

Alicia Acosta (IT)

I received my degree at Cordoba University, Argentina before moving to Italy where I have been working since 1991, currently as full professor at the University of Rome Tre. I have been a member of IAVS since 1990. Additionally, I have been a member of the JVS and AVS Editorial Boards since 2005 and Associate Editor since 2007. Topics of interest include vegetation patterns at different spatial scales, effects of environmental and human-mediated drivers and biological invasions. In recent years, I have focused my research on coastal dune vegetation. I am particularly interested in encouraging the role of IAVS in promoting networking among vegetation scientists, especially from emerging countries.

Alla Aleksanyan (AM)

I am a postdoctoral researcher in the Institute of Botany at A.L. Takhtajyan NAS of Armenia and Lecturer in the Armenian National Agrarian University. My main interests in vegetation science include vegetation and habitat classification, conservation biology, macroecology and invasion biology. I have been an active member of IAVS and the Eurasian Dry Grassland Group since 2015 and since 2017 I have been on the Steering Committee of the IAVS Young Scientists Section. I would like to provide valuable input on IAVS development, and especially increase the attractiveness of the Association for researchers from Caucasus (particularly for young scientists), and vice versa to increase the attractiveness of Caucasus nature for IAVS scientists from all over the world.

Bianca Ott Andrade (BR)

I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. My research interest is in understanding spatial and temporal patterns in grassland community vegetation, with a special interest in conservation and restoration of natural resources. My work focuses on subtropical and temperate grasslands in southern South America, regionally called Río de la Plata grasslands (including South Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina). I am a member of the Editorial Board of Phytocoenologia and a member of the IAVS Membership Committee. I consider IAVS as providing key opportunities to broaden our ecological knowledge through the experiences and scientific interactions it provides. One goal of my work with IAVS is to contribute to making science more welcoming to underrepresented groups.

Iva Apostolova (BG)

I am a full professor in the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. My scientific interests are vegetation classification, ecology of grasslands, vegetation dynamics, and the diversity of habitat types. My current research is focused on Bulgarian vegetation with special attention to national vegetation classification and ecosystem services. I have been a member of IAVS since 1999 and participate in the European Vegetation Survey and the Eurasian Dry Grassland Working Group. For me IAVS is the best platform for development of new ideas in vegetation studies and collaborations among scientists.

Fabio Attorre (IT)

I obtained my PhD in Botany at the Sapienza University of Rome where I have been a Professor since 2000, and in 2018 I was appointed Director of the Botanical Garden of Rome. My main interests are vegetation classification and patterns, forest ecology, biodiversity conservation and ecoinformatics. I have carried out vegetation studies in Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, Africa, South America and Oceania. I am member of the Steering Committee of the European Vegetation Survey. I would like to contribute to the growth of vegetation science, especially among young scientists from developing countries.

Idoia Biurrun (ES)

I am an Associate Professor at the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao, Spain. My research focuses on vegetation survey, diversity patterns of plant communities and plant invasion, mainly in rivers, grasslands, forests and mires. In 1999 I was Secretary of the organizing committee for the 42nd IAVS Symposium, and I regularly attend the annual symposia. I am an active member in the Eurasian Dry Grassland Group and the European Vegetation Survey. I have served on the Executive Committee of EDGG since 2015, and have been Chief Editor of *Phytocoenologia* since 2018. In my opinion, the more active the working groups become, the more IAVS will progress and the more attractive it will be for young scientists.

Gianmaria Bonari (CZ)

I am a postdoctoral researcher at the Masaryk University of Brno, Czech Republic. My research interests involve a thorough understanding of European pine forests with a focus on the Mediterranean and Submediterranean regions. My academic training includes ecoinformatics, classification, management and conservation, also favoring crosswalks between plant and animal communities. I am the custodian of the CircumMed Pine Forest Database. My field experience to date has provided me with a good taste of the vegetation and habitats of the Mediterranean area. I have been a member of IAVS since 2015. I wish to foster understanding of correspondence between vegetation and habitat types.

Elgene O. Box (US)

I am a Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia where I teach plant geography, climate, physical geography and related topics. My early work involved some of the first climatic and satellite-based estimates and models of global primary productivity, development of climatic-envelope modeling methodology, and introduction of plant structural-functional types in global modeling. Recently, my work has involved comparative vegetation study of East Asia and eastern North America, world and regional bioclimatic zonation, and comparison of temperate forests around the Northern Hemisphere. I was President of IAVS for 13 years (1994-2007) and once attended 20 consecutive IAVS symposia.

Helge Bruelheide (DE)

I am Professor for Geobotany and co-director of the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig. I am a trained vegetation ecologist with a focus on biodiversity-ecosystem functioning, community ecology and classification methods. I am very curious how vegetation is assembled and how assembly rules translate into ecosystem functioning. I founded BEF-China, a large Biodiversity-Ecosystem Functioning experiment in Jiangxi, and initiated sPlot, the global vegetation-plot and trait database. I am experienced in multivariate statistics and experimental designs. My main motivation in standing for election is that I wish to enable people to carry out their research ideas and to encourage young scientists to become involved.

Helga Bültmann (DE)

I obtained my PhD in 2001 at the University of Münster, Germany, worked as Assistant Professor in Plant Ecology and since 2006 as an independent researcher. My particular interests are Arctic and Alpine vegetation and the vegetation of microhabitats, including bryophyte, lichen and algae vegetation. I also work on conservation and management issues with a focus on dry or nutrient-poor habitats. I joined IAVS in 1993 and I am active in the working groups for Phytosociological Nomenclature (Steering Committee) and the European Vegetation Survey. I have always viewed IAVS membership as providing opportunities to participate in the collective know-how of vegetation scientists worldwide and I see membership on Council as important chance to facilitate that exchange.

Marta Carboni (IT)

I obtained my PhD at the University Of Roma Tre Italy. After post-docs at the Laboratoire d'Ecologie Alpine, France and the University of Toronto, Canada, I am now a researcher at the University of Roma Tre. My research interests include plant invasions, the mechanisms driving species co-existence, conservation biology and global changes, with a focus on grasslands and sandy coastal habitats. I have been a member of IAVS and have attended the annual meetings since 2009. I particularly appreciate the international exchange opportunities with young vegetation scientists from all over the world that are offered by IAVS and would like to work for the continued promotion of such exchanges in the future.

Andraž Čarni (SI)

I work at the Institute of Biology, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the University of Nova Gorica. My scientific interests include biodiversity, macroecology, modeling, vegetation-environment relationships and landscape change. I have served as First Editor of the journal *Hacquetia* and President of the Eastern-alpine and Dinaric Society of Vegetation Ecology. I have been a member of IAVS since 1992. I am an IAVS Council member and am on the Steering Committees of the Phytosociological Nomenclature Working Group and European Vegetation Survey. My priorities for IAVS are to promote high-quality research, attract people to our Association, spread the word about our activities, strengthen our journals and develop the Association as the whole.

Alessandro Chiarucci (IT)

I am a full professor at the University of Bologna, Italy. My research focuses on the determinants of species diversity, species composition and community dynamics at different spatial scales, on the problems with the sampling of species richness at larger spatial scales, and more recently on the problems connected with biodiversity assessment and monitoring. After having served IAVS as a member of the Editorial Board and as Associate Editor of JVS, I am now a Chief Editor of JVS/AVS and a Council member. My goal for IAVS is to promote the attractiveness of vegetation science to younger researchers and provide reference points for scientific discussion about biodiversity loss and ecosystem management.

Milan Chytrý (CZ)

I am a Professor of Botany at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. My research interests include broad-scale patterns of plant diversity, vegetation survey, vegetation data analysis, plant invasions and vegetation history, with the main geographic focus on Europe and Siberia. I have been an IAVS member since 2003, IAVS Council member since 2007, Chief Editor of JVS and AVS since 2010, Secretary of the IAVS European Vegetation Survey Working Group since 2012, and coordinator of the European Vegetation Archive (EVA, an electronic repository of European vegetation-plot records) since 2012. My working group at Masaryk University hosted the 2015 IAVS Annual Symposium in Brno.

Sara Cousins (SE)

I am a Professor in Physical Geography at Stockholm University with a focus towards community and landscape ecology. My research revolves around how species, communities and biodiversity respond with time to changing landscape patterns, habitat loss, fragmentation and global change. Connectivity and dispersal in past, present and future landscapes are key points of my research. Focal habitats are primarily grasslands and deciduous forests, but also include other habitats in rural landscapes. Presently I have research projects across Europe. I have been Associate Editor of JVS since 2009. I would like IAVS to become (even) more attractive to a broad community of scientist working on vegetation, conservation and biodiversity.

Francesco de Bello (CZ)

I am trained as a plant ecologist and agronomist. Using meadows and alpine vegetation as a study framework, I assess the role of functional trait diversity on the interface between community assembly and ecosystem service delivery. My interests also include the effects of land-use changes on vegetation (particularly grazing and mowing), and the development of integrated biodiversity indicator systems to monitor the effects of these changes in interaction with climate change.

Guillaume Decocq (FR)

I am a Full Professor of Plant Sciences at the Jules Verne University of Picardie, Amiens, N France. I have been a member of IAVS since 1999, of the Council since 2011, and have served on the Editorial Board of JVS since 2009 and as Associate Editor of AVS since 2018. I have chaired the Historical Vegetation Ecology Working Group since 2018. My current research focuses on the impacts of past and present human activities on plant community diversity and ecosystem functioning, with a special interest in forest ecosystems. I wish to continue helping IAVS increase its attractiveness to young scientists, enhance trans-generational exchanges, and promote connections between vegetation science and other disciplines.

Jürgen Dengler (CH)

I am Professor of vegetation ecology at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), with primary interests in vegetation ecology, biodiversity patterns, macroecology, conservation biology and ecoinformatics. I study vegetation in Palaearctic grasslands and various other habitats in Europe, Asia and Africa. I am member of the IAVS Council and Chair of the IAVS Membership Committee, Chief Editor of *Phytocoenologia* and Palaearctic Grasslands and Editorial Board member of *AVS*. I am active in the Eurasian Dry Grassland Working Group (as a Chair), European Vegetation Survey and the Ecoinformatics Working Group, as well as in coordination of the supra-national plot databases EVA and GrassPlot. I wish to facilitate greater involvement of vegetation scientists from developing countries and emerging markets in IAVS.

Martin Diekmann (DE)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and since 2001 have been a Professor at the University of Bremen, Germany. My main interests in vegetation science include vegetation-environment relationships, broad-scale geographic gradients in species niches, time-series analysis and conservation biology, with a particular focus on forest and grassland ecosystems. Since 2003 I have served on the IAVS Council, and after some years as Publications Officer of the Association I was elected as President of IAVS in 2011. One goal of my work with IAVS is to increase the attractiveness of the association to young scientists.

Don Faber-Langendoen (US)

I studied tallgrass prairie for my M.Sc. (University of Toronto) and tropical rain forests (St. Louis University, Missouri Botanical Garden). I then joined The Nature Conservancy and now NatureServe as a conservation ecologist, where I work with our Network of Natural Heritage Programs and Conservation Data Centers in the Americas to develop and apply conservation methods, including classification of ecosystems, ecological integrity assessments, and endangered ecosystem methodologies. I have been a member of IAVS for many years and served as Chair of the North American Section from 2010-2013. I value the international spirit that pervades IAVS and the dedication to both basic and applied aspects of vegetation ecology.

Federico Fernández-González (ES)

I obtained my PhD at the University Complutense of Madrid, Spain, and since 1999 have taught at the University of Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo as Professor in botany and vegetation ecology. I joined IAVS in 1989 and currently participate in the Steering Committee of the Phytosociological Nomenclature Working Group, the European Vegetation Survey, the European Vegetation Archive and the European Vegetation Classification Committee. My research fields deal with vegetation classification and ecology, biogeography, biodiversity patterns, ecoinformatics and conservation biology of species and habitats. I value the potential of IAVS to promote the curricular development of vegetation scientists, so I will try to encourage affiliation of new members, particularly from underrepresented countries, and enhance connectivity among members through research working groups.

Alessandra Fidelis (BR)

I am a vegetation scientist, working as an Assistant Professor at the Universidade Estadual Paulista since 2011. I've been an active member of IAVS since 2010 and have been attending the annual symposia since 2001. My main interests are tropical savanna and grassland ecology, seed and fire ecology, and ecosystem ecology. I was Chair of the Global Sponsorship Committee from 2014-2019 and have been a member of the Governing Board since 2015. I have been very active in convincing people from different countries (mostly in Latin America) to become members, apply for travel grants and participate in IAVS. Therefore, I think I can contribute to the work of the Council as a young female researcher from Latin America.

Scott Franklin (US)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Southern Illinois and have held faculty positions at the University of Memphis and the University of Northern Colorado. A member of IAVS since 1993, my interests include vegetation dynamics, applied ecology, and clonal ecology, with research in the US, Finland, China, Slovakia and Belize. I serve in editorial roles for the American Midland Naturalist and Phytocoenologia. I chaired the Panel that coordinates the US National Vegetation Classification from 2010-2018, and I chaired the Steering Committee of the IAVS Vegetation Classification Working Group from 2015-2018 and remain active on both committees. My goals as Council Member would be to foster further collaboration in global vegetation classification, clonal ecology, and next generation vegetation science.

Lauchlan Fraser (CA)

After receiving my PhD at the University of Sheffield, UK, in 1993, I was post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa,, followed by an appointments at the University of Akron and Thompson Rivers University, Canada . In 2018 I became Senior NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Ecosystem Reclamation. I have been a member of IAVS since joining the Editorial Board of AVS in 2003 and have served on the IAVS Global Sponsorship Committee since 2015. My main interests in vegetation science include drivers of plant diversity, climate change, and restoration of grasslands and wetlands. My goals with IAVS are to train the next generation of vegetation scientists and to facilitate globally coordinated experiments, especially in under-represented regions of the world.

Jason D. Fridley (US)

I obtained my PhD at the University of North Carolina, was a postdoc at the University of Sheffield (UK), and have been on the faculty at Syracuse University (NY) since 2006. My research includes vegetation response to climate change and plant invasions, in addition to core interests in plant community assembly and phytogeography. I have been a member of IAVS since 2006, on the Meeting Coordination Committee since 2007, was a JVS Associate Editor from 2010-2014, and currently serve on the JVS Editorial Board. I hope to continue to help IAVS reach out to early career plant ecologists, particularly from North America.

Kazue Fujiwara (JP)

I have been Professor Emerita at Yokohama National University and Professor at Yokohama City University since 2010. I have served IAVS as a Council member since 1994 and as Vice-President (2002-2007). My research focuses on global vegetation ecology (Asia including Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Americas) regarding vegetation composition, species diversity, vegetation shifts and global warming, as well as forest restoration on degraded sites. I hope to help IAVS to be an attractive place to exchange global scientific perspectives among experts and young scientists. We are planning to create an Asian Section of IAVS and an African Section too. These are very difficult issues, but people begin gradually. I also expect IAVS to contribute to the discussion of environmental issues.

Daniela Gigante (IT)

I am a researcher at the University of Perugia, Italy. My research focusses on vegetation surveys, plant community ecological interpretation, plant species and population analysis and biodiversity conservation. I have coordinated large national groups such as the EU Red List of Habitats and development of a protocol for Annex I Habitats monitoring). I am scientific advisor for the Italian vegetation DB VegItaly, Associate Editor of Plant Sociology and Secretary of the IAVS Working Group for Phytosociological Nomenclature. I believe IAVS is a key Association for strengthening our fields of activity, maintaining a network among scientists, disseminating advances in vegetation science, and supporting vegetation conservation. Not least, I believe in the benefit that voluntary collaborations can generate for the community.

Riccardo Guarino (IT)

I am Assistant Professor in Environmental and Applied Botany at the University of Palermo, Italy. My research focuses on spatial patterns in Mediterranean dry grasslands and vegetation/landscape changes. I have developed multimedia archives and interactive identification tools for the second edition of Pignatti's "Flora of Italy". I have co-organized study-abroad programs and field trips all over Italy (including the post-symposium excursion of IAVS in 2003) and the 60th IAVS Annual Symposium (Palermo 2017). Since 1996, I have been a trusty follower of the IAVS working group European Vegetation Survey and, since 2010, of the European Dry Grassland Group. Within the IAVS, I would like to stimulate discussion on potential contributions of Vegetation Science to green infrastructures and sustainable land use.

Jessica Gurevitch (US)

I am a Distinguished Professor at Stony Brook University, New York. I have served on the Editorial Boards of JVS (2004-present), Biology Letters, Ecology and Evolution and as Associate Editor for Ecology Letters. I am a member of the IAVS Council and have served as President of the Society for Research Synthesis Methodology, and as Secretary of the Ecological Society of America (ESA). I am a Fellow of AAAS and ESA. My research interests focus on plant population and community ecology, biological invasions, plant demography, landscape demography, and statistical applications in ecology. My goals for IAVS are to further international collaboration and communication, and to support public outreach on the contributions of vegetation science and plant communities to the general good.

Radim Hédl (CZ)

I am a vegetation ecologist active in research, education and nature conservation. My focus is on long-term dynamics of plant communities and historical and current interactions with humans, especially management. I feel myself somewhere in the middle of my career so I thought it would be a good time to serve the IAVS with my experience and enthusiasm. Thus far I have never served as a member of any of the IAVS governing bodies. However, in 2018, I was among the founding members of the Historical Vegetation Ecology Working Group. My goal as an IAVS Council member would be to promote connections to management of natural resources and policymaking at various levels.

Aveliina Helm (EE)

I work as a Senior Researcher at the University of Tartu, where I carry out research on a multitude of topics related to vegetation dynamics, conservation and restoration of biodiversity. A large portion of my studies focus on grasslands, especially their vegetation, land-use history and functioning. I actively participate in habitat restoration and conservation projects in Estonia and put considerable effort into communication of biodiversity-related topics to wider audiences. I consider it very important that IAVS continues to engage young scientists and supports them in advancing vegetation science. I also think that IAVS has considerable potential to facilitate links between vegetation science and conservation: our know-how and already established networks can support vegetation conservation and restoration activities throughout the world.

Tomaš Herben (CZ)

I am working at Charles University in Prague and partly also at the Institute of Botany, Czech Academy of Science (where I received my Ph.D.). My current research focuses on comparative plant ecology and population biology with a special focus on the role of clonal growth, species coexistence in grasslands (including belowground processes) and process-based models of plant community dynamics. Together with Jan Lepš and Petr Šmilauer, I co-organized the IAVS annual meeting in 1997 and have served on the IAVS Council since 1998. I am member of the IAVS Publications Committee. I appreciate that IAVS is an open and friendly association and would like to help it to continue in this same manner.

Norbert Hölzel (DE)

Since 2007 I have been a Professor for biodiversity and ecosystem research at the University of Münster, leading a group of > 20 people. I work at the interface of plant community and ecosystem ecology with a focus on biodiversity research, global change issues and ecological restoration. During recent years the fantastic latitudinal vegetation gradient of Central Eurasia has become a major focus of my research. I have been a member of the Editorial Board of AVS since 2007 and became Associate Editor in 2011. I see the stimulation and fostering of exchange and cooperation among vegetation scientists, other ecologists and practitioners as a major challenge for IAVS.

John Hunter (AU)

I am an adjunct Associate Professor at the University of New England (Australia). My research interests are broad but largely focus on biodiversity patterns, systematics, landscape ecology and naturally fragmented systems (e.g. inselbergs and ephemeral wetlands). My study areas include arid, tropical, and temperate to montane ecosystems within Australia and southeast Asia. I was recently Secretary of the IAVS Vegetation Classification Working Group and am currently an Associate Editor of *Phytocoenologia* and *Pacific Conservation Biology*. I have recently submitted 26,000 plots to sPlot and am collecting datasets for DarkDivNet. I hope to encourage greater involvement in IAVS of vegetation ecologists from my region. I am currently in the process of formulating a bid for the annual IAVS symposium.

Monika Janišová (SK)

I am a researcher at the Institute of Botany, Slovak Academy of Sciences, focusing mainly on grasslands (classification, diversity, management) and population biology of grassland species. I have been a member of IAVS since 1993 and active in the European Vegetation Survey and European Dry Grassland Group (EDGG). Since 2015 I have been a member of the IAVS Governing Board serving mainly as Editor of the IAVS Bulletin. I regularly attend the IAVS Annual Symposia and enjoy the nice company of vegetation scientists from all around the world. I would like to continue promoting international co-operation among the IAVS members and sharing scientific results within and outside the IAVS.

Florian Jansen (DE)

I am Professor for landscape ecology at the University of Rostock, Germany. My research group has a broad focus from vegetation science to biodiversity informatics to measuring climate gases in drained mires. I host <https://www.GIVD.info> and <https://www.vegetweb.de> (the vegetation data portal for Germany) and I am a member of the Steering Committee of the European Vegetation Archive and sPlot. I am also a member of the Editorial Boards of *JVS* and *AVS* as well as a Chief Editor of *Phytocoenologia*. I will work for increased attention to biodiversity politics in vegetation science. Providing tools like taxonomic lists, plot databases and R packages for analyses and to serve our journals will help foster integration and innovation in vegetation science.

Borja Jiménez-Alfaro (SP)

I am a vegetation ecologist interested in many topics related to this fascinating discipline. I was trained as a botanist and plant ecologist at the University of Oviedo (Spain) and then enjoyed (really) postdocs at the University Rey Juan Carlos (Spain), Masaryk University (Czech Republic) and iDiv-Martin Luther University (Germany). I now work for the Spanish Research Council (CSIC) in a Biodiversity Center where I develop my own research program on community ecology, biogeography and seed ecology. This work is very much linked with my participation in the European Vegetation Survey and the IAVS Ecoinformatics Working Group. My main ambition is to implement modern ecological and big data approaches to vegetation science.

Keith Kirby (UK)

For over 30 years I was Forestry Ecologist for the England's Nature Conservancy Council and its successors. Since 2012 I have been an Honorary Visiting Researcher in the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford. My interests are particularly in long-term changes in woodland vegetation and the effects of forest disturbances (both natural and through management) on the ground flora. In particular, I seek to see how academic research can be used in applied conservation management. I wish to see more links made with conservation managers on the ground, as well as with researchers, through fostering discussions between IAVS and conservation practitioners.

Anna Kuzemko (UA)

I am Leading Research Fellow at the Kholodny Institute of Botany, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, where I obtained my PhD in 2003 and habilitation in 2012. My main interests in vegetation science are grassland ecology and biodiversity conservation. I joined IAVS, the European Vegetation Survey and the Eurasian Dry Grassland Group in 2008, am on the EDGG Executive Committee and am Chief Editor Palaeartic Grasslands. I am a member of the Phytocoenologia Editorial Board and am Technical Editor for the IAVS Bulletin. I appreciate IAVS bringing together vegetation scientists from across the world and its efforts toward conservation of vegetation. If I am elected, I will involve vegetation scientists from Ukraine and other low-income countries in IAVS activities.

Flavia Landucci (CZ)

I am a vegetation ecologist working at Masaryk University in Brno (Czech Republic). I have various interests including vegetation classification, community dynamics, effects of human impacts and conservation. In recent years I have focused my research on European aquatic and wetland habitats and their vegetation. I work at local (in central Italy) and large scales (Europe) using both field data and large databases. I am interested in achieving consistency in vegetation classification and matching classification systems worldwide. I am part of the Steering Committee of the Vegetation Classification Working Group of the IAVS, a member of the Editorial Board of AVS and Associate Editor of the journal Phytocoenologia.

Jan Lepš (CZ)

I am a Professor at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic. My research focuses on vegetation dynamics, maintenance of species and functional diversity in plant communities, determinants of stability, use of species traits for testing community assembly mechanisms, hemiparasite ecology, and tropical ecology. Further, I am interested in multivariate analysis of ecological data (having co-organized international courses in České Budějovice for more than 20 years). I co-organized the 1997 IAVS annual meeting in České Budějovice and have served as Associate Editor of JVS for many years. I am a member of the Awards Committee of the IAVS Council. I am the organizer of the Quantitative Ecology Module for international students at our university.

Yonghong F. Li (CN)

I am Professor and Head of the State Key Laboratory of Grassland Ecology at Inner Mongolia University, China. I am a vegetation ecologist by training (PhD, Montpellier 1992), and have been working primarily on grassland vegetation and ecosystems. My current research covers biodiversity conservation, red lists of ecosystems, ecosystem functioning and services, and anthropogenic and climate-change impacts and adaptive management. I am an Associate Editor of Journal of Arid Land and am actively involved in the ecological and grassland societies of China, and recently IAVS as a member of the Membership Committee and as an Editor of Palaeartic Grasslands (EDGG). I look forward to contributing to the advancement of IAVS, especially to the increase of IAVS activities in Asia.

Javier Loidi (ES)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Madrid, Spain, in 1981. Since 1988 I have taught at the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao as Professor of Botany and Plant Ecology. My membership in IAVS started in 1976 when I spent a period in Germany with R. Tüxen, and I have been serving as member of Council and the Governing Board for several terms. My interest in vegetation science focuses on forest and heathland ecology, vegetation classification and habitat conservation. I consider IAVS a powerful tool to improve a scientist's career; for that, we should increase the attractiveness of our Association to scientists all over the world, particularly to younger ones and those from underrepresented countries.

Zdenka Lososova (CZ)

I obtained my PhD at the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, and since 2010 have been an Associate Professor at that university. My research is focused on vegetation ecology and diversity patterns of flora and vegetation on different scales, with a focus on human-made habitats. As a member of the IAVS Council, I would like to contribute broadly to the activities of Society and especially its working group for European Vegetation Survey.

Marco Malavasi (CZ)

I obtained my PhD in 2015 at the University Of Roma Tre Italy. Since then I have been a researcher and a teacher at the Czech University of Life Sciences, Czech Republic. My research is broadly focused on investigating the relationships between spatial patterns and biological processes to model how plant communities and species are distributed in space and time. I am also enthusiastic about filling the communication gap between the ecology and remote-sensing communities. I started attending IAVS symposia in 2013, and in 2018 I became member of the IAVS Young Scientist Steering Committee. I envision IAVS as providing a means to bring together open-minded, international scientists for horizon scanning and as incubator for new ideas.

Peter Minchin (US)

My PhD is in plant community ecology from the University of Tasmania, Australia. I am a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, USA, where my research focuses on the development of robust multivariate techniques for data summarization, trend seeking, and hypothesis testing, with applications in conservation and ecological restoration. I teach ecology, biostatistics, field biology, and conservation biology. I have been a member of IAVS for 35 years and am currently serving as Vice President for Publications and Chair of the IAVS North American Section. I was co-organizer of the 2018 Annual Symposium in Bozeman, USA. If elected to IAVS Council, I will continue to work hard to advance the objectives of IAVS.

James E. Moore (US)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Memphis, USA, in 2011 and since then have been an Assistant and Associate Professor in Plant Ecology at Christian Brothers University. My membership in IAVS began in 2011. I have reviewed several papers for the Journal of Vegetation Science. My interest in vegetation science focuses on plant competition and responses to disturbances. I consider IAVS as my home society and am very eager to serve in a broader capacity. A major focus of the society should be attracting and involving young scientists from underrepresented groups and countries and we should diligently work toward this goal.

Ladislav (Laco) Mucina (AU)

I was born in Czechoslovakia (today Slovakia) and currently work and live in Australia. I received my education and was awarded scientific degrees in Slovakia and Germany. I have served as Professor at universities in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. I have published more than 400 papers and 28 books. My scientific interests span descriptive vegetation science (vegetation surveys, classification and mapping), biosystematics, molecular phylogeny, population ecology, evolutionary biology, biogeography, biodiversity science, plant community restoration and conservation biology. Despite many homelands during my career, IAVS has always been my scientific home. I have served IAVS as Associate and Chief Editor, Vice-President, Secretary-General, and member of the Advisory Council. In 2018 I was awarded Honorary Membership in IAVS.

Yukito Nakamura (JP)

I obtained a Doctor of Science at Tohoku University in 1985. Since 1977 I have been a member of IAVS, and since 1996 I have been an Honorary Doctor of the Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan. I am a contributing Editor for the journals *Phytocoenologia* and *Acta Botanica Pacifica*. My main scientific interest is the geobotany of East Asia, especially the classification and history of East Asian vegetation and applied vegetation science for the natural regeneration of traditional human-nature landscapes. We need research cooperation between East Asian countries and the rest of the world and I hope to foster such collaborations and partnerships through IAVS, especially to provide information about vegetation science to young scientists in Asia.

Alireza Naqinezhad (IR)

I am Alireza Naqinezhad, a Professor of Vegetation Ecology and Phytodiversity in the University of Mazandaran, Iran. My main interests are vegetation and phytodiversity of forests and grasslands (dry/wet), particularly in mountain and alpine areas. I am a member of the IAVS Global Sponsorship Committee and European Dry Grassland Group and have participated in several meetings and expeditions carried out by IAVS and its working groups. As IAVS has few representatives in the Middle East and Central Asia, my vision is to promote and motivate vegetation science communities from this part of the world to actively participate in the meetings and working groups of IAVS.

Gonzalo Navarro (BO)

I obtained my PhD degree in Biology from the Complutense University of Madrid. My main interests are biogeography, bioclimatology, classification, cartography and conservation of vegetation and biomes. I worked for several years on the phytosociology of northern Spain and from 1990 to the present I have lived and worked in Bolivia, mainly in the biogeography, classification and mapping of vegetation throughout this country, as well as in the adjacent countries. I am very interested in collaborating with the IAVS "from a distance" in the challenge of adapting the existing classifications of vegetation and biomes for the Neotropics. I am convinced of the fundamental role of the IAVS in this process.

Arkadiusz Nowak (PL)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Wrocław, Poland, and since 2013 have been a Professor at the University of Opole, Poland. In 2017 I was invited to the Botanical Garden of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw-Powsin and nominated as Deputy Director for Science. My main scientific interests include vegetation classification in Middle Asia and in paddy field agroecosystems, vegetation-environment relationships and conservation biology, with a focus on segetal and grassland ecosystems. For IAVS, I would like to increase engagement of young scientist in the society, particularly those from Poland, and increase the visibility of ecological and conservation problems in Central Asia.

Vladimir Onipchenko (RU)

I am Professor and Head of Department of Geobotany (Ecology and Plant Geography) at Moscow State Lomonosov University (MSU) with primary interests in the structure and function of plant communities, especially alpine vegetation. I am interested in plant functional traits, nitrogen nutrition, mycorrhiza, plant-soil interactions, species coexistence and dynamics of plant communities. My main area of research is alpine vegetation in the North Caucasus, but I have several projects studying alpine areas in the Alps, Tatra, Tibet, and Kenya. I have been a member of IAVS since 1995 and a member of Editorial Board of Phytocoenologia and Botanica Pacifica. I wish to facilitate greater involvement of vegetation scientists in functional aspects of plant community organization.

Michael W. Palmer (US)

I am Regents Professor Emeritus at Oklahoma State University. My research primarily focuses on the scaling of biodiversity and the role of disturbance in temperate grasslands and forests. I currently focus on the biodiversity of internally feeding phytophagous insects. I have served as Chair of the North American Section of IAVS and have been Forum Editor and Software Review Editor for JVS and AVS. I have served on the IAVS Council since 1998.

Kyle Palmquist (US)

I joined the faculty of Marshall University as Assistant Professor of Plant Ecology in 2019 after completing my PhD at the University of North Carolina and a postdoc at the University of Wyoming. My research focuses primarily on effects of environmental change on plant communities. I am particularly interested in the role of climate, drought, and fire in plant community assembly. I joined IAVS in 2010 and served on the Young Scientist's Section Steering Committee from 2015-2017. I am currently Vice Chair of the Vegetation Section of the Ecological Society of America. As part of the IAVS Council I would continue to contribute to and build the Young Scientist's Section and facilitate international collaborations among students and early-career scientists.

Meelis Pärtel (EE)

I received my PhD degree at the University of Tartu, Estonia. I have worked at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and University of Regina, Canada. Currently I am Professor of Botany at the University of Tartu. I have served as an Editor of JVS and AVS for several years and now serve as one of the Chief Editors. My main research topic is macroecology of biodiversity, especially the species pool concept. I am studying evolutionary and landscape history of ecological communities, elaborating new theories, methods and approaches. I hope to serve IAVS to enable us to fulfill our broad aims and visions.

Ricarda Pätzsch (DE)

I am a research associate, active in teaching botany and phytosociology, and currently completing my PhD at the University of Hildesheim and the Georg-August University, Göttingen. My research focuses on grassland vegetation of natural and cultural landscapes. In international collaboration I focus on characterization of grassland communities, effects of management and recommendations for nature conservation in the Baltic Region. I have been a member IAVS several years and a member of the Steering Committee of the Young Scientists Group. Since my first IAVS meeting in Brno, I have appreciated the enthusiasm for the broad topics of vegetation science in an open-minded atmosphere. Should I be elected, this spirit is something I want to promote, particularly between experienced and early-career scientists.

Robert K. Peet (US)

I am a Research Professor at the University of North Carolina. My research emphasizes vegetation of the southeastern US, forest dynamics, biogeography, vegetation assembly and species diversity. My research in ecoinformatics includes development of international databases and standards. I co-organized the US National Vegetation Classification Panel. I have served IAVS on Council, as President, and as Publications Officer. I co-organized the 1995 IAVS Symposium. I was co-founder and an initial Chief Editor of JVS, and primary organizer of the North American Section and the Ecoinformatics Working Group. I am a Fellow of AAAS and ESA, and an Honorary Member of IAVS. I hope to help IAVS engage more vegetation scientists and better serve its members worldwide.

Gwendolyn Peyre (CO)

I am a professor at the University of the Andes. My research focuses on the biogeography, ecology and conservation of high Andean plants and plant communities. I am currently studying changes in distribution and composition of páramo through space and time. I am owner of the VegParamo database and a member of the sPlot initiative. I also serve as IPBES representative and recently joined the Phytocoenologia editorial board. Within IAVS I am involved in establishing the Tropical Research Group and wish to increase my participation in other efforts, such as the EcoInformatics Group. My goal would be to help improve the visibility of tropical countries, especially from Latin America, within IAVS by encouraging representation, data sharing and scientific collaborations.

Valério D. Pillar (BR)

I am Professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil. My research is focused on quantitative community ecology, including multivariate methods and functional and phylogenetic analysis of community assembly, and on management and conservation of grassland vegetation. I chaired the organizing committee of the IAVS Symposium in Porto Alegre (2002) and have served on the IAVS Council since 2003. I have been an Associate Editor of JVS since 2004 and Chief Editor of JVS/AVS since 2013. I hope to continue helping IAVS to better achieve its goal of being a home for all vegetation scientists.

Jodi Price (AU)

I am a Senior Lecturer at Charles Sturt University in New South Wales Australia. I completed my PhD at La Trobe University in Melbourne in 2007. My main research interests are in understanding community assembly processes, and biodiversity patterns and drivers more generally, both from a theoretical standpoint and by a desire to inform management and conservation of native ecosystems. I was on the Local Organizing Committee for IAVS 2014, and I am an Associate Editor for Journal of Vegetation Science. I am interested in promoting the involvement of students and early career researchers in IAVS, as well as promoting gender equity and sustainability in conferences.

Morgan Raath (ZA)

I am currently finishing my PhD degree at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. My dissertation is on the consequences of inter- and intra-specific interactions through time and across environmental gradients using the sub-Antarctic Marion Island as a study system. My research interests lie in population and community ecology, the relationship between inter-specific and intra-specific interactions, and the impacts of abiotic environment and climate change on species dynamics and distributions. I have attended two IAVS symposiums - which were fantastic experiences. It would be an honour to serve on Council representing the African continent, and if elected my vision is to promote inter-disciplinary collaborations between researchers because I think that our research and its impact can benefit from shared knowledge.

Jill Rapson (NZ)

I did my PhD at University of Otago, New Zealand with (and occasionally against) Bastow Wilson. Since then I have taught plant ecology at Massey University, Palmerston North. I've been a member of IAVS since 2000, mostly serving as an Associate Editor of JVS, where I do my best to help authors produce logical, readable papers, simple enough for me to understand. My recent research has focused on the dynamics of dune wetlands, carbon sequestration in tussocklands, growth analysis variates, and achieving ecological success in restoration plantings of native forests, where I sneak in experimental work using other people's money. Currently I am biomassing ~70 native trees, cut down during cycleway construction, to see how allometry affects tree longevity.

Triin Reitalu (EE)

I obtained my PhD from Lund University, Sweden. My PhD subject was related to landscape history and its associations with plant diversity. Since 2010 I have been working as a researcher in the Quaternary Palaeoecology group in the Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia. I am using sedimentary pollen data to study the millennial-scale changes in plant species composition and diversity and to clarify how much human management and climate have influenced long-term vegetation patterns. I am a member of the JVS Editorial Board 2018 and was Editor of a special issue on palaeoecology in JVS. In IAVS I would like to promote better integration between vegetation science and palaeoecology.

Marcel Rejmánek (US)

I am Professor of Plant Ecology in the Department of Evolution and Ecology at the University of California, Davis (UCD). I received my M.S. (1969), RNDr. (1970) and Ph.D. (1977) from Charles University in Prague. Since 1985, I have been a faculty member in the Department of Botany and Department of Evolution and Ecology at UCD. I conduct research and publish on causes and consequences of plant invasions, dynamics of plant communities, and the ecology of seed dispersal and regeneration of tropical forests. I am an author of over 150 original papers published in professional journals, am co-editor of two volumes on biological invasions (1989, 1995) and, together with Professor Daniel Simberloff, editor of Encyclopedia of Biological Invasions.

David W. Roberts (US)

I have been a Professor of Vegetation Ecology at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, USA since 2004, where it was my pleasure to co-host the 2018 IAVS Symposium. I am currently Associate Editor of both the Journal of Vegetation Science and Phytocoenologia. My primary interests are in vegetation theory and analytical methods, and the vegetation of the northern Rocky Mountains, USA. As a vegetation ecologist I have co-authored monographs on the vegetation of eastern Idaho and western Wyoming, as well as northern Idaho. As a theorist and methodologist I am responsible for introducing dynamical systems theory and fuzzy set theory to vegetation ecology, and have pioneered numerous analytical methods in ordination and classification of vegetation.

Duccio Rocchini (IT)

I am permanent researcher at the Fondazione Edmund Mach, Trento, Italy, in the GIS and Remote Sensing Unit led by Markus Neteler. I am devoted to all spatial aspects related to vegetation science. I obtained my PhD in 2005 under the supervision of Prof. Alessandro Chiarucci at the University of Siena, Italy. I joined IAVS as Associate Editor for JVS and AVS 5 years ago. My main goal with IAVS is to increase the attractiveness of the Association for the spatial ecology and remote sensing community.

John Rodwell (UK)

As a vegetation scientist, researcher and teacher for over 40 years in universities, and as an independent consultant, I have played a key role in establishing and nurturing the European Vegetation Survey, working to promote common standards, transfer skills and encourage new and younger voices, and instrumental in securing funding for prestigious projects that have put vegetation science (and other vegetation scientists) at the heart of European environmental policy development. I want to see IAVS have a continuing place at the interface between science, public policy and the quality of the environment. But, I am still fascinated by the simple prospect of looking at nature – and thus at ourselves.

Daniel Sánchez-Mata (ES)

I obtained my PhD from the Complutense University (Madrid, Spain) in 1986 and have worked as Professor of Botany and Plant Ecology since 1987. My interest in IAVS activities dates from 1989, being a frequent participant in IAVS meetings and a member of several Working Groups. I also head the Spanish Geobotanical Society and the official leadership team for the organization of the IAVS 2021 meeting in Madrid. My current vegetation research covers two broad topics: vegetation classification and habitat conservation. I am convinced that the IAVS is a powerful means for advancing any scientific career; our mission should focus on enhancing the attractiveness of our Association, particularly among young people and in countries with a limited number of members.

Joop H.J. Schaminée (NL)

As a vegetation ecologist I am working at the research institute Alterra and the Universities of Wageningen and Nijmegen. My main interests are ecoinformatics (including vegetation classification), vegetation dynamics and nature conservation, including European policy and planning. Long-term projects include the Dutch national vegetation classification, the setting up of national and European vegetation databases (EVA), and the development of biological information systems. Within this context, I have co-authored several series of books. I have served on IAVS Council since 1998, from 1998 to 2007 as Secretary and currently as a member. I am Chair of the Awards Committee and one of the initiators of the European Vegetation Survey.

Sebastian Schmidlein (DE)

Since 2013 I have taught vegetation ecology at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany. My main research interests include remote sensing of vegetation dynamics and ecoinformatics. I like to see spatial and temporal patterns through the analysis of georeferenced data and remotely sensed imagery because it helps one realize what is going on in vegetation science. I serve as an Associate Editor of JVS and AVS. I look forward to continuing to work with IAVS to support our scientific community.

Emma Shidolo (NA)

I obtained my Master's degree in Natural Resource Management from Namibia University of Science and Technology in 2017. I have been involved in vegetation monitoring of long-term biodiversity observatory sites in Namibia since 2014 and have taught at the University of Namibia as a part-time Lecturer on rangeland degradation. My journey with IAVS began in 2015 and I have served on the IAVS Young Scientists Steering Committee. My research interest is focused on management and rehabilitation of savanna ecosystems as well as rangeland management. I consider IAVS as a powerful engagement and mind-opening platform, both as a young scientist and as an African scientist. My goal is for IAVS to become more known in the vegetation science community of Africa.

Nina Smits (NL)

Following my graduation in 1998, I worked six years as a researcher in vegetation science in The Netherlands. From 2004 to 2009, I pursued my PhD at Utrecht University, which I completed in 2010 on the restoration of nutrient-poor grasslands in southern Limburg, focusing on vegetation development and the role of soil processes. Since 2008 I have worked at Wageningen Environmental Research (previously Alterra) as a researcher in vegetation and restoration ecology. I have been active in IAVS since 2001, first as Administrator, and since 2007 also as a member of the Council. I have also served IAVS on the Global Fund Committee, Website Committee, and Awards Committee.

Péter Szabó (CZ)

I obtained my PhD at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, and since 2008 I have been working at the Institute of Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences, where I am Deputy Head of the Department of Vegetation Ecology. My research interests lie in the long-term interactions between human societies and wooded environments, with a special focus on what historical knowledge can contribute to today's nature conservation. Currently I am the President of the European Society for Environmental History. I also serve on the Steering Committee of the Historical Vegetation Ecology Working Group of IAVS. My main aim is to enhance interdisciplinarity in IAVS at the frontier between vegetation science and human sciences, especially history and archaeology.

Peter Török (HU)

I am a plant ecologist and lead a research group as a young professor at the University of Debrecen. My research interest covers conservation and biodiversity dynamics of grasslands. I have served since 2011 as a Chair in the IAVS Eurasian Dry Grassland Group (EDGG) and was guest editor for several EDGG-coordinated special features in international journals. I am an editorial board member of Applied Vegetation Science and Flora, and Associate Editor for Tuexenia. In 2017, I was elected to the Young Academy of Europe. If elected to Council, I would facilitate the collaboration of IAVS with other scientific organizations (e.g. SCB, SER) and help increase the visibility and attractiveness of the Association to young vegetation scientists and students.

Béla Tóthméréssz (HU)

I'm an ecologist interested in modelling, statistical ecology and biodiversity research. I am Head of the Ecology Department at the University of Debrecen, and the leader of the MTA-DE Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Research Group. My research activity covers a wide range of ecological topics with numerous international collaborations. In case of my successful election I would like to facilitate the multi-disciplinary international collaboration of research teams and increase the visibility of research achievements.

Vigdis Vandvik (NO)

I am Professor of plant ecology at the University of Bergen, Norway. I am interested in the interactive impacts of natural and human drivers such as fire, grazing, and climate change on ecological patterns and processes at different spatial and temporal scales. I explore themes such as seed ecology, population and community dynamics, functional traits, species interactions and ecosystem functioning using large-scale field experiments across bioclimatic gradients, often in grasslands, heathlands and alpine regions. I have been a member of IAVS since 1998 and have served as Associate Editor of JVS and AVS. I hope to contribute to IAVS' position as an important meeting ground where new ideas and research directions within vegetation science are developed, discussed and implemented.

Viktoria Wagner (CA)

I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta, Canada, and obtained my graduate education from the University of Göttingen (2006) and Halle-Wittenberg (2011), Germany. After finishing my degree, I worked at the University of Montana (USA) and Masaryk University (Czechia). My research spans invasion ecology, grassland conservation, and restoration ecology, and my toolbox includes vegetation surveys, data mining and experiments. Last year, I joined the IAVS Ecoinformatics Group Steering Committee. I value IAVS for its long tradition and its international and collegial community. I would like to see it prosper in the future and expand and diversify its membership.

David Ward (US)

I obtained my PhD at the University of Natal, South Africa. I was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of British Columbia, Canada. I was a professor at Ben Gurion University, Israel, and a professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Since 2015, I have been a professor at Kent State University, Ohio, USA. My main interests in vegetation science include invasive plants (especially native invasive plants), herbivory, and long-term studies, particularly in savanna and grassland ecosystems. Since 2004 I have served as Associate Editor of both Journal of Vegetation Science and Applied Vegetation Science. One goal I have for IAVS is to increase the attractiveness of the Association to scientists from developing and underrepresented countries.

Wolfgang Willner (AT)

I am a Lecturer at the University of Vienna, Austria, and Managing Director of the private research institute VINCA. My main interests are the biogeography, ecology, and classification of Central European forests and grasslands, as well as methodological issues of vegetation classification. I am member of the Steering Committee of the Working Group for Phytosociological Nomenclature (GPN) and Secretary of the European Vegetation Classification Committee, which was established by the IAVS Working Group European Vegetation Survey. In addition, I am one of the Chief Editors of Phytocoenologia. I would like to foster dialogue between different traditions of vegetation classification.

Manuela Winkler (AT)

I am an ecologist focusing on alpine plant biodiversity and the effects of climate change on alpine ecosystems. Since 2013, I have been a Senior Scientist at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU) where I am responsible for data analyses in the long-term monitoring program GLORIA (Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments). I am an active member of the GrassPlot consortium, a database initiative within the Eurasian Dry Grassland Group. As I consider climate change to be the main challenge of our time, I aim at raising climate change awareness and reducing the IAVS' carbon footprint.

Susan Wiser (NZ)

I am a Senior Scientist at Landcare Research, New Zealand. My research interests include vegetation classification and mapping and ecological informatics. Since 2011, I have served on the IAVS Governing Board as Secretary. I have been a member of IAVS since 1994, served on the JVS Editorial Board (2000-03), as an Associate Editor (2003-07), and on the Awards Committee (2009-11). I am on the Steering Committee of the Ecoinformatics Working Group and led the effort to develop Veg-X, an international exchange standard for vegetation plot data. My goals for IAVS include increasing our membership by broadening the spectrum of disciplines included in vegetation science and encouraging more involvement of women, early career researchers and those from Australasia and the Pacific.

Kerry Woods (US)

As a forest ecologist focusing on population and community dynamics, I am particularly interested in integrating long-term research in late-successional forests across temperate regions. I have served IAVS as Associate Editor for JVS (current), North American Section Chair, and Chair of the Professional Ethics Committee (current). I also served the Ecological Society of America as Editor, Professional Ethics Committee Chair, and Annual Meeting Chair. I have been a Professor at Bennington College (Vermont) since 1986. I hope to continue working with IAVS to sustain and improve publications (including digital and archival vehicles), and to the increase potential for networking and participation within the vegetation science community generally.

David Zelený (CZ)

I received my PhD in 2008 at the University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, then worked in the Vegetation Science Group at Masaryk University Brno, and since 2015 I have been Assistant Professor at National Taiwan University, Taiwan. I am a vegetation ecologist focusing on diversity patterns, application of trait-based approaches in vegetation ecology, vegetation survey and classification, and theoretical aspects of community ecology data analysis. I hope to promote activities of the Association in East Asia to which I have recently relocated.

Martin Zobel (EE)

I am Professor of Plant Ecology at the University of Tartu, Estonia. My current research focuses on patterns of plant community and mycorrhizal fungal community diversity and the processes underlying the pattern. I am trying to combine approaches at different scales and across studies of different taxonomic groups (plants and symbiotic fungi). Besides trying to understand the fundamental nature of plant communities, my research addresses the impact of land use on vegetation structure and on finding the best indicators of this impact. I am an Associate Editor of JVS.