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An introduction to Botany

20-22 May 2022

Three days of intense activity to deepen your knowledge of vascular plants

Practical activities in TRIESTE

May 21-22

The course, organized by the Italian Botanical Society (S.B.I.), is synchronous throughout Italy and will consist of a first day of online theoretical activity at national level, organized by the Floristics, Systematics and Evolution working group of S.B.I., on morphological characters, use of keys, preparation of herbarium samples, families and particular groups, and two days of field activities with the collection and identification of vascular plants.

The University of Trieste joins the initiative by organizing practical activities, led by Prof. Pier Luigi Nimis, at the following sites:

21 May 2022 (10am-12.30pm) - Botanical Garden of the University of Trieste - Meeting point: Via Giorgieri 10, in front of the Castle 10.00 am - The activities include a theoretical introduction to the interactive guides to the identification of plants of the Dryades project and an outdoor "botanical treasure hunt".

21 May 2022 (2.30pm-5pm) - Meeting point: "Carsiana" Botanical Garden, Sgonico, 55, entrance to the Garden. The activities include an introduction to the flora of the Karst and the identification of plants present in the Garden.

22 May 2022 (10am-4 pm) - Val Rosandra, Trieste - Meeting point: church of San Lorenzo (road from Basovizza to the Foiba di Basovizza, about 300 m after the foiba), 10.00 am. - One of the most interesting and richest sites in the Trieste Karst. The excursion, almost entirely flat or downhill, will focus on the interesting flora of the dry grasslands, with identification directly in the field using the interactive keys of the Dryades Project.

The course, **free of charge, is open to everyone**. Non-members of S.B.I. can also participate. Hands-on activities are limited to a maximum of 25 participants. To participate it is necessary to register no later than 10 May, by writing to Prof. Pier Luigi Nimis: nimis@units.it

Participants in hands-on activities should:

- 1) Bring an entomological / jeweler's pocket lens (10x or 20x, which can be purchased online for less than € 10).
- 2) Download the free KeyToNature App (available for both Android and Apple tools) to your mobile phone / tablet, and download the "Guide to the Flora of the Triestine Karst" on the App.
- 3) Bring a packed lunch and clothing suitable for outdoor activities in natural environments (there will be no difficult passages during the excursions).

The use of the mask is mandatory during practical group activities inside. The practical activities will be carried out in compliance with current regulations on Covid, African Swine Fever and protection of spontaneous flora. For further information: Pier Luigi Nimis (nimis@units.it)