INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EX SITU CONSERVATION OF PLANTS - PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

POZNAŃ, 23-25 JANUARY 2013

Organizers:

The Botanical Garden of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań The Faculty of Biology of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In era of rapid impoverishment of Earth' flora, botanic gardens are a refuge for many rare and endangered species. The creation of collections of endangered plant species in ex situ cultivation is one of the steps in the chain of actions taken to protect biodiversity. With tasks imposed on the botanic gardens by the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, ex situ conservation of rare and protected is becoming increasingly important. The target 8 updated version for the period 2011-2020 says, that: "At least 75 per cent of threatened plant species in ex situ collections, preferably in the country of origin, and at least 20 per cent available for recovery and restoration programmes." Therefore, it is necessary to exchange practical experience of harvesting and storing seeds, propagation and ex situ cultivation of plant species threatened with extinction. This meeting will address these issues practically. The invited speaker is Dr Paul Smith, Head of the Kew's Millennium Seed Bank.

We invite you to submit oral presentations and posters concerning the ex situ protection of plants. Participants will be able to publish the research, presented at the conference, in the form of articles, in the reviewed supplement of *Biodiversity: Research and Conservation* (http://www.brc.amu.edu.pl/).

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

23 January - Wednesday

Faculty of Biology of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, ul. Umultowska 89, 61-614 Poznań

Arrival of the particiapnts to the AMU Faculty of Biology

16.00 - 17.00 - Registration

17.00 - 17.30 - Welcome

17.30 - 19.00 - Presentation by Dr Paul Smith, Head of the Kew's Millennium Seed Bank 19.00 - 20.00 - Dinner

24 January - Thursday

Botanical Garden of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, ul. Dąbrowskiego 165, 60-594 Poznań

9.00 - 17.00 - Session day

25 January - Friday

The Poznań Palm House - The Ostrów Tumski Island - The Natural History Collections of the AMU Faculty of Biology - The Morasko Meteorite Nature Reserve

9.00 - 17.00 - Trips around Poznań 17.00 - 19.00 - Dinner in the Hacjenda Restaurant

26 January - Saturday

Departure

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Costs of participation: 100 PLN cover conference materials and board

Accommodation: DS Jowita UAM, ul. Zwierzyniecka 7, 60-813 Poznań Cost of accommodation will be paid by participants: single room - 75.60 PLN double room - 118.80 PLN Booking will be made by organizers.

Deadline for registration: 11.11.2012

Deadline for abstract: 9.12.2012

Please send the registration form and abstract to the following address: alicjak@amu.edu.pl

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