

CHRONICLE

In the period 25th – 28th of May, 2006, took place the works of the International Scientific Symposium, entitled “*IN SITU AND EX SITU DIVERSITY PLANT*”, in Iași. At that event, we celebrated in fact, 150 years from the foundation of the first botanic garden, here in Iași. This symposium has been organised by the Botanic Garden „Anastase Fătu”, in collaboration with the Faculty of Biology, Dept. of Vegetal Biology, from the University „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Iași.

Over 100 botanists, most of them from Romania, but also from: Hungary, Italy, R. of Moldova, Germany, Turkey, attended this symposium. In the opening of the symposium, has been a homage speech to the man who founded our botanic garden, namely Dr. Anastase Fătu. Also, there has been a speech over the history of the Botanic Garden in Iași.

The participants have presented, in plenum, on sections or in the poster system, 87 scientific papers and synthesis essays, classified into three sections: 1. *Structure & function diversity of vegetal organisms*; 2. *Plant taxonomy & phytosociology*; 3. *Nature conservation & ecological education*.

This symposium has been greeted by the mayor of the Iași city, by the prefect of the Iași district, by the rector of the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Iași, a state secretary from the Ministry of Education & Research, by several representants of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, other official persons from the other botanic gardens from Romania and several from abroad.

In the afternoon of the 26th of May, 2006, all the participants have visited the Botanic Garden and the exhibition called „Spring Flowers” and have assisted to the unveil of an inox steel plaque, fixed on a rock in the front of the main administration building, having encrypted on it the main data about our institution, as well an inscription in the latin language (see photo).

On the 27th of May, 2006, all the participants have attended a field survey, which took place in the Natural Park „Vânători – Neamț”, on the route: Iași – Tg. Neamț – Agapia Monastery – Neamț Monastery – Natural Park „Vânători – Neamț” – Iași. But the weather was not properly for some detailed step surveys – it has been a rainy and pretty cold day.

On this event, we gave so-called „Onorary Diploma” and „Medal of Honor” to some scientists and institutions from Romania, which had had remarkable contributions to the development of the botanic gardens in particular and the Botany as a science, in general. Also, there have been edited „Jubilee Coins”, celebrating those 150 years of life of our botanic garden.

As a conclusion of this symposium, one could say that the interdisciplinary researches are very important for the organisms – environment interrelation analysis, and for the histological, physiological, biochemical and biophysical effects of the action of some substances (including pollutants) upon the plants.

In the name of the Organizing Committee,
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