains and the last flights in the evening. The excursion will take place in the Central Apennines, in the territory of the National Park, basing in the beautiful village Civitella Alfedena (1121 m elevation). Transportation from Rome to Civitella and return will be organized. The present circular is only to give general information, a detailed program will be distributed with the second Circular in April-May 2002.

The National Park is in the centre of the Apennines and mountains (mainly calcareous) are ranging to 2500-2900 m altitude. The vegetation is rich in endemism and shows important contacts to the balkanic plant cover; at the beginning of September it is in a favourable condition for field investigations. There is also a rich fauna with wolf, chamois, eagle and the endemic brown bear.

Members interested in receiving the II Circular are asked to return the inscription form before the end of February, 2002.

With best regards

Sandro Pignatti

Sept 4 (Wednesday) Arrive

Programme (tentative)

Workshop Symposium
Sept. 5 (Thursday) – Arrival in Rome and inscription

Sept. 6 (Friday) - Meetings

Sept. 7 (Saturday) – Meetings; transport to Civitella

Sept 8 (Sunday) – Field trip

Sept 9 (Monday) – Final session, business meeting. Return to Rome

Accommodation

In Rome we will use the Casa Spiritualità, as in the previous years.

In Civitella the accommodation is in hotels or guest rooms of the National Park; the costs will be communicated with the second Circular.

Civitella Alfedena is a small mountain village. In a good map of Central Italy you will probably find Alfedena, which is in the vicinity, a town with a long history: it was an important centre of the Samnitic people, fighting against Romans in the IV century B.C. Indeed, Civitella Alfedena has another history: a picturesque mountain village with only 300 habitants; most houses were built in the XVII-XVIII centuries and have a particular local style. This village is at the entrance to the National Park, with hotels and restaurants. The Centre of Information of the Park will provide an adequate conference room. All streets are paved with the typical tiles of white limestone.

The National Park covers an extended area within limestone mountains: the Marsica. Traditionally it was considered a wild environment, with extended beech forests and frequent earthquakes. The population was rather poor and the only resources were timber and sheep pastures. The hard life in this region was described in the novel "Fontamara" by Ignazio Silone, a very popular author, born in Gioia dei Marsi (at the northern edge of the Park) and emigrated in the USA for political reasons in the 30ies.

Possibly some of the participants would like to remain in Civitella, after the Workshop: in this case we can organise the support of the local administration and of the Authority of the Park for a longer stay with excursions.

Some news on EVS activities

The work to improve and correct the text of the "Alliances" was completed after the last meeting. We are particularly indebted to Laco Mucina and Julian Dring for the careful editing. This material will be the object of two publications:

1) **The Diversity of European Vegetation** – This book will include the list of all classes, orders and alliances known for Europe (incl. Canary Islands) in syntaxonomical order. Every syntaxon has a diagnostic definition. Published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, the Netherlands, it is available since January 2002.

2) A general treatment of the same material (classes, orders and alliances) and of the corresponding EUNIS units with a "crosswalk" between both classifications will appear in the next months as a Braun-Blanquetia volume, edited in Camerino (I).

The long history of the interruption in the publication of **Annali di Botanica** came to a happy end: now Annali (**Annali di Botanica nuova serie**) are newly starting and will publish the delayed reports of the last meeting in a few months.

Inscription form

Name

Address (e-mail included)

Data of arrival and departure

Please, let us know if you are interested to participate, in order to reserve the rooms for accommodation in the Centro Spiritualità or you will do yourself a reservation in other hotels in Rome

Please, indicate if you are interested for a longer stay in the Apennines after the workshop.

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VEGETATION OF WETLANDS

Friday 6th September
Orto Botanico - Arancera

9.00 – Welcome and opening

9.15 – First session – Chairman: Pignatti S.

Rudner & Deil U. - Small scale pattern and ecology of Isoeto-Nanojuncetea-communities on the Iberian Peninsula

Molina A. - Diversity of the helophytic vegetation in Spain.

Molnar, Zs., Botta-Dukat, Z. & Horvath, F.: Mapping the wetland vegetation of Hungary

11.00 – Coffee – Exhibition pavilion

11.30 – Second session – Chairman: Rodwell J.

Hajek M. & Hajkova P. - Spring fen and wet meadow vegetation in the Western Carpathians.

Seliškar A., Babij V., & Vreš B. - Vegetation of Lemneta and Potametea classes in Slovenia

Šumberová K. - Vegetation of exposed pond bottoms in the Czech Republic

Lawesson J. E. - Some comments on Danish wetlands.

12.45 – Information about excursion - Savoia

13.00 – Light Lunch - Exhibition pavilion

14.00 – Third session – Chairman: Mucina L.

Brüelheide H. – The response of experimental floodplain meadows to groundwater regime, amount of precipitation and cutting date

Deil U. & Galán de Mera A. - Wetland vegetation in the South-West Mediterranean Area

Ewald J. - Do pine trees matter? Raised bog vegetation and its response to drainage and tree removal

Ingegnoli V. & E. – The aquatic vegetation of the Venice Lagoon, first results

Pignatti S. – Wet habitats in the global ecosystem

Saturday 7th September

9.00 – Fourth session – Chairman: Eilertsen O.

Schaminee J., Hennekens S. & Rodwell J. - Demonstration and discussion about SynBioSys Europe

Mucina L. - Descriptive Vegetation Science: Where do we stand? Where do we go?

Chytrý M. & Tichý L. - Diagnostic species of the vegetation syntaxa of the Czech Republic: a statistical analysis of the national phytosociological database

Borhidi A. & Molnár Zs. – National Vegetation Survey of Hungary

11.00 – Coffee - Exhibition pavilion

11.30 – Short communications – Posters - Exhibition pavilion

Valachovic M. - Brief advertisement of our book Plant Communities of Slovakia.

Moravec J.- Vol. 3 (Coniferous forests) and Vol. 4 (Riparian willow-poplar woods and swampy alder or willow carrs) of the Vegetation Survey of the Czech Republic in preparation for print

Carni A. - The differentiation of saum vegetation in SE Europe

Valachovic et al. - Monitoring of macrophytes and wetland vegetation in Slovakia.

Jarolimek I. - Syntaxonomy and Distribution of Convolvuletalia-communities in Slovakia

Samite D. - Oak forest communities in the Western Latvia

Bianco P.M., Cicuzza D., Serafini-Sauli A., Tescarollo P. & Testi A. – Relationship between soil temperatures and plant communities: first analyses in wet areas of Southern Latium (Foglino woodland)

Poli Marchese E. – The new vegetation map of the Etna volcano (1:50.000 scale)

Hájková, P. - First analyses of wet meadow vegetation data (Calthion) from Czech and Slovak Republics

13.00 – Light Lunch - Exhibition pavilion

14.00 - Collect luggage for departure

Excursion: 7th –9th September

Civitella Alfedena is a village in the Apennines in the Abruzzo National Park. The altitude is 1000 metres, so the weather is a little cooler and maybe wet. We recommend you include a pullover, a raincoat and strong shoes. On the way there will be one short walk and on Sunday a choice of more or less strenuous itineraries. Accommodation will be in three or four hotels with shared rooms and the costs for this should be paid direct to the hotel (approximately 20 euro per person per night). Costs for Sunday picnic and dinner (approximately 20 euro per person) should be paid on Friday. Transport costs are covered. We will organize the return from Civitella to accommodate departures on Monday.

7th September

15.00 – Departure for Civitella Alfedena

19.00 – Registration in hotels

20.15 – Rustic dinner offered by the Mayor of Civitella Alfedena

8th September – All day excursions with picnic lunch, return in the afternoon at 15.00.

17.00 – Theatre of Nature –

20.15 – Dinner at the restaurant „Transumante“

9th September – 9.00 – EVS Business meeting

Return to Rome