# 8th Meeting of PhD students in Plant Ecology and Botany

# Telč, Czech Republic, 26-28 October 2018

(first circular)

We are happy to announce another international PhD student meeting, which provides an opportunity to meet colleagues from other institutions and other countries and present and discuss different PhD projects at any stage of their development. The meeting is open to PhD students of plant ecology and botany, their supervisors and other plant ecologists from any country. However, the venue capacity is limited, and participation will be accepted on the first come, first served principle.

#### Venue

The meeting will take place at the University Centre Telč of Masaryk University (www.uct.muni.cz) located in the historical centre of the town of Telč, a beautiful complex of Baroque and Renaissance architecture, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Telč is located in the southern Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, in the middle of the way between Brno and České



Budějovice. The accommodation costs for all participants will be covered by Masaryk University. The meals will be covered by individual participants, who can order breakfast and lunches, each for 5–6 euros.

## Preliminary programme

26 Oct 2018 (Friday): arrival around noon, from 13:00 presentations and discussions

27 Oct 2018 (Saturday) morning: presentations and discussions

27 Oct 2018 (Saturday) afternoon: botanical excursion: meso- to oligotrophic fishponds and mires

28 Oct 2018 (Sunday) morning and early afternoon: presentations and discussions

28 Oct 2018 (Sunday) late afternoon: departure

Evenings: many possibilities, including sightseeing in Telč, dinner and beer in Telč pubs, music jam session with beer at the University Centre ...

PhD students should prepare a short presentation in English (10 minutes) regarding their doctoral project using PowerPoint (or a PDF document). The first-year (or second-year) students can present only hypotheses or methods of the project, without results. We do not expect conference-type presentations, which pretend that everything is already solved. Presentations can include open questions and discussions of possible alternative ideas or methods. The aim of this meeting is to give an opportunity to young scientists to share their scientific ideas and improve presentation skills in English.

## Registration

If you want to participate, please fill in the registration form at <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/rCPvZoh971uxgVZ33">https://goo.gl/forms/rCPvZoh971uxgVZ33</a> by 10 September 2018. The second circular with the final programme and other details will be distributed by the end of September 2018 to the registered participants.

Looking forward to meeting you in Telč,

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