

## 2nd Internat. Congress of Historical Botanical Gardens (Vienna, 29–31 Jul 24)

HBLFA für Gartenbau / College of Horticulture, Grünbergstraße 24, 1130 Wien, Jul 29–31, 2024

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Federal Gardens of Austria, Österreichische Bundesgärten

"Prevention of historical botanical gardens and their heritage from the major threats of our time"  
2nd International Congress of Historical Botanical Gardens.

Historical botanical gardens and historical plant collections embedded in a larger context are often a neglected topic. Especially in the field of garden history, landscape architecture, botany, history of science and even art history their importance cannot be overestimated. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in these fields of research. In 2021, the 1st International Congress of Historical Botanical Gardens was held in Lisbon.

The initial impulse to communicating the issues and importance of botanic gardens to a broader public, highlighting their history and importance, and building a common network will be continued at the 2nd International Congress of Historical Botanical Gardens. The second meeting will expand the focus to include conservation and preservation of plants and gardens. How can we protect historical botanical gardens and their heritage from the major threats of our time, such as lack of resources, climate change, war, and conflicts of all kinds? What can we learn from the often turbulent past?

The three organizing institutions (Austrian Federal Gardens, Natural History Museum, Botanical Garden of the University of Vienna) were founded by the Habsburg emperors for scientific and representative reasons. For more than 450 years, these institutions have collected, cultivated, studied and exhibited plants in Vienna. This long and continuous tradition makes Vienna one of the most important locations for current and historic plant research and conservation. Building on this tradition and moving forth together, we look forward to welcoming you to Vienna for the Second International Congress of Historical Botanical Gardens.

### PROGRAM

MONDAY 2024-07-29

09:00 – 10:00 Welcome addresses

Norbert Totschnig, Austrian Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

Dalila Espírito Santo, Portugal, Head of Organization of the 1st ICHBG 2021, University Lisbon

Tim Entwisle, Australia, International Association of Botanic Gardens (IABG) Gerd Koch, Austria, College of Horticulture and Austrian Federal Gardens Katrin Vohland, Austria, Natural History Museum, Vienna

Michael Kiehn, Austria, Botanical Garden, University of Vienna

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote:

Isabelle Glais: Botany, history and biodiversity: New horizons for the Jardin des Plantes de Paris (Jardin des Plantes, France)

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

Session I: The transition of historical botanical collections

10:50 – 11:10

A phoenix from the ashes – the transition of the Court Gardens to the Austrian Federal Gardens  
Claudia Gröschel (Austrian Federal Gardens, Austria)

11:10 – 11:30

Paleis Het Loo: From royal showcase towards a decolonized botanical garden  
Renske Ek (Palais Het Loo, Netherlands)

11:30 – 11:50

The role of curation in Botanic Gardens: platforms for environmental and social transition  
Kevin Frediani (Botanic Garden, University of Dundee, Scotland)

11:50 – 12:10

Art and art-projects at the historic Botanical Garden of the University of Vienna  
Barbara Knickmann (Botanical Garden, University of Vienna, Austria)

12:10 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 13:50

Restoration saga of the only Croatian public greenhouse  
Vanja Stamenkovic (Botanical Garden, University of Zagreb, Croatia)

13:50 – 13:55

The impact of climate change on the living collections of the Botanic Garden of the University of Pisa  
Marco D'Antraccoli (Botanic Garden, University of Pisa, Italy)

13:55 – 14:00

The Botanical Garden in Halle (Saale) through the ages  
Heike Tenzer (State Office for Heritage Management and Archaeology Saxony Anhalt, Germany)

14:00 – 14:20

Decolonizing the Dutch Botanical Gardens  
Sarina Veldman (Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam, Netherlands)

14:20 – 14:40

A Healing Place: The modern Botanic Garden as a reimagined Physic Garden

Tim Entwisle (International Association of Botanic Gardens, Australia)

16:00 – 18:00

Natural History Museum: visit of archive and collection of botanical illustrations, herbarium and rooftop

18:00 – 19:30

Natural History Museum: Poster session and cocktail reception

TUESDAY 2024-07-30

09:00 – 09:30 Keynote:

Franz Essl, Horticulture in the age of globalization, biological invasions, and climate change (University of Vienna, Austria)

Session II: Horticulture – Challenges in daily horticulture practice

09:30 – 09:50

The transfer towards working with the environment in a historical garden

Willem Zieleman (Palais Het Loo, Netherlands)

09:50 – 10:00

Theory and practice of recreating exotic plant collections in European historic gardens

Jacek Kuśmierski (Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów, Poland) and Katarzyna Hodor (Cracow University of Technology, Poland)

10:00 – 10:20

Charm and harm of the Indian lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) in a historic landscape garden

Vince Zsigmond (National Botanic Garden Vácrátót, Hungary)

10:20 – 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 – 11:10 Keynote:

Sanja Kovacic', Zagreb University Botanical Garden: 135 years of sharing botanical knowledge, high hopes and practical challenges (University of Zagreb, Croatia)

Session III: Science – Sharing of knowledge

11:10 – 11:30

Heritage skills in historic gardens: Conserving for the future

Kate Nicoll (gardenconservation.eu, Norway) and Christian Grüßen (European Garden Heritage Network, Germany)

11:30 – 11:50

Herbaria: Essays for a material and postnaturalist memory of botany and film

Paula Bertúa (Leuphania University, Germany)

11:50 – 12:10

A park with paths of knowledge in the 18th century – challenges and manifestations

Martina Sitt (University of Kassel, Germany)

12:10 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 13:50

Cultivation of sensitive plants at Belvedere Garden

Michael Knaack (Austrian Federal Gardens, Austria)

13:50 – 14:10

The Hungarian plant names in Carolus Clusius's works in the context of his botanical program

Áron Orbán (Tokaj University, Hungary)

14:10 – 14:30 Coffee break

14:45 – 16:00 Back-up collection at Schönbrunn Palace Garden

16:00 – 18:00 Palmhouse Schönbrunn

19:30 Conference dinner, Palmhouse Burggarten

WEDNESDAY 2024-07-31

09:00 – 09:30 Keynote:

Santiago Madriñán, The making of a historical botanical garden (University of Bogotá and Botanic Garden Cartagena, Colombia)

Session IV: Historical botanical gardens

09:30 – 09:50

The Puccini Garden in Tuscany: a celebratory landscape park and its 19th-century botanical cultivations

Costantino Ceccanti (Musei del Bargello, Florence, Italy)

09:50 – 10:10

Arboretum Trsteno of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the garden with the historically longest continuity on the territory of the Republic of Croatia Ivan Šimić (Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts) and Mara Marić (University of Dubrovnik, Croatia)

10:10 – 10:30

How Botanical Gardens helped to shape international trade law

Elena Falletti (Carlo Cattaneo University, Castellanza, Italy)

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 – 11:00

Luca Ghini and the origin of modern Botany: an Italian history of academic botanic gardens

Marco D'Antraccoli (Botanic Garden, University of Pisa, Italy)

11:00 – 11:20

Methods of visually experiencing lost historical Botanical Gardens

Dominik Lengyel (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany)

11:20 – 11:40

The historical Botanical Gardens in Algiers, Kiev and Tunis and their cooperation projects with the Republic of Austria

Brigitte Mang (University College for Agricultural and Environmental Education, Vienna, Austria)

11:40 – 12:00

Building the Botanical Garden for Roma Capitale: history, architecture, characters

Giulia Ceriani Sebregondi (University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Italy)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:20

The Botanic Garden and Museum of the University of Pisa: five centuries of botanical research, from simples to new frontiers

Marco D’Antraccoli (Botanic Garden, University of Pisa, Italy)

13:20 – 13:50 Conclusion: Michael Kiehn

13:50 – 14:10 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45 Botanical Garden University of Vienna

16:45 – 18:00 Back-up collection Belvedere Garden

18:00 Farewell

Reference:

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