



# 58th Annual Symposium of the International Association for Vegetation Science

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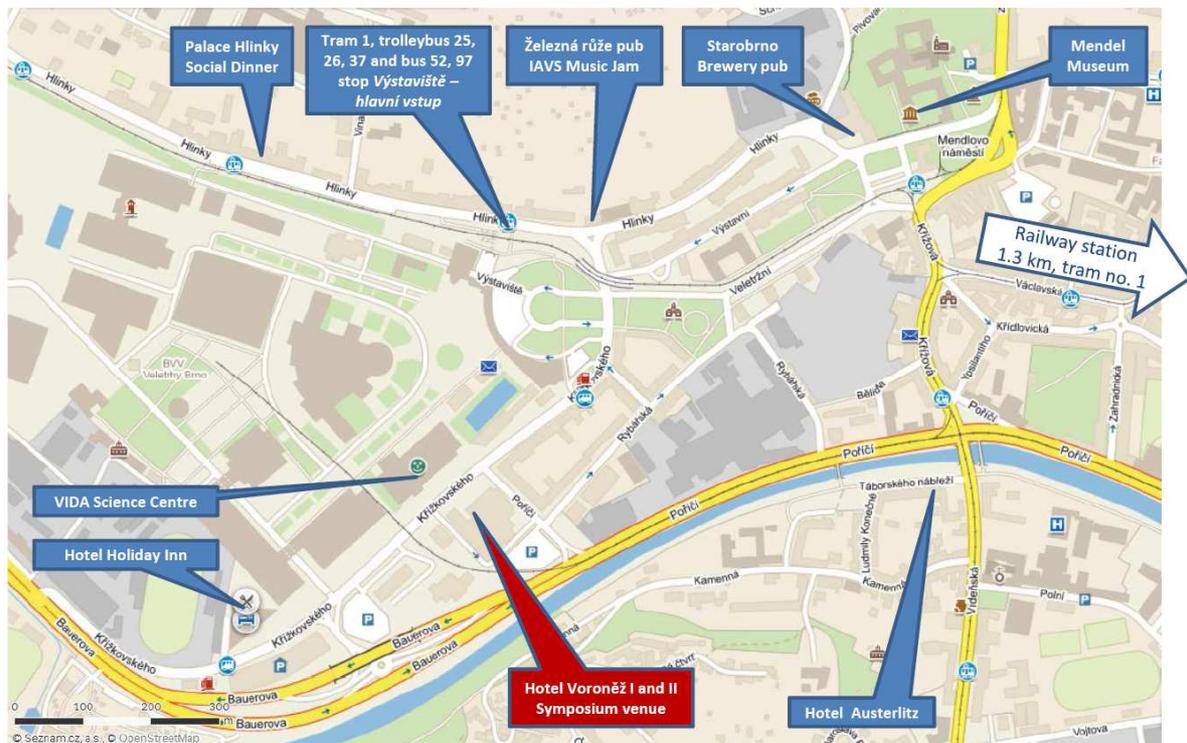
## Final Circular

Dear participant,

Welcome to the 58th IAVS Symposium! This document contains some practical information.

### Venue

The Symposium venue is Hotel Voroněž I, Křížkovského 47, Brno (near Brno City centre), see <http://www.oreahotelvoronez.cz/en/>.



## Travel information

### *From Vienna airport*

Direct buses from Vienna airport to Brno are operated by the company called Student Agency. It is recommended to buy a ticket online in advance at <http://www.studentagency.eu/>. The yellow buses leave from platform 02 in front of the Vienna airport building and arrive in the station Brno – Benešova tř. Hotel Grand. Alternatively you can take a train from the airport to the station Wien Hbf and change for a train to Brno. See schedule at <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>, enter Flughafen Wien and Brno.

### *From Prague airport*

Take Bus No. 119 in front of Terminal 1 or Terminal 2. At the terminal station Nádraží Veveslavín, change for metro and go either to the station Florenc (for buses) or the station Hlavní nádraží (for trains). For the whole trip by bus and metro you need a single ticket for 32 CZK which should be bought in advance in a ticket machine at the platform or in a kiosk. The ticket must be validated immediately after entering the bus. If you use taxi, always ask for the price in advance (Prague taxi drivers do not have the best reputation). Taxi prices from Prague airport to the Main Railway Station (Hlavní nádraží) or the Florenc Bus Station range from 320 to 560 CZK – see <http://www.cenytaxi.cz/> (enter Odkud: Letiste, Kam: Hlavni nadrazi, and the prices will appear in the last column).

The combined schedule of trains and buses is available at <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/> (enter Praha and Brno). There are many connections from Prague to Brno during daytime and several night trains. Usually no reservation is needed. If you go by bus, it is slightly more convenient to take one that arrives in the station Brno – Benešova tř., Hotel Grand (e.g. a Student Agency bus) rather than one arriving in the station Brno – ÚAN Zvonařka.

### *From Brno stations to the hotels*

Taxi takes about 10–15 minutes from any station to any of the Symposium hotels. See taxi prices at <http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/TAXI-BRNO.pdf>.

Alternatively, you can use city transport which is quite efficient in Brno. From the Main Railway Station (Brno hlavní nádraží) or the nearby bus station Brno – Benešova tř. Hotel Grand (i.e. the of the Student Agency):

- For Hotel Voroněž I and II and Holiday Inn, take Tram No. 1 (direction Bystrc-Ečerova or Pisárky), get off at the fifth stop Výstaviště – hlavní vstup (Exhibition grounds – the main entrance). Walk along the Exhibition Centre to the left and then go right to Hotel Voroněž, or further to Hotel Holiday Inn.
- For Hotel Continental, take Tram No. 1 (direction Řečkovice), get off at the stop Moravské náměstí and go to the left and then right to the street Kounicova.
- For Hotel Austerlitz, take Tram No. 2 (direction Modřice), get off at the stop Poříčí, cross the bridge and go to the right to the hotel.
- For Hotel Boby Centrum, take Bus No. 67 (direction Jundrov) and get off at the stop Sportovní.

All tickets for Brno City Transport can be used for trams, buses and trolleybuses. Tickets are available from kiosks and ticket machines. The ticket must be validated immediately after entering the vehicle. The validity of a 25 CZK ticket is 60 minutes. The validity of a 20 CZK ticket is 15 minutes, which gives you enough time to get from the Main Railway Station to Hotel Voroněž. With these tickets you can change between all tram, bus and trolleybus lines in Brno as you like within the respective time limits.

## Registration

The registration desk of the IAVS Symposium will be open at Hotel Voroněž I on Sunday 19 July from 16:00 to 21:00 and further on Mon 20, Tue 21, Thu 23 and Fri 24 July from 8:00 to 18:00. You will receive a name badge at the registration desk which must be worn during the sessions, breaks and evening events.

## Symposium programme

The most recent version of the symposium programme is available at [http://www.iavs2015.cz/en\\_programme.html](http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_programme.html). Note that this programme can slightly change. The Book of Abstracts is available at <http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/IAVS-Brno-2015-Abstracts.pdf>.

## Presentations

### *Oral presentations*

A computer and data projector will be available for oral presentations. Presentations should be prepared in MS PowerPoint (any version) or PDF format. Our computers will use the MS Windows operating system; if you use other operating system, please make sure that your presentation works under Windows. The file name format should be *lastname\_firstname* of the presenting author. Please bring your presentation to our technical staff before the beginning of the first morning session on the day of your presentation. **The length of the standard oral presentations is 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of discussion. Please do not use the time allocated for discussion to finish your talk!**

### *Posters*

Bring printed posters, size up to 84 cm (width) and 119 cm (height) (A0 format), which will be installed using a double-sided tape provided at the symposium registration. Each poster can be displayed during the whole symposium. Please refer to the symposium programme for the poster board code assigned to you and use only the board with this code. In addition to the printed poster, you can optionally display your poster also on the electronic touch screens that will be available in the Hotel Voroněž I lobby in front of the conference halls. If you are interested in this option, upload a PDF version of your poster to a public web depository (name format: *lastname\_firstname.pdf*) and send a link to [conference@ta-service.cz](mailto:conference@ta-service.cz). Please do not send large PDF files by e-mail.

### *Lightning talks*

Participants presenting a poster can optionally give a one-minute plenary "lightning talk", in which you come on stage, introduce yourself, and present basic information about your poster. You are not expected to provide details, but you should tell the audience what is interesting about your study

and motivate people to attend the poster. You can show one slide on screen, which will disappear automatically after one minute. This slide should include your name, poster title, poster ID according to the Symposium programme and a few pictures or graphs (without animation) showing the main message of the poster. To present a lightning talk, previous registration is needed by contacting David Zelený ([zeleny@sci.muni.cz](mailto:zeleny@sci.muni.cz)). Registered participants will obtain detailed instructions about preparation of the lightning talk by email.

## **Meals**

Coffee breaks and lunches are included in the registration fee and will be served in Hotel Voroněž I. All meals will be served as a buffet with possible individual choice according to specific dietary requirements.

## **Social programme**

### *Welcome Reception*

Welcome Reception will take place in Hotel Voroněž I on Sunday 19 July from 18:00 to 21:00. The price is included in the symposium fee.

### *IAMS Music Jam Session*

This informal event for those who will have still enough energy after the return from the mid-symposium excursion will take place in Železná růže pub, Hlinky 48, Brno, on Wednesday 22 July from 19:00. The pub is at a walking distance from Hotel Voroněž I. You are encouraged to bring your music instruments with you. Please note that the capacity of the pub is limited. Everyone is expected to pay his/her meals and drinks on the individual basis.

### *Symposium Dinner*

Symposium Dinner will take place at Palace Hlinky (První brněnská strojírna), Hlinky 110, Brno, on Thursday 23 July from 19:30 to 23:00. The site is at a walking distance from Hotel Voroněž I. The Symposium Dinner is *not* included in the registration fee. Pre-registration and payment (40 EUR) are required.

## **Excursions**

Bring hiking boots, raincoat, sun-protection cream and sun hat for the excursions. Lunch boxes and water will be provided.

A guide to all pre- and mid-symposium excursions is available at <http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/Botanical-Excursions-in-Moravia.pdf>. General information about Czech flora and vegetation is contained in the papers that can be downloaded from [http://www.iavs2015.cz/en\\_general\\_information.html](http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_general_information.html). A post-symposium excursion guide will be available at this website soon (check for updates). Online expert-checked photogalleries of plants occurring at individual sites of pre-and mid-symposium excursions can be accessed through the excursion websites, e.g. [http://www.iavs2015.cz/en\\_mid\\_symposium\\_excursions.html](http://www.iavs2015.cz/en_mid_symposium_excursions.html).

### *Mid-symposium excursions*

The price of the mid-symposium bus excursions is included in the Symposium fee. All the excursions depart on Wednesday 22 July at 8:00 from Hotel Voroněž I, except Excursion 10 (Hrubý Jeseník Mountains) which departs at 7:00. The expected return of the excursions to Brno is between 17:00 and 19:00.

### *Pre-symposium and post-symposium excursions*

All excursions leave from Hotel Voroněž I. Instructions for the pre-symposium excursions are available at <http://www.iavs2015.cz/files/IAVS-Symposium-Brno-2015-Pre-Symposium-Excursions.pdf>. Instructions for the post-symposium excursion will be sent to the registered participants.

### **Courses**

Pre- and post-symposium courses of vegetation data analysis will take place in the University Campus Bohunice of Masaryk University. Information will be sent to the registered participants by the course leaders Viktoria Wagner ([wagner@sci.muni.cz](mailto:wagner@sci.muni.cz)), Lubomír Tichý ([tichy@sci.muni.cz](mailto:tichy@sci.muni.cz)) and David Zelený ([zeleny@sci.muni.cz](mailto:zeleny@sci.muni.cz)).

### **Internet access**

Hotel Voroněž I is covered with free WiFi connection.

### **Electricity**

The electricity supply in the Czech Republic is 230 volts AC, 50 Hz. European-style 2-pin plugs (Type C Europlug and Type E and Type F Schuko) are in use.

### **Currency, credit cards**

The national currency in the Czech Republic is Czech Crown (CZK, *koruna*), which can be obtained in exchange offices or cash machines. The exchange rate in June 2015 was 1 EUR = 27.2 CZK, 1 USD = 24.3 CZK. Most shops do not accept payments in foreign currencies. Credit and debit cards such as Visa, Mastercard and Maestro are accepted in most of the hotels, restaurants and shops, but ask first. Euro is used in Austria (participants arriving through Vienna airport) and Slovakia (post-symposium excursion).

### **Time**

Czech Republic is in the Central European Time Zone: UTC/GMT +2 hours during the Daylight-Saving Time in summer.

### **Weather**

In the second half of July the daytime temperature in Brno is about 25 °C, but occasionally it can be lower than 15 °C or higher than 35 °C. Lower temperatures can occur during the excursions in the mountain areas (Mid-symposium Excursion 10 to the Hrubý Jeseník Mountains and Post-symposium

excursion to the Western Carpathians). Weather can be changeable with possible rain. A light raincoat and sweater are recommended for the evenings and excursions.

### **Safety**

Generally Brno is a safe city and the Czech Republic is a safe country. However, you should beware of pickpockets in crowded places such as railway or bus stations, in city transport, at touristic sites and in shopping centres. Never leave your bag unattended and do not leave valuables in your car.

### **Visa**

The Czech Republic is a part of the Schengen Area of the European Union. Normally there is no checking on the Czech national border, though there may be occasional checks because of the currently increased illegal immigration in the EU. Some visitors to the European Union must have valid visa prior to the departure, regardless of the length of stay. We encourage visitors to timely inform themselves about the visa at <http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/visa-for-a-stay-of-up-to-90-days-short-term.aspx> and if invitation is necessary, please contact [tarabova@ta-service.cz](mailto:tarabova@ta-service.cz) as soon as possible.

### **Contact information**

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Mobile phone for emergency cases: +420 724 873 964 (Ms. Zdeňka Šturalová)

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or visit the registration desk in Hotel Voroněž I during the Symposium.