



34th Conference of the European Vegetation Survey

Vegetation of Europe: Historical data, Dynamics and Conservation

Clermont-Ferrand 7 – 11 (13) September 2026

Second circular and final programm

Dear friends and colleagues

We are pleased to share the second announcement and warmly invite you to attend the 34th Conference of the European Vegetation Survey (EVS), which will be held in Clermont-Ferrand (France), from Monday 7 September 2026 to Friday 11.

The Conference is organized under the patronage of the International Association for Vegetation Science (IAVS), the French Phytosociological Society (SFP), the Clermont Auvergne University (UCA) and the University of Bretagne Occidentale (UBO).

Since 1992, this conference has consistently brought together young and established scientists from various fields of vegetation science, representing countries across Europe and beyond, providing an important platform for presenting the latest research, creating opportunities for connection and facilitating the exchange of ideas. The scientific programs of each conference have consistently highlighted both mainstream and emerging topics in vegetation science, addressing critical issues such as the diversity, conservation and restoration of plant communities and habitats in Europe.

The 34th EVS Conference will feature interesting topics related to: historical data, vegetation dynamics, biodiversity management and restoration strategies, monitoring and resurvey, classification and management of European habitats.

The 34th EVS Conference will offer one keynote lecture, several thematic sessions and engaging poster sessions.

The conference will also include two mid-symposium excursions, providing opportunities for European vegetation scientists to explore the diversity of plant species, communities and landscapes of the Dore mountains in the French Massif central. A post-excursion will take place at the end of the conference from 11 to 13 September in the Cantal mountains.

We sincerely hope you will join us in Clermont-Ferrand for this exciting event. Your participation will make the 34th EVS Conference a memorable and inspiring gathering for the vegetation science community.

The final program is detailed below. We look forward to welcoming you to Clermont-Ferrand in September 2026.

Warm regards

The organizing committee

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REGISTRATION

Please, note this important information: pre-registration is required before final registration.

- **Deadline for registration and fee payment** (late): July 15th, 2026

INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE

Please regularly check information and updates on the [conference website](#).

PROGRAMME

Monday September 7

09:00 – 16:00 (optional) Workshop: Open vegetation data and their processing in R (by Irena Axmanová, Jan Divíšek, Salza Palpurina, Martin Večeřa & Milan Chytrý (at the international university house, MIU)

17:00 – 19:00 Registration (at polydome)

Tuesday September 8

08:00 – 19:00 Registration

08:30 – 08:50 Welcome by UCA, UBO and EVS.

08:50 Session 1: Importance of historical data for assessing dynamic trends of vegetation and landscape. Plenary chair 1 (6 oral presentations)

08:50 – 09:30: Keynote speaker Thierry Dutoit: Will the human footprint ever disappear? Importance of historical data for assessing dynamic trends of vegetation in dry Mediterranean grasslands

09:30 – 09:45 Joop Schaminée - Long-term phenological changes in two species-rich grasslands on calcareous slopes in South Limburg (The Netherlands).

09:45 – 10:00 Maria Carla de Francesco - Four decades of change in coastal dune vegetation: ecological guilds and emerging drivers along the central Adriatic coast.

10:00 – 10:15 Dariia Borovyk - Recovering historical vegetation plots: digitisation of Yurii Kleopov's century-old relevés from the south-western Donets Ridge, Ukraine.

10:15 – 10:30 Hana Skokanová - Do divergent landscape changes shape grassland plant species richness across the Czech-Austrian border?

10:30 – 10:45 Rense Haveman - Descended from the mountains, following large changes in forestry methods in the 19th and 20th century – the *Epilobio-Digitalietum* in the Netherlands.

10:45 – 11:00 Erwan Glémarec - Using historical vegetation plot surveys, cadastral maps and satellite imagery to assess long-term vegetation trajectories: insights from wet grasslands in western France.

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 Session1 (cont.): Importance of historical data for assessing dynamic trends of vegetation and landscape. Plenary chair 2 (6 oral presentations).

11:20 – 11:35 Alessandra Gorlier - The Santa Rita Experimental Range: 124 Years of Desert Grassland Dynamics in Southwestern North America.

11:35 – 11:50 Karol Ujházy - What has happened to the understorey of thermophilous Pannonian oak woods over the past 70 years?

11:50– 12:05 Verena Haring - Time-series on Central European grassland vegetation to study the impacts of country-level landscape dynamics on biodiversity.

12:05 – 12:20 Jana Bürger - Integrating vegetation survey data from diverse nationwide monitoring programmes in Germany – a worklog.

12:20 – 12:35 Marianna Biró - Long-term processes, direct and indirect drivers behind changes of Natura 2000 grassland habitats.

12:35 – 12:50 Milan Chytrý - Open vegetation data: an example of the Czech Vegetation Database.

12:55 – 13:55 Lunch

14:00 Session 2: Vegetation dynamics knowledge for optimizing biodiversity management and restoration strategies. Plenary chair 3 (8 oral presentations).

14:00 – 14:15 Anna Kuzemko - Beyond peacetime standards: Evaluating warfare impacts on Bern Convention Resolution 4 habitats in Ukraine.

14:15 – 14:30 Liene Auniņa - Long-term assessment of vegetation and soil moisture changes after drainage blocking in two raised bogs of Western Latvia.

14:30 – 14:45 Mária Šibíková - Dynamic habitat connectivity modelling: Insights from riparian ecosystems in Slovakia.

14:45 – 15:00 Hüseyin Yilmaz - Effects of post-fire restoration strategies on vegetation dynamics and their role in soil erosion in a Mediterranean *Pinus brutia* forest

15:00 – 15:15 Kata Frei - Abandoned lime kilns influence environmental heterogeneity and plant diversity in karst landscapes.

15:15 – 15:30 Noa Terracina - Empirical versus trait-based CSR values in European plant species.

15:30 – 15:45 Vira V. Protopopova - Alien flora of Ukraine: an updated national checklist.

15:45 – 16:00 Jakub Těšitel - The story of hemiparasitic plants, declining keystone component of the European vegetation.

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee Break

16:20 Session 2 (cont.): Vegetation dynamics knowledge for optimizing biodiversity management and restoration strategies. Plenary chair 4 (4 oral presentations)

16:20 – 16:35 Zsolt Molnár - Internal colonization of traditional knowledge and its holders since the Enlightenment and its consequences for understanding and managing vegetation dynamics.

16:35 – 16:50 Ali Kavgacı - Effects of different post-fire restoration strategies on the Anatolian black pine (*Pinus nigra* subsp. *pallasiana*) forest vegetation.

16:50 – 17:05 Giovanni Terranova - Barbary Thuja dominated communities of North-West Africa.

17:05 – 17:20 Alida Anna Hábczyus - Combined effects of root hemiparasite and mowing can suppress the expansion of *Calamagrostis epigejos* in grassland dolines.

17:20 – 19:00 Poster session 1

Wednesday September 9

Mid-symposium excursion in the Dore mountains.

Thursday September 10

08:45 Session 3: Vegetation monitoring and resurvey for biodiversity conservation in a global change context. Plenary chair 5 (9 oral presentations).

08:45 - 09:00 Flavia Landucci - The project WetFlorVegChange, an unusual resurvey project.

09:00 - 09:15 Veronika Kalusová - Patterns of grassland and forest plant diversity in the Czech Republic revealed by integrated preferential and random stratified sampling

09:15 - 09:30 Jozef Šibík - Equine allies: The role of Polish Primitive Horse (Konik) in small-scale rewilding for habitat revitalization

09:30 - 10:45 Irati Sanz-Zubizarreta - Temporal changes in riparian forest vegetation: unexpected responses to streamflow alteration under climate change.

10:45 – 10:00 Marco Varricchione - Nitrophilization and shrubification vary across alpine plant communities: Evidence from the Central Apennines.

10:00 – 10:15 Katja Klumpp - Effects of grazing management and temperature anomalies on stability of grassland production and CO₂ fluxes: does the plant community drift progressively, or fluctuate around a stable state?

10:15 – 10:30 Camilla Wellstein - Freshwater ecosystems under pressure: modelling the future of riparian vegetation in a protected Alpine landscape.

10:30 – 10:45 Lubomír Tichý - Database of Permanent Monitoring Plots in the Czech Republic: 18 years of experience.

10:45 – 11:00 Gabriele Midolo - Long-term landscape dynamics and protected areas shape plant biodiversity change of Central European grasslands.

11:00– 11:20 Coffee Break

11h20 Session 3 (cont.): Vegetation monitoring and resurvey for biodiversity conservation in a global change context. Plenary chair 6 (6 oral presentations).

11:20 – 11:35 Salza Palpurina - Vegetation change in dry grasslands in Bulgaria: Preliminary results of a 15-year resurvey.

11:35 – 11:50 Adam Clark - Impacts of observation error on estimates of vegetation dynamics and biodiversity change.

11:50 – 12:05 François Prud'homme - Floreal 2.2: a tool linking plant functional traits to agroecological indicators for grassland assessment.

12:05 - 12:20 Giulio Martelluci - Leveraging the European Vegetation Archive to resolve visual ambiguity in automated biodiversity monitoring.

12:20 – 12:45 Irena Axmanová - European Database of Alien Plants: Towards a harmonised resource for plant invasion research.

12:45 – 13:00 Francesco Santi - Secondary succession on islands coupled with species richness decrease: first insights from resurveying vegetation plots on small Mediterranean islands.

13:00 – 14: Lunch

14:00 Session 4: Vegetation classification: a tool for better understanding and improving management of European habitats. Plenary chair 7 (5 oral presentations).

14:00 – 14:15 Olivier Argagnon - Coastal *Juncetea maritimi* in southeastern France.

14:15 – 14:30 Agnieszka Piernik - Inland and coastal salt marshes in Poland: the same or different vegetation classes?

14:30 – 14:45 Friedemann von Lampe - Classification of European aquatic vegetation (*Lemnetea* and *Potamogetonetea*) to the association level.

14:45 – 15:00 Julie Steffen - Bryophyte communities in Switzerland: a proposal for a list of alliances and microhabitat typology.

15:00 – 15:15 Patrice Prunier - Look on alpine willow communities: from lowland alluvial forests to dwarf thickets of the subalpine zone.

15:15 – 15:45 EVS Business Meeting

15:45 – 16:05 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 Poster session 2

18:00 Departure from polydome for the social dinner at the summit of puy de Dôme by taking the panoramic railway.

20:30 – 22:00 Social dinner

23:10 – Arrival at the polydome

Friday September 11

08:45 Session 4 (cont.): Classification: a tool for better understanding and improving management of European habitats. Plenary chair 8 (9 oral presentations).

08:45 – 09:00: Jorge Capelo - WALTER – An R package to plot worldwide climate diagrams and issue multiple bioclimate and biome classifications.

09:00 – 09:15 Denys Vynokurov - cocktail: fast and reproducible Cocktail clustering for vegetation classification.

09:15 – 09:30 Borja Jiménez-Alfaro - Why regionalisation matters in the EUNIS Habitat Classification.

09:30 – 09:45 Jean-Noël Galliot - Unlocking the potential of diverse grasslands: typology and diagnostic tools for grassland livestock farming in the Massif central.

09:45 – 10:00 Benjamin Allard - Ecosystem services characterization of phytosociological associations of permanent mid-mountain grasslands of the Chaîne des Puys (Auvergne).

10:00 – 10:15 Iuliia Vasheniak - Phylogenetic structure of calcareous habitats in Ukraine: patterns of endemism and diversity.

10:15 – 10:30 Martin Večeřa - Effects of climate, land use and connectivity on native and alien urban floras: Insights from local and continental scales.

10:30 – 10:45 Sébastien Rapinel - Synonyms and syntaxonomic crosswalks: a pitfall for natural habitat management.

10:45 – 11:00 Jean-Paul Theurillat PhytoS, an online database of plant community names: current status.

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 Session 4 (cont.): Vegetation classification: a tool for better understanding and improving management of European habitats. Plenary chair 9 (6 oral presentations).

11:20 – 11:35 Wolfgang Willner - Interpretation of EU habitats: a never-ending story.

11:35 – 11:50 Filip Kůzmič - Identifying and characterizing weed and ruderal species. Case study from Slovenia.

11:50 – 12:05 Francesco Candini - Data-driven habitat-based bioregionalisation of the Alps for conservation assessment.

12:05 – 12:20 Gianmaria Bonari - An overview of habitat patterns in Italy.

12:20 – 12:35 Rossen Tzonev - *Pinus heldreichii* and *Pinus peuce* forest communities in the Pirin Mountains of Bulgaria.

12:35 – 12:50 Pavel Novák - Hotspot in a hotspot – Caucasian extremely species-rich plant communities in the Eurasian context.

12:50 – 13:30 Closing ceremony and awards for young researchers

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

16:30 for those who have registered for the post-conference excursion, departure from polydome to the monts du Cantal (11, 12 and 13th September).

SPECIAL CONGRESS EVENTS

EVS Business Meeting: 15:30, Thursday September 10: (conference venue). A meeting for the EVS members and all conference participants interested in the activities of this group.

SOCIAL DINNER

Thursday September 10: departure at 18.00. Participants will take the panoramic railway up to the top of puy de Dôme for social dinner. Return to the Polydome at 23.10.

MID-SYMPOSIUM EXCURSIONS

We will offer two excursions Wednesday September 9 in Dore mountain in the footsteps of Luquet (1926) *Fagion, Calamagrostion, Piceion, Genisto-Vaccinon, Arrhenatherion...*

Group 1: Chaudefour valley (bottom), Pavin lake, Croix-Morand Pass.

Group 2: Chaudefour valley (halfway up), Capucin, Sancy.

POST-SYMPOSIUM EXCURSION

The post-excursion will take place from 11 September to 13 in the Cantal mountain on the footsteps of Braun-Blanquet (1926), *Nardion, Adenostylion, Festucion variaae, Genisto-Vaccinon, Cardamino-Montion.*

ACCOMMODATION

Please see the link on the [website](#) to the list of conveniently located accommodation for Conference participants in Clermont-Ferrand.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

After registration it will be possible to pay the registration fee to Société Française de Phytosociologie, non-profit organization, using Bank transfer or online payment.

The fee covers coffee breaks, lunches and the conference package, not the social dinner and excursions.