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2nd Symposium of the “ Flore du Cambodge, du Laos et du Viêt Nam ”

6th – 8th December 2010 – Hanoi, Vietnam

First Circular

The 1st Symposium on the Flora of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam was held in Phnom Penh from 8 to 11 December 2008. The symposium, co-organized by the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) and the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle (MNHN) in Paris, was attended by 350 participants from 20 countries. During the symposium, 57 oral presentations and 60 posters were presented on the topics of taxonomy, ethnobotany, ecology, medicinal plants and phytochemistry. This first symposium has brought together world experts studying the plant diversity of Southeast Asia, particularly the Flora of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The need to organize an international meeting to bring together researchers and users of the Flora has become clearer than ever since new international aid projects began to contribute to our knowledge of the flora of this region. These projects, initiated by the international scientific community demonstrate the interest in the continuation of this Flora.

It follows from the first symposium that new research collaborations are planned: one between the regional institutions among themselves but also with French and foreign institutions. The symposium also provided an opportunity to hold a meeting of editors of Flora in which proposals for collaboration were made. It is envisaged to establish an international scientific committee comprising at least one member of the three countries concerned. This committee will mobilize more efficiently all the forces, to facilitate the work on the development of the Flora of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam and ensure faster revisions of different plant families.

The first symposium ended with a message of perseverance by the entire community of researchers and scientists in the region. This message has been received favorably and the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR) of the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST) has seized the opportunity by offering to host the second symposium in December 2010 in Hanoi. It is important to continue sharing knowledge and intensify research and use of plant biodiversity in the region, as demonstrated by the numerous papers presented at the 1st Symposium.

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and

**The Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR), Vietnam Academy of Science and
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Oral presentations and posters may be given at the symposium; the languages of the symposium will be French or English. An abstract must accompany your confirmation of attendance.

Please complete the attached form and return it by email to hul@mnhn.fr (with copies to tran.minhhoi@yahoo.com and wolfae@mnhn.fr) **before 15th May**.

To receive the second circular and to participate in the symposium:

The second circular and accompanying information will only be sent to those who complete and return the attached form.

Content of the second circular (to be sent out in early June 2010):

A detailed program, addresses of hotels, their rates, and the costs of the excursions will then be sent to you with a form to fill and return **before 15th July**. You will then be sent an acknowledgement of receipt.

Dates and venue

The symposium will take place from **6th -8th December 2010** at the **Army Hotel** in Hanoi.

Excursions

Guided excursions in Hanoi and surrounding areas, pre-congress (Tam Dao, Ba Vi) or post-congress (Ha Long Bay, Cuc Phuong National Parks) are being arranged. A detailed programme will be included in the second circular.

Meals

Lunch will be served during the symposium for those who purchased meal tickets. Participants will also need to order tickets for the dinner of the closing ceremony.

Registration

The costs of participation (registration fee and excursions) will be given in the second circular.

Visas

Most visitors will need an entry visa to Vietnam, with the exception of citizens of ASEAN member countries, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland. Check with the Vietnamese embassy or consulate in your country if you need a visa. It can take a long time to issue a visa for entry into Vietnam so you should apply in good time. An official letter of invitation will be sent to participants on demand.

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Contribution (in French or English)

Oral presentations in French must be accompanied by PowerPoint slides in English.

I wish to present:

a talk [c. 20 min + 10 min discussion]

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one (or more) poster (s)

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