



58th Annual Symposium of the International Association for Vegetation Science

19–24 July 2015, Brno, Czech Republic

Pre-symposium excursion information

Dear participant,

Welcome to the IAVS pre-symposium excursions. This document contains some practical information.

Departure

All the excursions start in front of Hotel Voroněž I, Křížkovského 47, Brno (near Brno City centre), which is the IAVS Symposium venue, see <http://www.oreahotelvoronez.cz/en/>. Each excursion returns to the same place.

Departure times (in local time, i.e. UTC/GMT + 2 hours)

Four-day pre-symposium excursion “The vegetation diversity of South Moravia” (led by Milan Chytrý, Jiří Danihelka and Eva Hettenbergerová)

Thursday 16 July 2015 at 8:00 (return on 19 July between 17:00 and 19:00)

One-day pre-symposium excursion to the White Carpathians (led by Jan W. Jongepier, Ivana Jongepierová and Zuzana Plesková)

Saturday 18 July 2015 at 8:00 (return on the same day between 17:00 and 19:00)

One-day pre-symposium excursion to the Podyjí National Park (led by Zdeňka Lososová, Lubomír Tichý and David Zelený)

Sunday 19 July 2015 at 8:00 (return on the same day between 17:00 and 19:00)

In case of emergency or last-minute cancellation, please contact Ms. Zdeňka Šturalová (sturalova@ta-service.cz or +420 724 873 964).

Excursion routes

Excursion routes are described at the Symposium website:

Four-day pre-symposium excursion:

http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_four_day_pre_symposium_excursions.html

One-day excursion to the White Carpathians:

http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_mid_symposium_excursions.html – Excursion 9

One-day excursion to the Podyjí National Park:

http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_mid_symposium_excursions.html – Excursion 5

If you use Google Earth, you can download the locations of excursion sites as a KMZ file at:

<http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/IAVS-2015-Brno-Excursions-Google-Earth-File.kmz>

Weather

In the second half of July the daytime temperature at the visited sites is usually between 20 and 30 °C, but occasionally it can be lower than 15 °C or higher than 35 °C. Weather can be changeable with possible rain showers or thunderstorms.

Equipment

Bring hiking boots, raincoat, sun-protection cream and a sun hat for the excursions. Lunch boxes and water will be provided.

Accommodation

Accommodation during the four-day pre-symposium excursion will be provided in country hotels on 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 July: Hotel Happy Star in Hnanice near Znojmo (<http://www.hotelhappystar.com/>) and Hotel Strážnice in Strážnice (<http://hotelstraznice.cz/>). In most cases, double rooms will have to be shared due to limited hotel capacity. No accommodation is provided for the one-day excursions: participants are assumed to have booked a hotel in Brno.

Insurance

Excursion participants are strongly recommended to purchase travel insurance valid for the Czech Republic prior to the start of the trip.

Information sources

A guide to all pre- and mid-symposium excursions is available at <http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/Botanical-Excursions-in-Moravia.pdf>. General information about Czech flora and vegetation is contained in the papers that can be downloaded from http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_general_information.html. Online expert-checked photogalleries of plants occurring at individual sites of pre- and mid-symposium excursions can be accessed via the excursion websites, e.g. http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_mid_symposium_excursions.html.

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