

Thirty-ninth EADSVE Meeting will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 2021.



At the end of the 1950s vegetation scientists Erwin Aichinger from Austria, Sandro Pignatti from Italy and Maks Wraber from Slovenia met and decided to found a society to stimulate cross-border cooperation in studies of the botanically interesting area of the Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Region. In 1960, the first meeting was held in Klagenfurt. The Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology (EADSVE) was established in

1960 with the objective of fostering cross-border cooperation in studies of vegetation. The society organises meetings every second year. The meeting is open not only to members, but also to other researchers interested in the flora and vegetation of the region.

The society cultivates contacts between scientists of central and south-eastern Europe and it pays particular attention to encouraging young scientists to present themselves and their work with presentations and posters. Invitations for discussions and field trips were also organised as additional activities. To date, 38 meetings have been organised. In the last ten years they were in Pörschach, Austria (2009), Camerino, Italy (2011), Ohrid, North Macedonia (2013), Osijek, Croatia (2015), Prizren, Kosovo (2017) and Colfiorito, Italy (2019).

During the last EADSVE meeting in Colfiorito, and according to a proposal of Professors Nenad Jasprica and Željko Škvorc from the Croatian side, it was decided that the next meeting would be organised by the Croatian Botanical Society and the University of Dubrovnik in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from April 14th to April 17th, 2021.

Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic, is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and is an old city on the Adriatic Sea coast in the southernmost part of Croatia. Its population was 43,700 in 2015. Phytogeographically, it lies within the class *Quercetea ilicis* Br.-Bl. ex A. Bolòs et O. de Bolòs in A. Bolòs y Vayreda 1950.

The south Adriatic coast is a unique location in Croatia with wonderful opportunities to enjoy the natural world, including the world famous Dalmatian karst, as well as unique cultural opportunities, and many gastronomic and horticultural riches. A wonderful place to bring your family. In addition, April is the best time to visit Dubrovnik, and is the last month before peak season truly gets under way.

In 2021, the meeting of EADSVE will be held on the campus of the University of Dubrovnik. All scientists, including graduate and undergraduate students, are invited to present their research results at the meeting, either orally or as posters. Field trips will require advance registration. More detailed information is available at <http://www.eadsve.org/>.

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