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*The 7th European
Dry Grassland Meeting*

28-31 May 2010

*Smolenice Congress Centre,
Slovak Republic*

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Zámocká 18, 919 04 Smolenice, Slovak Republic**

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A. TRAVEL INFORMATION: How to get to Smolenice

There is a regular direct bus connection between Bratislava (bus station Mlynské Nivy) and Smolenice.

On 27 May and 28 May buses leave Bratislava at: 6.45, 6.55, 10.55, 12.40, 13.00, 14.40, 15.25, 15.50, 16.20, 17.05, 18.25 and 19.15.

The journey takes about one and a half hour. There is also more frequent connection between Bratislava and Smolenice, however, it is necessary to change in Trnava. The details you can find at <http://cp.atlas.sk/vlakbus/spojenie/>



By car

- route Bratislava – Pezinok -Casta – Smolenice: distance: 50 km; class 1 road
- motorway Bratislava – Trnava – further via class 1 road Trnava – Trstín – Smolenice: distance 75 km

By bus

- route Bratislava (bus station Mlynské Nivy) – Myjava or Bratislava (bus station Mlynské Nivy) – Nové Mesto nad Váhom, either directly to Smolenice or change in Trnava

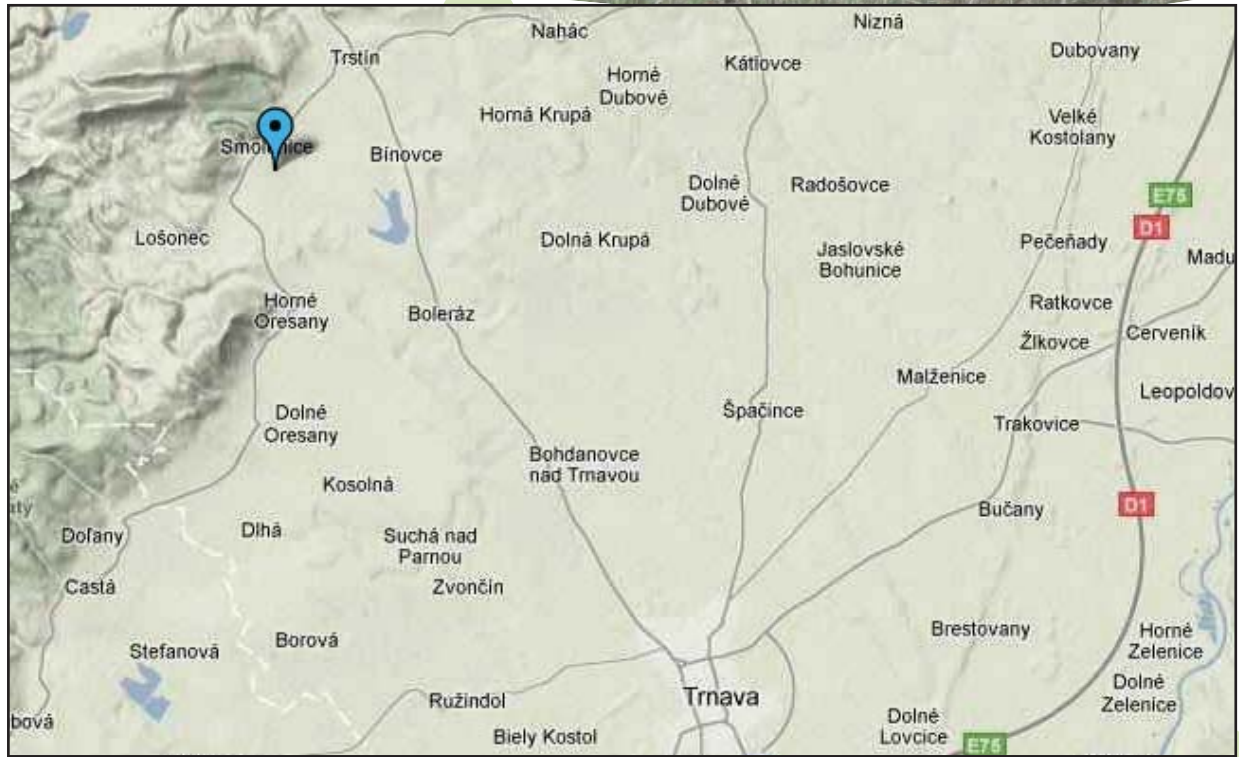
By air

- to the Vienna/Schwechat Airport, then by bus
- to the M.R. Stefanik Airport, Bratislava, then by bus

By train

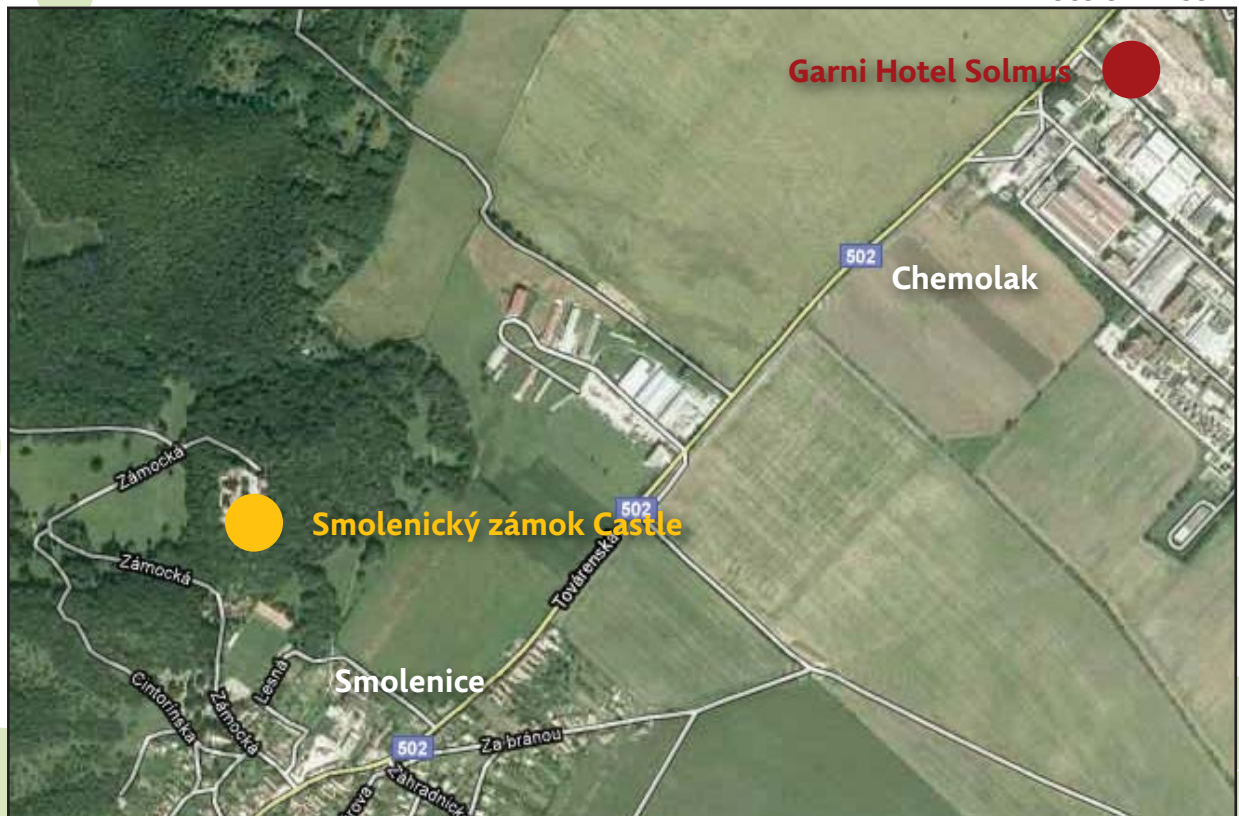
- route Bratislava (hlavná stanica) – Trnava – change to route Trnava – Smolenice

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Direction Bratislava

Direction Trstín



Direction Smolenická Nová Ves

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B. FEES AND COSTS

The conference fee of 60 Euro should be paid before 1 April 2010 to the account shown below. Costs of excursions (20 Euro each) will be paid directly at the registration desk in Smolenice. Costs of accommodation and board will be paid individually by the participants either in the Congress Centre (castle) or in the Hotel Solmus depending on the place of your accommodation. Please, do not forget to include a short message for us with your name. We will appreciate, if you let us know about your payment by e-mail to grasslands@savba.sk.

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C. PROGRAM (preliminary)

27 May 2010 Thursday

18.00-20.00 Registration at Smolenice Congress Centre

28 May 2010 Friday

10.00-12.30 Registration at Smolenice Congress Centre

11.30-12.30 Lunch

Session 1 Introductory lectures

12.30-12.35 Welcome and opening of the 7th European Dry Grassland Meeting (M. Janišová, Institute of Botany, Slovak Academy of Sciences; European Dry Grassland Group)

12.35-12.40 Welcome from DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology (J. Šeffler)

12.40-12.45 Welcome from Landscape Protected Area Biele Karpaty (D. Stano, State Nature Conservation of Slovak Republic)

12.45-13.00 Pavol Deván – curriculum vitae of Slovak zoologist, botanist and nature conservationist (K. Rajcová et al.)

13.00-13.30 Origins and Evolutionary Assembly of Dry Grasslands of Central Europe: Ideas, Data, Perspectives (L. Mucina)

13.30-13.45 Diversity of dry grassland vegetation in Slovakia (D. Dúbravková, M. Janišová, J. Košťál, I. Škodová)

13.45-14.15 Mapping of grassland vegetation in Slovakia – application of results in agroenvironmental schemes and Natura 2000 (J. Šeffler, R. Lasák, D. Galvánek, V. Šefflerová Stanová)

14.15-14.45 Coffee break

Session 2 Conservation of grassland species, communities and habitats

14.45-15.00 Nature conservation of Grassland in Europe (C. Hobohm)

15.00-15.15 Management model of habitat 6260 Pannonic sand steppes (V. Šefflerová Stanová, Z. Vajda)

15.15-15.30 Management of dry Mediterranean Grasslands – The case study from the Čićarija (Istria, Croatia) Spatial Protected Area (SPA) of Natura 2000 (I. Vitasovic Kopic, M. Britvec, A. Catorci, M. Ruscic, Z. Skvorc, I. Ljubcic)

15.30-15.45 Factors affecting diversity of plants in agricultural landscape (Z. Drillet and Ľ. Halada)

15.45-16.00 Ecological characterization of central Italy dry pastures belonging to habitats 6210 and 6220 (S. Burrascano, E. Carli)

16.00-16.15 Transylvanian steppic grasslands – small scale diversity gradients in relation to habitat monitoring and biodiversity conservation (A. Jones, M. Beldean)

16.15-16.30 Components of floristic diversity of the remaining valonia oak silvopastoral grasslands of Greece (M. S. Vrahnakis, G. Fotiadis, A. Pantera, A. Papadopoulos, V. P. Papanastasis)



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Session 3 Methodological issues

- 16.30-16.45 Information statistical methods for detecting degradation and regeneration in species rich grasslands (S. Bartha, E. Ruprecht, A. Kun, A. Szabó, K. Virágh)
- 16.45-17.00 Effect of plot dimension on calcareous grassland restoration monitoring (S. Maccherini, E. Santi, M. Marignani, E. Del Vico, G. Bacaro)
- 17.00-17.15 Delimitation of *Festuco-Brometea* and *Trifolio-Geranietea*: where should we draw the line? (W. Willner)
- 17.15-17.30 The attractiveness of your neighbours: when does it matter? (S. Hanoteaux, M. Seifan, K. Tielbörger)
- 17.30-19.00 Dinner
- 19.00-20.00 Poster session
- 20.00-21.00 EDGG Meeting

29 May 2010 Saturday

Session 4 Processes in succession and effects of management I

- 9.00-9.15 Response of plant species diversity, functional groups, and species composition to management regimes in Pannonian dry grasslands of Lower Austria (T. Englisch)
- 9.15-9.30 Community structure changes during 15 years of grassland management experiment in the Poloniny National Park (NE Slovakia) (Ľ. Halada, H. Ružičková, S. David)
- 9.30-9.45 Dry grassland vegetation of southern Karelia 50 years after: changes and their reasons (S. Znamenskiy)
- 9.45-10.00 Succession changes of the pastures and meadows on the locality of Briac near Krupina town (M. Mackovová, S. David)
- 10.00-10.15 Environmental and plant richness changes as a result of long-term different disturbance intensities in Sub-mediterranean grassland (Central Italy) (A. Catorci, G. Ottaviani, R. Gatti, I. Kopic, S. Cesaretti)
- 10.15-10.30 Small-scale diversity and dynamics of species-rich calcareous grasslands of NP Slovenský raj (J. Šeffler, T. Dražil, V. Šefflerová Stanová)
- 10.30-10.45 The impact of fertilization and cutting frequency on evapotranspiration and infiltration in moderately species-rich grassland (L. Rose, H. Coners, C. Leuschner)
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break

Session 5 Processes in succession and effects of management II

- 11.15-11.30 Dry grasslands in Slovakia – main environmental gradients and impact of management on species composition (D. Galvánek, R. Lasák, J. Šeffler)
- 11.30-11.45 Production of forage in different altitudinal zones grasslands (S. S. Kandrelis, Ch. Koutsoukis)
- 11.45-12.00 Effect of the sub-mountain mesophillic grasslands management on orthopteran assemblages (V. Fabriciusová, P. Kaňuch, A. Krištín)
- 12.00-12.15 The importance of dry grasslands for preservation of ant communities in cultural landscape of central Slovakia (M. Wiezik, A. Wieziková, M. Svitok)

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- 12.15-12.30 Invasion of *Calamagrostis epigejos* in sandy dry grasslands: effects on biodiversity and effectiveness of restoration measures (J. Dengler, O. Schuhmacher)
- 12.30-12.45 Seminatural dry grassland management by mowing of *Calamagrostis epigejos* (L.) Roth in Hungary (J. Házi, S. Bartha, S. Szentes, K. Penksza)

12.45-14.00 Lunch

Session 6 Restoration of dry grasslands

- 14.00-14.15 Regrassing with regional seed mixtures in the Bile Karpaty Mountains (I. Jongepierová, K. Prach, K. Řehounková)
- 14.15-14.30 Grassland restoration with sowing of low-diversity seed mixtures in former sunflower and cereal fields (P. Török, E. Vida, O. Valkó, B. Deák, T. Migléc, S. Lengyel, B. Tóthmérész)
- 14.30-14.45 Different regeneration success of sandy old-fields in the forest-steppe region in Hungary (A. Csecserits, M. Halassy, G. Kröel-Dulay, T. Rédei, K. Szitár, R. Szabó)
- 14.45-15.00 Accumulated litter suppresses weeds in grassland restoration (B. Tóthmérész, A. Kelemen, O. Valkó, E. Vida, S. Lengyel, P. Török)
- 15.00-15.15 Restoration potential of soil seed banks in dry acidic grasslands (G. Matus, M. Papp, P. Török, O. Valkó, E. Vida)
- 15.15-15.30 Soil seed banks of alpine dry grassland habitats and implications for nature conservation (C. Wellstein, H. Scherer, P. Kuss)
- 15.30-15.45 Soil perturbation as a restoration measure in decalcified sandy grassland (A. Ödman, L. Mårtensson, C. Sjöholm, P. A. Olsson)
- 15.45-16.00 Restoration of steppe vegetation on the territory of museum-reserve "Kulikovo pole" (Tula region, Russia) (E. Volkova, O.V. Burova)
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break

Session 7 Excursion guides

- 16.30-16.45 Dry grasslands of Tematínske vrchy Mts. – biodiversity and conservation (M. Janišová, K. Rajcová, S. Mertanová, P. Jánky)
- 16.45-17.00 Species-rich semi-dry grasslands of Biele Karpaty Mts (I. Škodová, I. Jongepierová, K. Devánová)
- 17.00-17.15 Devínska Kobyla and Sandberg – National Nature Reserve (K. Hegedúšová)

18.30 Grassland Party

30 May 2010 Sunday

- 8.55 departure for Excursion I from the Smolenice Congress Centre and Hotel Solmus

31 May 2010 Monday

- 8.55 departure for Excursion II from the Smolenice Congress Centre and Hotel Solmus

1 June 2010 Tuesday

- 7.55 departure for Excursion III from the Smolenice Congress Centre and Hotel Solmus

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Poster presentations

- 45-year changes in calcareous xerothermic vegetation in the Lower Odra river valley (NW Poland) (K. Barańska, M. J. Dąbrowski, M. Żmihorski)
- A review of alliance *Saturejon montanae* distribution on the Balkans (K. Vassilev, D. Sopotlieva, H. Pedashenko)
- *Anacamptis pyramidalis* re-discovered in Poland (P. Plucinski)
- Assessing changes in patterns of vascular plant and bryophyte communities in olive groves (E. Santi, S. Maccherini, I. Bonini, F. Cortes-Selva, S. Pruscini, D. Palazzo, V. Amici, A. Chiarucci)
- Calcareous grassland of Ukraine (N. Pashkevich, T. Fitsailo)
- Changes in narrow-leaved dry grasslands during growing season (M. Vymazalová)
- Conservation of the most valuable steppe territories of the Crimea (Ukraine) (I. Parnikoza, L. Godlevska)
- Development and degradation of dry serpentine grassland communities in south-western Poland (L. Żołnierz)
- Diversity of calcareous xeric grasslands in Poland (K. Barańska, M. Żmihorski)
- Dry grasslands on acid soils of Tríbeč mountains (south-western Slovakia) (J. Košťál)
- Floristic diversity of calcareous grasslands on Slavonian hills (Croatia) (D. Krstonosic, J. Franjic, Z. Skvorc, K. Sever, A. Brkljacic, G. Horvat, Z. Sikic)
- Floristic diversity of grazed kermes oak stands, adjacent grasslands and phryganic communities (G. Fotiadis, A. Kyriazopoulos, E. M. Abraham, I. Fraggakis, A. Panogeorgos, M. Vrahnakis)
- Formation of vegetation of *Festucion valesiaca* Klika 1931 alliance in Ukraine (I. Korotchenko)
- *Gentianella germanica* (Willd.) Börner in the central part of Poland – protection and threat (M. J. Podsiedlik)
- How did changes in landscape management influence dry grasslands composition after the Velvet Revolution? (T. Černý, P. Petřík, K. Boublík)
- In search of *Pulsatilla pratensis* populations (H. von Büren-Rieder)
- Main characteristics and spreading of the plant community ass. *Erysimo-Trifolietum* Micevski 1977 in the Republic of Macedonia (R. Čušterevska, V. Matevski, M. Kostadinovski, A. Čarni)
- *Orobanche arenaria* Borkh. (Orobanchaceae) in Poland: distribution and ecological description (R. Piwowarczyk)
- Overview of small-scale specially protected areas, which protect communities of dry grasslands and sandy steppes in the Czech Republic (M. Rejžek, M. Svátek)
- Phytosociological investigation of *Festuca pseudovaginata* (Penksza 2005) in open sand grassland Hungary (K. Penksza, K. Tímea, S. Ádám, P. Csontos)

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- Plant communities of the class Festuco-Brometea in Southern Urals (Bashkortostan Republic, Russia) (S. M.Yamalov, A. V. Bayanov, A. A. Muldashev)
- Predicting distribution and succession changes of grassland vegetation in the selected model region of Devínska Kobyla Mts. using GIS (K. Hegedüšová, D. Senko)
- Presence and abundance of *Pulsatilla patens* populations in nature reserves in north-eastern Poland (B. Juśkiewicz-Swaczyna)
- Providing adequate grassland management in Slovakia – case studies from the Biele Karpaty Mts. (S. Mertanová, P. Jánský, K. Rajcová)
- Reconstruction of dry grassland on roadside slope in the SE Slovenia (A. Čarni, P. Košir, U. Šilc, I. Zelnik)
- Riparian dry grassland species and their communities in river terraces: examples from western Poland (W. Stachnowicz, A. Mickiewicz)
- Semi-dry grasslands of the *Bromion erecti* Br.-Bl. et Moor 1936 alliance in Polish Sudeten Mts – differentiation, distribution and dynamical tendencies (E. Szczeńiak)
- Species richness and threatened vascular plant species of the Sub-Pannonic steppe grasslands in the southern part of Krupinská planina Mts. (S. David, M. Záchenská)
- Steppe communities of Upper Don river, Russia (E. Volkova, O.V. Burova)
- The analysis of changes of floristical and ecological structure in the cyanobacterial and algal coenoses on gradient of grazing digression true steppes of the Bashkir Trans-Ural (Russia) (D. I. Akhmedjanov)
- The halophile grasslands of Moldavia (I. Melicianu, N. Patriche, T. V. Marin)
- The Subalpine Vegetation of Elmacik Mountain (Düzce) in North West Black Sea Region of Turkey (N. Aksoy)
- The syntaxonomy of steppe vegetation of the boundary between Forest-Steppe and Steppe of the right bank of the Dniepro region of Ukraine (Y. Malaya, I. Korotchenko)
- Vegetation succession and habitat restoration in lichen-rich inland drift sand on the Hulshorsterzand in the central Netherlands (R. Ketner-Oostra, P. D. Jungerius, K. V. Sýkora)
- Vegetation survey of the hay meadows in the proposed Natura 2000 site „Eastern Hills of Cluj” (Transylvania, Romania) (I. Paulini, S. Badarau, C. Malos, M. Beldean, L. Rákosy, R. Voda, N. Timus, A. Crisan)
- Vegetation types of the initial successional stages of grasslands in the Horné Požitavie region, Mid-Western Slovakia (A. Bača)
- Xerothermic grasslands of Borowa Góra hill (Lublin province, Tomaszów Lubelski county, SE Poland) – a potential Natura 2000 site (P. Chmielewski, A. Cwener)
- Xerothermic limestone grasslands on the Działy Grabowieckie region (Lublin Upland, SE Poland) (A. Cwener)