

Fee and Grants

We hope to offer a limited number of travel grants. To qualify, active participation at the meeting (oral presentation or poster) is required and priority will be given to young scientists with financial constraints.

To apply for a grant, first register with your abstract and provide us with a short motivation letter. Applicants for IAVS travel grants must be IAVS member.

The conference fee will be lower for IAVS members.

Travel to Mainz

Frankfurt Airport is about 20 km east of Mainz, and about 70 km west of Mainz there is the low budget Frankfurt-Hahn Airport.

Participants arriving at Frankfurt Airport travel to Mainz via metro (S-Bahn) which runs every 20 minutes. Participants arriving at Frankfurt-Hahn Airport go to Mainz via a shuttle bus (duration about 60 min).

Please note when booking that the two airports are about 100 km far apart.

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12th European Dry Grassland Meeting

From Population Biology
to Community Ecology

22-27 May 2015

Mainz, Germany

First call

Venue – Green School in the
Botanic Garden, and adjacent
Lecture hall

Hosts – Universities of Mainz
and Trier



Geobotany



Universität Trier



Topics of the meeting

Palaearctic dry grasslands have a long tradition of community analysis and description, leading to a detailed picture of these habitats, especially in Central Europe. In contrast, research on the biology of species and populations, such as pollination biology, dispersal ecology, demography or population genetics, is expanding rapidly. The connection between the two scientific disciplines is often weak although, actually, populations are part of communities and communities consist out of populations. We will therefore focus on this connection between **population biology and community ecology** for all dry grassland biota (invertebrates, vertebrates, non-vascular plants, vascular plants, fungi and lichens) as the overall topic of the next EDGM.

We expect a fruitful combination of these different research areas and ask: what can the different disciplines learn from each other?

Overall topic:

From Population biology to community ecology

Specific topics:

- **Population biology of dry grassland species**
- **Diversity and community ecology of dry grasslands**
- **Management and conservation of dry grasslands**
- **Socio-cultural aspects of dry grasslands**

Mainz Sand



Rhine-Hesse

Preliminary programme

May 22

- 16:00-18:00 Registration (Green School)
- 18:00-20:00 Informal meet-up (Botanic Garden)

May 23

- 9:00 Opening ceremony (Lecture hall)
- 10:00 Presentations and poster session (Lecture hall)

May 24

- 9:00 Oral presentations and poster session (Lecture hall)
- Evening: Grassland Party (Botanic Garden)

May 25

- Noon: Botanic Garden excursion
- Afternoon: Mainz Sand excursion
- Evening: Town visit

May 26 – Post-conference trip Rhine-Hesse

May 27 – Post-conference trip Middle Rhine Valley

The conference language will be English

Registration and deadlines

The conference webpage will open in autumn 2014. Deadline for abstracts is planned for February 2015.

Excursions

Besides a guided tour to the dry grassland replica in the **Botanic Garden**, three excursions are planned:

One half-day excursion will lead to the **Mainz Sand area** at the edge of the city. This contains the westernmost dry continental sand grasslands, and is an important example of relict vegetation that has survived in this isolated area since the late Pleistocene.

During the day excursion to **Rhine-Hesse** we will visit dry grasslands and heathlands on volcanic soil. The area is the locus classicus of Koelerio-Phleion communities and also well known for its white wine taverns, so-called *Straußenwirtschaften*, which we intend to “explore” also during the excursion in this area.

Finally, an excursion is planned to the **Middle Rhine Valley** with slopes covered by xerothermic vegetation complexes containing dry grasslands and xerophilic *Acer monspessulanum* forests. It is one of the classic tourist locations of Germany and an important place for German ancient history.

Steppe replica in the Botanic Garden

