



Natural History Museum Rijeka

Croatian Botanical Society



Botanical Society of Slovenia

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Dear colleagues,

The prominent international scientific gathering – **6<sup>th</sup> Balkan Botanical Congress** – will take place in **Rijeka** (Croatia), **September 14 – 18, 2015**. The Congress is organized by Natural History Museum Rijeka, Croatian Botanical Society, Botanical Society of Slovenia and University of Rijeka. Further information will be available soon.

Since ancient times Balkan Peninsula has been famous for its botanical treasures. Several plant hunters studied its floristic diversity already in pre-Linnaean times, but it took several centuries until the first monographs of Hayek (1924-1933) and Turrill (1929) estimated Balkans floristic richness to about 6500 taxa, a quarter being endemic. One of the first researchers of the western Balkan flora, Josif Pančić, was born in 1814 in Croatia, in the vicinity of city Rijeka (Ugrini near Bribir). Although his early life was connected with Croatia, his main floristic and biological work was focused to Serbia, but also to some other parts of the Peninsula. Today, Balkan Peninsula is in focus of intense botanical exploration. Since 1997 we have regularly gathered at Balkan Botanical Congresses: 1997 in Tessaaloniki, 2000 in Istanbul, 2003 in Sarajevo, 2006 in Sofia and 2009 in Belgrade. This year, the sixth Balkan Botanical Congress, dedicated to 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pančić's birth, will be held in Rijeka.

Looking forward to welcome you in Rijeka,

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# 6th Balkan Botanical Congress

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The aim of the meeting is to bring together all botanists involved in research of plant life of Balkan Peninsula with emphasis on the conservation of biodiversity of this extremely rich flora and vegetation. The purpose of the congress is also to provide an excellent opportunity to hear the latest results, to share research experience, and expertise and to develop new and closer contacts with colleagues from different countries. The program will include four lecture days (oral and poster presentations), social events, mid-congress excursions and post-congress field trips. The official language of the meeting will be English. We will inform participants about accommodation, registration fees and other details at the beginning of February 2015.

Topics covered by the Congress:

Plant systematics and floristics

Systematics

Floristics

Evolution and phylogeny

Plant structure and function

Biochemistry

Phytochemistry

Anatomy and morphology

Physiology

Plant biology

Palynology

From ecology to biogeography

Plant ecology

Vegetation science

Biodiversity

Biogeography

Plant conservation issues

Plant conservation

Nature protection

Invasive alien plants

Man and plants

Archaeobotany

Ethnobotany

History of botany

Botanical collections and botanical gardens

Teaching botany

NGOs and awareness raising

Other plants and »plants«

Algae

Bryophytes

Lichens

Fungi