

The Thirty-ninth Meeting of the Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology (EADSVE) was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia (May 4-7, 2022)

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. 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 among scientists of central and south-eastern Europe and it gives young scientists in particular the possibility to present themselves and their work with presentations and posters. Invitations for discussions and field trips are also organised as additional activities. Thirty-eight meetings have been organised up to the present.

In the last ten years they were in Pörtlach, Austria (2009), Camerino, Italy (2011), Ohrid, North Macedonia (2013), Osijek, Croatia (2015), Prizren, Kosovo (2017) and Colfiorito, Italy (2019).

The 39th EADSVE Meeting was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from 4 to 7 May 2022. The meeting was organised by the University of Dubrovnik in Dubrovnik led by Nenad Jasprica and Željko Škvorc.

Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic, was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. The city has always been keen on preserving its identity in all aspects, which is also true with respect to higher education in Dubrovnik. The Collegium Ragusinum established by the Jesuits in 1624 was the forerunner of the University of Dubrovnik, i.e., modern higher education in Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik is also the place where Lujo Adamović (1864-1935),



Fig. 1. Participants of the 39th Meeting of the Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology (EADSVE), Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 4-7, 2022 during the botanical field excursion on the Pelješac Peninsula (Photo: I. Brautović).

a world-famous Croatian botanist, spent his youth and later life.

Scientific sessions included both poster and oral presentations during the first day of Meeting held at the Student Centre Dormitory of the University of Dubrovnik. The Meeting program included 15 oral and 12 poster presentations. In all there were 99 authors from 17 countries. Dr Massimo Terzi from the Institute of Bioscience and Bioresources, Italian National Council of Research, Bari (Italy) was the invited plenary speaker. Other contributions included vegetation mapping, description of syntaxa new for science, plant recolonization, notes on flora of islets, vegetation of grasslands and forests, assessment of the impact of climate change on the potential natural vegetation, phytosociology and ecology of some plant taxa, monitoring and management analyses in NATURA 2000 sites and habitats, and ethnobotanical research. The book of a group of authors "Interpretative Manual of European Riparian Forests and Shrublands" was also presented. Abstracts of all presentations are included in the Book of Abstracts published by the University of Dubrovnik and edited by Nenad Jasprica, Željko Škvorc and Daniel Krstonošić (<http://www.eadsve.org/>).

Finally, during the closing remarks, the focus was on excellence, research, training, skills and mobility. During the general assembly, an updated bylaw was adopted. New honorary members of the Society were admitted – Harald Niklfeld (University of Vienna, Austria) and Paul Heiselmayer (University of Salzburg, Austria). A minute of silence was held in honour all members – Jozo Franjić, Ferat Rexhepi, Zorana Sedlar and Ljerka Marković – who deceased since the last meeting in Colfiorito, Italy, in 2019. The next meeting will be held in the city of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 2024.

All participants took part in two one-day botanical excursions – to the Pelješac Peninsula and the Konavle region (Fig. 1).

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