



## 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](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](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](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](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](http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_mid_symposium_excursions.html).

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