



Exhibition Green treasure of Azerbaijan

Relict trees of the Hyrcanian Forest in the Talysh Mountains of Azerbaijan

A joint exhibition project of:

Natural History Museum Fribourg (NHMF), Switzerland

Institute of Botany of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS), Baku, Azerbaijan

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Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Huseyn Javid Avenue 31, AZ-1143 Baku, Azerbaijan

11:00

Opening ceremony

Allocutions :

Akif Alizade (President of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, ANAS, Baku)

Pascal Aebischer (Ambassador of Switzerland in Baku)

Valida Ali-zade (Institute of Botany, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, ANAS, Baku)

Gregor Kozlowski (Natural History Museum Fribourg and University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

11:30

Visit of the exhibition

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Emanuel Gerber (Natural History Museum Fribourg, Switzerland)

Esmira Alirzayeva (Institute of Botany, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, ANAS, Baku)

12:00

Welcome Reception organized by the Swiss Embassy

14:30 – 18:20 Scientific part

International symposium:

Relict woody species – diversity, value and conservation challenges

Transcaucasian region

14:30 Gregor Kozlowski (Natural History Museum Fribourg and University of Fribourg, Switzerland) – The Project *Zelkova*: an overview and perspectives.

14:50 Elmira Maharramova (BGBM Berlin, Germany and Institute of Botany, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, ANAS, Baku) – Conservation genetics of selected Arcto-Tertiary tree species in the Caucasus.

15:10 Vahid Farzaliyev, Reshad Selimov (Central National Botanical Garden of Azerbaijan, Baku) – Relict plants of Azerbaijan: distribution, conservation and rational use.

15:30 Hajiaga Safarov (Hyrceanian National Park, Azerbaijan) – Evergreen relicts of Hyrceanian National Park.

15:50 Emanuel Gerber (Natural History Museum Fribourg, Switzerland) – The mountains of northeastern Turkey – a biodiversity hotspot for Colchic relict trees.

16:10 Nino Davitashvili (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia) – Relict woody species of Georgia.

Coffee break (16:30 – 17:00)

Other regions

17:00 Joachim Gratzfeld (Botanic Gardens Conservation International, BGCI, United Kingdom) – An overview of BGCI and its global work on tree conservation.

17:20 Giuseppe Garfi, Salvatore Pasta (Institute of Biosciences and Bioresources, IBBR, Palermo, Italy) – Relict woody species of Sicily: which future for species from the past.

17:40 Dimos Dimitriou (Forest Directorate of Chania, Crete, Greece) – The management of *Zelkova abelicea* on Crete.

18:00 Yi-Gang Song (Chenshan Botanic Garden, Shanghai, China) – Population genetic structure of endangered oak *Quercus arbutifolia*: implications for conservation and management.

