

Third International FoPD in the world



Third International “Fascination of Plants Day” (FoPD) is launched under the umbrella of EPSO (European Plant Science Organisation, Brussels) in more than 50 countries in Europe, America, Levant, Asia, Oceania, and Africa (see interactive map at EPSO website: <http://www.plantday12.eu/map.htm>). About 2000 institutions (research institutes and centers, universities, botanical gardens, national parks, nature reserves, agrotechnological companies, private organizations and others) as well as some enthusiasts – florists, dendrologists, landscape designers, farmers, gardeners – organize for You many free educatory and entertaining events related to plant life. The aim of FoPD is to share the knowledge in many fields of plant sciences – botany, ecology, physiology, plant cell biology, bio- and nanotechnology, genetic engineering, agriculture, ecology, biodiversity and several others. "Plant art" associated with the plant world (ikebana, floristics, land art, herbarization, photography, sculpture, painting, batik, etc.) are of equal educatory importance.

Doors are open to everybody: adults (specialists and non-specialists), preschool children, school children, and students. You will have the opportunity to visit laboratories, get involved into the research by joining the experiments and demonstrations, have fun in museums and exhibitions, participate in seminars, workshops, competitions and quizzes, talk to scientists and educators and share Your knowledge and skills.

Third International FoPD in Ukraine



In Ukraine, a number of scientific and educational activities dedicated to the Third International “Fascination of Plants Day” (FoPD) will be held on **May 3–26, 2015**. You are invited to visit open lectures, presentations and tours organized by leading experts and enthusiasts in the field of plant biology as well as obsessed plant lovers and inspired artists. This year some FoPD events in Ukraine are cross-linked with open lectures, presentations, excursions and other scientific and educational events organized by young scientists of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine “**Days of Science. Spring**” (May 16–23), **International Museum Day** (May 18) and **Days of Light** in Lviv (May 16–17).

Research institutions, universities, botanical gardens, natural science museums, national parks are open for You sharing an exciting educational and informative activities for the whole family about various aspects of plant life. Experiments’ demonstrations using modern methods of biological research, nature trips, greenhouse tours, competitions, lectures, workshops, quizzes, biking tours, photo contest, "plant art" exhibitions, fairs and other activities are organized for You in many Ukrainian cities (Kyiv, Cherkassy, Kharkiv, Lviv, and Odessa) and well as Nature Parks in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Sumy, Mykolayiv, Cherkassy, Rivne and other regions. Moreover, Donetsk and Lugansk regions as well the Autonomous Republic Crimea will be represented by plant art and photo exhibitions in Kyiv because of the aggressive politics of the Russian Federation and their temporary artificial isolation.

We hope to expand the circle of enthusiasts interested in plants and explain the importance of knowledge about them to public. Interactive information about the FoPD in Ukraine is available in Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299423976811032> Please, see the detailed program of FoPD-2015 events in Ukraine below.

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