



EASTERN ALPINE AND DINARIC SOCIETY FOR VEGETATION ECOLOGY (EADSVE)

40th EADSVE Meeting

Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 19-22, 2024

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Dear colleagues and dear friends,

We would like to invite you to the 40th meeting of the EASTERN ALPINE AND DINARIC SOCIETY FOR VEGETATION ECOLOGY's¹ which will be held in Banja Luka, from 19-22 June 2024. We anticipate this event to be an excellent opportunity for you to establish new connections, fortify existing ones, draw inspiration from the experiences and results of your colleagues, and showcase your research in a scientific forum. The organizing team is diligently working to achieve these objectives and hopes that your time in Bosnia and Herzegovina proves to be a rewarding experience. Participation in the symposium is not restricted to society members; it is open to the broader scientific community with an interest in the flora and vegetation of the region and beyond.

We hope to see you in Banja Luka,

The Organizing Committee



¹ More information about EASTERN ALPINE AND DINARIC SOCIETY FOR VEGETATION ECOLOGY (EADSVE) can be found at <https://www.eadsve.org/about/>

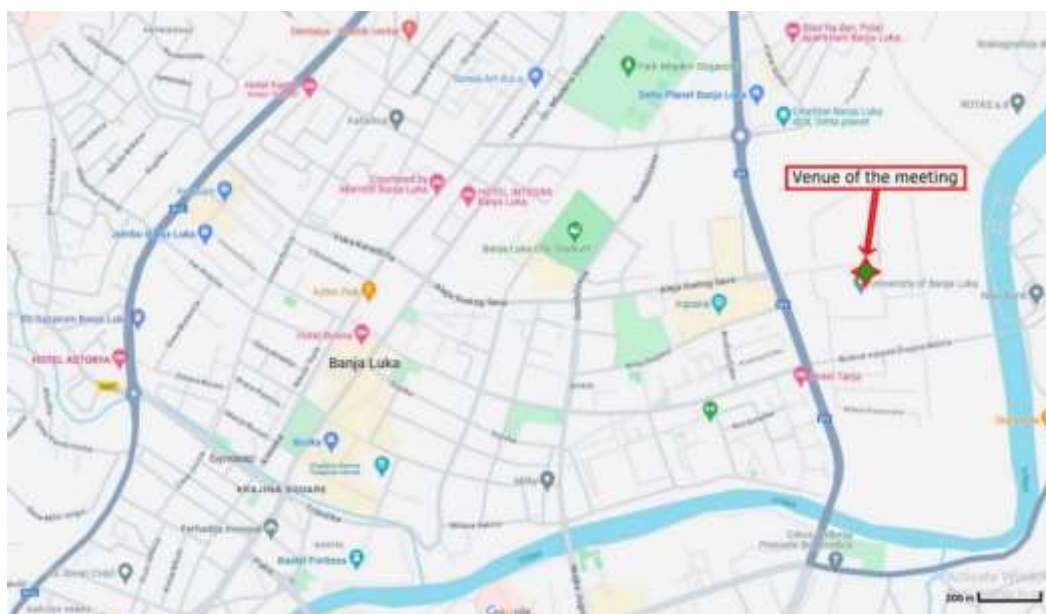


Dates and Venues

The 40th Meeting of Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology (EADSVE) will be held in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from Wednesday 19th to Saturday 22nd of June 2024.

The Registration, Welcome Reception and Working Sessions will be held at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Banja Luka in Bulevar Vojvode Petra Bojovića 1A, 78000 Banja Luka (University Campus - Univerzitetski grad).

Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CNFTxFEaYuRXntmz5>.





Registration

To register for the EADSVE Symposium, please fill out the Registration Form and send it by e-mail to: vladimir.stupar@sf.unibl.org. Accompanying persons should be registered using the same form as the regular participant they are accompanying.

Registration Form is available at the webpage <https://www.eadsve.org/40th-eadsve-meeting-banja-luka-2024/>.

Deadline for the registration is April 1, 2024.

For any question, do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Call for Abstracts

All participants are invited to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster. Abstract submission is available only by e-mail, thus filling out the Abstract Submission Form and sending it by e-mail to: vladimir.stupar@sf.unibl.org is required. Ensure that you register first before submitting the abstract. The official language of the conference is English; therefore, authors are kindly advised to proofread their abstracts, as they will be printed 'as is'. Abstracts will be accepted upon the payment of the **Basic registration fee**.

Abstract Submission Form is available at the webpage <https://www.eadsve.org/40th-eadsve-meeting-banja-luka-2024/>.

Deadline for the abstract submission (and Basic fee payment) is May 1, 2024.

Accommodation

There is plenty of accommodation options in Banja Luka in proximity of the venue (hotels, B&Bs, hostels, apartments) which can be easily booked online. If this is your choice, we recommend apartments, but feel free to contact us any time for assistance.

However, we can recommend rooms in a dormitory inside the University campus, just a couple of hundred meters from the meeting venue. Rooms are double standard/twin with internet, air-condition and free parking. The price is around €18-20 per person (depending on whether it is occupied by one or two persons), including breakfast (served in the restaurant 50 m from the venue) and taxes. Those interested in this accommodation should inform us, and we will make further arrangements. Since there are currently only 10 of these rooms available for our dates, it would be best to book as soon as possible. Anyway, we should inform them about the number of rooms needed by 15 March. In case there are more applicants than available rooms, priority will be given to those who applied first.

Useful Information



With the population of around 180,000, Banja Luka is the academic, financial, and administrative center of Republika Srpska (one of the two entities in Bosnia & Herzegovina). It is located in a valley at the crossing point between the Dinaric Plains in the south and the Pannonian Basin in the North at 164 m a.s.l. It belongs to the Central European Time-zone (GMT+1), and has a moderate-continental climate with predominant Pannonian influences. The average annual temperature is 10.7 °C, with an average of 0.8 °C in January and 21.3°C in July.

Although there is an airport nearby (23 km), to the simplest way to reach Banja Luka is by car or bus. The city is connected via highway to Zagreb (184 km), Belgrade (330 km), Ljubljana (325 km) and Sarajevo (254 km).

The venue is easily accessible from the city center by foot, however, there is public transportation (bus no. 14) which costs around €1,50 per ride, or taxi (around €1,00 per km).

The currency in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Convertible Mark (BAM), with an approximate exchange rate of 2,00 BAM for €1,00 (1.95 to be exact).

Meeting Programme Outline

Wednesday	June 19, 2024	Registration and Welcome Reception
Thursday	June 20, 2024	EADSVE meeting (sessions, closing ceremony and social dinner)
Friday	June 21, 2024	Excursion to Vlačić Mt.
Saturday	June 22, 2024	Excursion to Vrbas River Canyon with optional rafting tour

Payment & Fees

The **Basic registration fee** for regular participants is **€40** (80 BAM), which cover:

- Wednesday welcome reception;
- Thursday lunch and coffee/tea-breaks;
- Meeting Pack with programme.

Accompanying persons are exempt from paying the **basic fee**, however, they will be charged the full price for the **excursions** and the **gala dinner**.

Fees for **meeting excursions** (Friday and Saturday) are **€30** (60 BAM) per excursion, inclusive of transportation and lunch. The optional Vrbas River rafting tour is not included in the price.



The **Social Dinner** fee (Thursday evening) is **€45 (90 BAM)** (in the restaurant located in the city center).

	Regular participant	Accompanying person
Basic registration fee	€40 /80 BAM	-
1 st Excursion (Vlašić Mt.)	€30 /60 BAM	€30 /60 BAM
2 nd Excursion (Vrbaš River canyon)	€30 /60 BAM	€30 /60 BAM
Social dinner	€45 /90 BAM	€45 /90 BAM

The **basic fee** should be paid by **bank transfer**, but in case of any difficulties do not hesitate to contact us. Fees for **meeting excursions** and the **social dinner** can be paid either by **bank transfer** or in cash **on-site**. On-site fee payment will be possible at the registration desk. Only the exact amount in Euro or Convertible Marks (BAM) will be accepted (no credit cards or other foreign currencies). The **receipt** will be available at the registration desk during the meeting. Additionally, please contact us if you require an official **letter of invitation**.

Payment instructions for B&H residents:

Arbor Magna - Društvo za zaštitu prirodnog nasljeđa
Aleja vojvode Stepe Stepanovića 75A, 78000 Banja Luka
Transakcioni račun: 56209900016525-98 – NLB Banka a.d.
Svrha uplate: kotizacija

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Field 59: Beneficiary customer:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Field 56: Intermediary institution:

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For following currency(ies): RSD
SWIFT BIC: KOBBSBGXX
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Message to the beneficiary:

EADSVE2024 Name and Surname (e.g. EADSVE2024 John Doe)

Excursions

Excursion 1: Vlašić Mt., June 21, 2024

We will depart at 9:00 and return around 18:00, depending on traffic and other events.

Site 1: Serpentinite complex Mlinska rijeka with specific ultramafic xeric vegetation of rocky grasslands and rock outcrops.

Site 2: Mountain Vlašić, named after the ancient people of Vlasi, is one of the largest mountain plateaus in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mount Vlašić is located in the very centre of Bosnia and Herzegovina within the Central Bosnia Canton. The Vlašić plateau extends from 1,000 to 1,500 m, while the highest peak of Vlašić, Paljenik, reaches a height of 1,934 m. We will walk through subalpine Dinaric grasslands up to the top of the mountain. On our way we will also check out the vegetation of subalpine Dinaric limestone cliffs (Devečanske stijene), as well as vegetation of subalpine spruce and beech forests.

Site 3: Lunch will be served at the Eco Zone Ugarski brzaci (translated as “Rapids of the Ugar River”), which features its own trout farm.

Site 4: A stop at the restaurant “Kanjon” with a coffee break and the option to take a walk along the canyon trail through thermophilous forests leading to the gravel banks of the Ugar River.



Excursion 2: Vrbas River canyon., June 22, 2024

We will depart at 9:00 and return around 15:00.

Passing through the city of Banja Luka, the Vrbas River is a major river (with a length of 250 km) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It appears at the southern slope of the Vranica mountain near the town of Gornji Vakuf, at around 1,530 m (5,020 ft) above sea level and it drains central part of the northern slopes of the Dinaric mountain massif. The **Upper Vrbas** is a section between its source and town of Jajce, encompassing entire valley between Bugojno, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje and Donji Vakuf, and the gorge between Donji Vakuf and Jajce. The **Middle**



Vrbas mostly comprises a canyon section, with steep slopes and narrow passages, between Jajce and Banja Luka. The **Lower Vrbas** is the final section of the river, passing through lowlands of Lijevče Polje, as it approaches the Sava River. It joins the Sava river at the elevation of around 90 m above sea level. Our excursion will focus on the Middle Vrbas section.

Site 1: Hot springs at Vrućica near Banjaluka with relict chasmophytic communities of *Adiantum capillus-veneris*.

Site 2: Ljubačevo, with ethno-village museum, thermophilous forests, dry grasslands and meadows, limestone cliff vegetation and the best view over the Canyon Tijesno.

Site 3: Krupa na Vrbasu, with beautiful Krupa River (only 4 km long), with cascades, distinct karstic phenomena, old wooden water-mills, medieval monastery Krupa etc. From here, it is possible to take a rafting tour (1.5-2 hours) to the Rafting Center Canyon where we will have a lunch.

Site 4: Lunch at Rafting Center Kanjon.





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