

## **10<sup>th</sup> European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group (EBHL) Meeting, Zagreb, May 15–16, 2003.**

The main biological library of the Faculty of Science in Zagreb was host to and organiser of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group Meeting, which was held on May 15 and 16 in the National and University Library, and the Division of Biology, Faculty of Science in Zagreb. The meeting was attended by 31 participants (librarians, archivists, botanists and publishers of botanical literature) from 15 countries, and nine lectures showed databases, or the most up to date information services from the areas of botany and horticulture, as well as the stocks and catalogues of libraries that were attending the meeting for the first time. Welcoming addresses were given by Marina Mihalić, deputy director of the National and University Library in Zagreb, and Damir Viličić, editor of the journal *Acta Botanica Croatica*.

EBHL was created for the purpose of the development of cooperation and the exchange of information among botanical and horticultural libraries, archives and similar institutions throughout Europe, thus creating a network to provide the best possible access to sources of information about botany and accordingly to improve the services given users. The first consultative conference, at which EBHL was founded and its purpose and aims were defined, was held in 1994 in the Royal Botanic Garden Kew, London. The next meetings were held in European botanical institutions – the Rijksherbarium /Hortus Botanicus Leyden, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Centro de Botanica IICT, Lisbon, Botanisches Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin Dahlem, National Botanic Garden of Belgium, Meise, Royal Horticultural Society London and finally the Central Biological Library of the Natural Science Faculty, Zagreb. At the present time, the EBHL has a membership of about eighty libraries from 23 European countries, with associate members from Australia, Canada, South Africa and the USA, and a dozen well-known publishers of scientific literature from the area of the natural sciences. The Central Biological Library has been an EBHL member since 1999.

On the first day of the Zagreb conference, an introductory lecture was given in the National and University Library (NUL) by Toni Nikolić from the Botanic Institute of the National Sciences Faculty in Zagreb, the aim being to acquaint those attending with the flora of Croatia as well as botanical web sources. The programme went on with Dragica Purger's presentation of a data base of the botanic (phytocoenological) literature of the Carpathian basin, the CoenoDAT Archive (CDA), by a group of Hungarian authors of the Institute of Ecology and Botany in Vácrátót, after which Liesbeth Missel presented the Wageningen UR (University and Research Centre) international collection of nursery catalogues and its databases. Brent Elliott from the London Royal Horticultural Society gave the conference a news item concerning updates on the nursery catalogues database. After a break, during which there was a guided tour of the NUL, including a visit to the rare books and manuscripts department, an EBHL business meeting started, during which those attending for the first time introduced their own libraries. This time, this included colleagues from the



**Fig. 1.** 10<sup>th</sup> EBHL meeting participants during a visit to the Zagreb Botanical Garden

neighbouring countries of Slovenia (Library of the Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology – Centre for scientific research of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Ljubljana and the University of Maribor Library) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Library of the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo and Library of the Department of Biology, University of Sarajevo). Also represented for the first time was the Science Faculty Library of University College Dublin. Then a short report on the activities of the Council of the Botanical and Horticultural Libraries was given by Gordon McDaniel, representative of this corresponding organisation in the USA.

During the second day of the meeting, the participants visited the Metropolitan Library of Zagreb Cathedral and the Botanic Garden, and then went on with work in the Division of Biology of the Faculty of Science, where lectures were given by Roberta Cowan, concerning the bibliographical base of literature on the algae and lichens – Taxonomic Literature Cryptogamia, and by Roger Mills, who presented »Recent developments in forest information services«. The official part of the meeting was closed with a tour of the features of cultural interest in Zagreb, and on Saturday, May 17, some of the members of the conference joined an excursion to see Plitvice Lakes.

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Andrea Dautović	The National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo
Liesbeth Missel	Wageningen UR Library
Wenche H. Johansen	Library of the Botanical Garden and Museum, University of Oslo
Gordon McDaniel	New York Botanical Garden
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