

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS



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Undisciplined Ethnobotany

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Montpellier, France

Ethnobotany traces the entangled stories of plants and people — stories of healing and survival, of migration and exchange, of domination and resistance. Yet, at a time when the socio-ecological fabric is fraying, the discipline itself faces the need to be unmade and reimagined.

This congress calls for an undisciplined ethnobotany: one that breaks rules, crosses boundaries, and listens otherwise. It seeks practices that unsettle the extractive gaze and move toward reciprocity, care, and co-becoming. It welcomes methods that are hybrid and experimental — where science meets arts, where stories become inquiry, and where plants are not objects of study but collaborators, teachers, and witnesses.

From laboratory to field, from herbarium to kitchen, from forest to studio space, we invite scientists, artists, and local communities to explore what ethnobotany can become when it refuses to stay in its lane — when it dares to look differently, to feel differently, to know differently. An ethnobotany that purposely moves beyond disciplinary boundaries, becomes a meeting ground, questions inherited structures of knowledge, and foregrounds decolonial, multispecies, and transdisciplinary perspectives.

From 31 May until 4 June 2026, the congress will invite us to rethink the boundaries of ethnobotany. Not only as a science of plants, but as a practice of relation: between the human and the vegetal, the seen and the unseen, the past and the possible.

Held in Montpellier — a city defined by centuries of botanical study and medical practice — the meeting is co-organised by the Society for Ethnobotany in collaboration with the University of Montpellier (France), the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), and La Maison des Sciences et des Humanités Sud de Montpellier (MSH SUD).

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Institut Botanique - Amphitheatre

1 | Herbal remedies

Moderator: Emiel de Meyer

10:30-10:45h **Marlette Compion-Venter** - The contemporary role of medicinal plants in primary health care in the Northern Cape province of South Africa

10:45-11:00h **Luping Qin** - Ethnobotanical and Ethnopharmacological Researches on Medicinal Plants with Anti-Rheumatoid Arthritis Function

11:00-11:15h **Renee Richer** - Extreme plants in extreme environments: Capturing unique human- plant interactions

11:15-11:30h **Ella Vardeman** - Traditional Postpartum Washes: A Global Ethnobotanical Guide for Culturally Competent Maternal Care

11:30-11:45h **Judit Català-Altés** - Traditional plant knowledge and gynecological health: a meta-analysis from the Catalan linguistic area

11:45-12:00h **Elizabeth Kebirungi** - Indigenous knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding plant galactagogues among lactating women around Bwindi -Mgahinga Conservation Area, Uganda

2 | Seed systems: conservation in situ, ex situ and beyond

Moderator: Anna Porcuna

14:30-14:45h **Gabrielle Clarke** - Conservation of Crop Landraces in Great Britain: Status, Challenges, and Motivations

14:45-15:00h **Dominique Desclaux** - Minor Crops, Minority Languages vs Minoritized Crops and Languages

15:00-15:15h **Théo Guillerminet** - From static to dynamic views of genebanks: insights from a mixed-methods ethnography of two crop collections

15:15-15:30h **Marianna Fenzi** - Who Is In-situ Conservation For? Farmers, Plant Breeders, and the Persistence of Landraces

15:30-15:45h **Jay Bost** - Participatory Selection In Diverse Crop Genepools in the US Seed Movement

3 | Seed systems: access and exchange

Moderator: Margret Veltman

16:30-16:45h **Anna Porcuna Ferrer** - When seeds change hands: gender, intersectionality, and access to seed in rural Senegal

16:45-17:00h **Jane Lakot Hestad** - Seed sourcing and exchange in a multiethnic refugee-host setting of Northern Uganda

17:00-17:15h **Ariane Cosiaux** - Local transplantation and regional translocation practices of *Raphia vinifera* seedlings in the Grassfields of Cameroon (1930-1999)

17:15-17:30h **Sarah Paule Dalle** - The Sierra and the Coast: Farmers' Perspectives on Seed Security in Ecuador

Parallel sessions

Monday 1 June 2026

MSH Sud – Salle du Kouros

Decolonising databases and digital infrastructures

Moderator: Robbie Hart

10:30-10:45h **Liz Olson** - From Thick Plant Knowledge to Thin Language Models: Ethnobotany, AI, and the Translation of Plant Knowledge Systems

10:45-11:00h **Morgan Ruelle** - Digital Ecological Knowledge: Identification Apps and Our Relations with Plant Diversity

11:00-11:15h **Franck Da Rocha** - Towards a Collaborative Digital Infrastructure for Ethnobotanical Knowledge Integration and Food System Diversification

11:15-11:30h **Loup Spadola** - EthnoFlora DB, an open access database structure to register and protect already published ethnobotanical data

11:30-11:45h **Justine Rives** - Exploring biodiversity conservation through a new lens: safeguarding and inventorying local knowledge in France

Trees and gardens: intangible cultural values

Moderator: Charifat Saïd Hassane

14:30-14:45h **Ivan Smiljanić** - Planting Patriotism: Political Memorial Trees in Slovenia from Austria-Hungary to Today

14:45-15:00h **Łukasz Łuczaj** - The sacred trees of Serbia – a little-known aspect of Slavic ethnobotany

15:00-15:15h **Raivo Kalle & Renata Sõukand** - Trees as family members: cattle farmer attitudes towards trees based on the example of Estonia

15:15-15:30h **Taiwo Irene Adeogun** - Therapeutic Horticulture in Ethnobotany: Bridging Plant Knowledge, Cultural Heritage, and Well-Being - Grannie's Caribbean Garden Project

15:30-15:45h **Estefanni Nataly Sandoval-Cornejo** - Do people like native plants? Public preferences in an urban garden in Mexico

Plants of the world

Moderator: Giulia Mattalia

16:30-16:45h **Likha Rido** - Ethnobotanical Study of the Plants Traditionally used by the Nyishi Tribe in Arunachal Pradesh, India

16:45-17:00h **Ben-Erik Van Wyk** - Documenting ethnobotanical knowledge in South Africa: Recent progress and new insights

17:00-17:15h **Tiziana Floridia** - Pastoral ethnobotanical knowledge in the Catalan linguistic area

MSH Sud – Garden

17:30 – 18:00 **Gary Martin** – Resilient Herbalism: community ethnobotany and medical sovereignty in the Marrakech medina

Parallel sessions

Monday 1 June 2026

MSH Sud - Salle des Caryatides

Wild edible plants

Moderator: Margret Veltman

10:30-10:45h **Gisella Cruz Garcia** - One hundred local food plants for improving nutrition. A journey through Africa, Asia and Latin America

10:45-11:00h **Charlie Le Moyne** - Edible wild grasses in traditional African food systems

11:00-11:15h **Joan Vallès** - Diversity and traditional knowledge of plant-based alcoholic beverages in the Catalan linguistic area

11:15-11:30h **Stuart Munro** - Cultural Variation in Wild Edible Plant Knowledge in Thrace, Greece

11:30-11:45h **Erika Oberholzer** - Ethnobotanical knowledge as baseline in the selection of novel decorative edible flowers

11:45-12:00h **Heike Vibrans** - Wild greens in shared landscapes: quelite use among Nahuas and Totonacs of the Sierra Norte de Puebla, Mexico

Foraging

Moderator: Giulia Mattalia

14:30-14:45h **Naji Sulaiman** - Conflict-Driven Foraging and Disproportionate Decline of Wild Food Plants in Syria (2011-2024)

14:45-15:00h **Anju Sehgal** - Practicing Undisciplined Ethnobotany: Blurring Science, Story, Memory, and Material Culture in Himachal Pradesh

15:00-15:15h **Maria Teresa Pulido** - Non-Conventional Food Plants Commercialized in Markets of Central Mexico

15:15-15:30h **Gauthier Saillard** - What Wild Roots Can Teach Us: Foraging as a Relational and Regenerative Practice

15:30-15:45h **Christoph Schunko** - Global changes in wild plant foraging: an expert elicitation

Multispecies encounters

Moderator: Linsey Rendell

16:30-16:45h **Caroline Ryciuk** - Negotiating Ruin: Nettle Encounters and Multispecies Proliferation in Southern Poland

16:45-17:00h **Mingcan Rong** - The changing conceptions of rhododendrons in the scientist community in China

17:00-17:15h **Anna Waldstein** - Multispecies ethnobotany: A framework for interspecies communication and the integration of plant consciousness into ethnobotanical research

17:15-17:30h **Juliet Compagnon** - Mosses and Masses: An Ethnobotanical Exploration of Bryophytes in Scotland

17:30-17:45h **Ramona Frank** - Sensing Traces on a Tomato Plant: A Neurodivergent Approach to Practicing Visionary Sensory Multispecies Ethnography

Parallel sessions

Tuesday 2 June

Institut Botanique - Amphitheatre

Community participation and education + Homage Francis Hallé

Moderator: Vincent Porcher

10:30-10:45h **Christine van der Stege** - Ethnobotany: from research to practice - facilitating knowledge transmission and land-based learning in your community

10:45-11:00h **Adolfo Calvo Redondo** - Educational ethnobotany and the co-production of didactic materials for intercultural health in the Quebrada de Humahuaca (Jujuy, Argentina)

11:15-11:30h **John de la Parra** - Translational Food Systems Education at the Interface of Ethnobotany, Foodomics, and Regenerative Agriculture

11:30-11:45h **Sophie Caillon** - Evolution and Pedagogical Challenges in Ethnobotany and Ethnoecology Education: fifteen years of experience in Montpellier

11:45-12:00h **Vincent Porcher and Yildiz Aumeeruddy-Thomas** - Homage to Francis Hallé, his contributions to ethnobotany

Agroecology and diverse food systems

Moderator: Doyle McKey

14:30-14:45h **Abby Snyder** - Co-creating Agroforestry Systems in a Cultural Context

14:45-15:00h **Ewen Menguy** - Rooted in culture, constrained by means: exploring crops and associated motivations among Masikoro and Antandroy farmers in southwestern Madagascar

15:00-15:15h **Claude Patrick Millet** - Agrobiodiversity and associated ecosystem service bundles in Creole Gardens: a case study of two historical coffee-growing regions of Haiti

15:15-15:30h **Maria Gabriela Zurita Benavides** - School Feeding, Agroecology, and Territorialized Food Systems: A Transdisciplinary Study in Tena (Ecuador) and Sacaba (Bolivia)

15:30-15:45h **Alex McAlvay** - Mixed in the field, mixed on the plate: nutritional yield and dietary complementarity in traditional polycultures and variety mixtures in Ethiopia

15:45-16:00h **Marshall Fredericksen** - Indigenous Soil Knowledge, Grain Mixtures, and Climate Resilience Among Smallholder Farmers in South Wollo, Ethiopia

Biocultural collections

Moderator: Doyle McKey

16:30-16:45h **Elaine Joyal** - Who "owns" material culture? Applying ethical guidelines for biocultural collections from Sonora, Mexico

16:45-17:00h **Erin Fletcher** - The Past and Future of an Ethnobotanical Collection of Mexican Folk Remedies

17:00-17:15h **Sonia Dhandia** - Weaving biocultural knowledge, trade, and policy: A transdisciplinary study of Indian medicinal plant use in the UK

17:15-17:30h **Alia Hijaab** - Tended, Not Stored: Archival Interventions into Plant Knowledge Systems

17:30-17:45h **Lorena França Reis e Silva** - Crossing cultures, plants and methodologies: reworking Spruce collections in the Northwest Amazon (Brazil)

Parallel sessions

Tuesday 2 June

MSH Sud – Salle du Kouros

Medicinal plant selection and authentication

Moderator: Sonia Peter

10:30-10:45h **Sol Cristians** - DNA Barcoding for the Authentication of Medicinal Plants in the Mexican Herbal Pharmacopoeia

10:45-11:00h **Fuencisla Cáceres** - Ethnobotany meets phylogeny: Integrating traditional knowledge and evolutionary relationships to identify high-potential medicinal and food plants in Mediterranean Lamiaceae

11:00-11:15h **Orou Gaoue** - Understanding the dynamics of non-random medicinal plant selection across scales

11:15-11:30h **Wendy L. Applequist** - Untangling the identity of Mac Khen (*Zanthoxylum* spp.)

11:30-11:45h **Ana Gabriela Hernández Ochoa** - Identification of Mexican medicinal plants through DNA barcoding: The case of *Ámbar Hofmeisteria schaffneri*

11:45-12:00h **Virgile César Meviekpon** - The mediating effect of forest proximity on the relationship between phylogenetic diversity and medicinal plant selection

Transdisciplinarity in ethnobotany

Moderator: Yildiz Aumeeruddy-Thomas

14:30-14:45h **Jérôme Munzinger** - Weaving Knowledge Systems: Ethnoecological Inventories across the Land-Sea Continuum in Vanuatu

14:45-15:00h **Julie Velasquez Runk** - Collaboratively interweaving rosewood with Wounaan ancestral wisdom and colonialism: Making Interwoven Rosewood: Collaborative Ecologies, Colonial Entanglements, and Indigenous Resistance

15:00-15:15h **Vincent Porcher** - Holistic responses to holistic threats: Climate, botany, and resistance as nodes in a biocultural mesh from the Betsileo perspective

15:15-15:30h **Irene Teixidor-Toneu** - Knowledge dialogues for transdisciplinary ethnobotany: first experiences co-constructing a research project in the Ecuadorian Amazon

15:30-15:45h **Alessandra G. Shea** - Marine Rā'au Ma'ōhi; Displacing the Ocean in Traditional Medicine in French Polynesia

Indigenous intellectual sovereignty

Moderator: Yildiz Aumeeruddy-Thomas

16:30-16:45h **Maria Gabriela Zurita Benavides** - Equitable Co-Design of Sustainability Interventions: Developing a Kichwa Monitoring Toolkit

16:45-17:00h **Juliana Loureiro de Almeida Campos** - Returning research results to the Fulni-ô indigenous people of Brazil: a collaborative experience

17:00-17:15h **Nguenang Guy Merlin** - Approche de catégorisation comme base pour la gestion durable et fiscalités adaptée des Produits Forestiers Non Ligneux (PFNL) : application au Cameroun et au Tchad

17:15-17:30h **Luna Maldonado Fontes** - Beyond the Nagoya Protocol: Addressing Structural Injustice in Ethnopharmacological Research to Achieve Planetary Health

MSH Sud – Garden

17:30 – 18:00 **Bibi Jordan** - Walking with the Maasai: Practicing Ethnobotany Beyond Disciplinary Boundaries

Parallel sessions

Tuesday 2 June

MSH Sud - Salle des Caryatides

Cultivating social-ecological resilience

Moderator: Anna Porcuna

10:30-10:45h **Esther Katz** - Strategies of Cuban agroecology farmers in a crisis context

10:45-11:00h **Philippa Ryan** - Agricultural practices, resilience, foods and local crop diversity: changes in living memory in northern Sudan

11:00-11:15h **Sitrakinia Clara Raketabakoly** - Diversité cultivée et adaptation aux événements extrêmes : intégration des connaissances des agriculteurs et des mesures des plantes

11:15-11:30h **Emiel De Meyer** - Botanical diversity as a reservoir of resilience: the emergence of new wild plant uses under acute food shortages in Karamoja, Uganda

11:30-11:45h **Aicha Blama** - Oases: Living Laboratories of Traditional Ethnobotanical Knowledge and Resilience to Climate Change

11:45-12:00h **Nasiphi Ntshanga** - The contribution of non-timber forest products to social-ecological resilience in a Xhosa coastal village in South Africa

Plants in the written and archeological record

Moderator: Robbie Hart

14:30-14:45h **Megan Harris** - Oh Hi Bark: Birch Artifacts from the Chuchuwayha Rock Shelter in the Similkameen Valley, British Columbia

14:45-15:00h **Joy Regina Mersmann** - Practices of agriculture at the Turner site: how food and ecological knowledge grew in an ancestral Osage community

15:00-15:15h **Ricardo Reyes-Chilpa** - The Laurus and the Ehecapahtli. The Encounter of Old and New Worlds' Lauraceae Medicinal Trees during the XVI century in Mexico

15:15-15:30h **Béatrice Pépin** - The ethnobotanist translator: exploring Galician poet Uxío Novoneyra's Courel Mountains (NW Spain)

15:30-15:45h **Marian Azorin Berihuete** - Restoring the role of NUS across time and space: the case of *Chenopodium* spp

Collective stewardship practices

Moderator: Giulia Mattalia

16:30-16:45h **Vivienne Schricker** - Transmission of Stewardship Action Through Urban Field Foraging Courses

16:45-17:00h **Meryem Aakairi** - Spatially structured socioeconomic factors constrain women's stewardship in the High Atlas in the context of global change, despite strong motivations and place attachment

17:00-17:15h **Simon Mitambo** - Documenting Tharaka Customary Laws for the Legal Recognition of Sacred Natural Sites and Territories: Experiences from the Society for Alternative Learning and Transformation (SALT)

17:15-17:30h **Afni Atika Marpaung** - Who and what influences the use of wild plants in Riau, Sumatra? Socio-ecological factors shaping the distribution pattern of economic plants

17:30-17:45h **Xiaoyue Li** - Integrating Ethnobotanical Knowledge into Conservation Monitoring Frameworks

Parallel sessions

Wednesday 3 June

Faculty of Pharmacy – Amphitheatre B

Crops and landraces

Moderator: Emiel De Meyer

14:30-14:45h **Tabita Randrianarivony** - Beyond nutrition: the role of Mangoes in Malagasy communities

14:45-15:00h **Vincent Battesti** - Hidden richness, ongoing erosion: the paradox of date palm agrobiodiversity in al-‘Ulā oasis, Saudi Arabia

15:00-15:15h **Maria Fadiman** - Ethnobotany of the “Tree of Life,” the coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*): Culture, livelihood and identity in Micronesia

15:15-15:30h **Michael Rapinski** - Stewardship of cassava (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) varietal diversity by local growers under the emerging threat of cassava witches' broom disease in eastern French Guiana

15:30-15:45h **Marco Zanghi** - Ethnobotany and Conservation of a Disappearing Indigenous Agave and Dasylinion Spirit of the Wixárika Communities of Northwest Mexico

15:45-16:00h **Berber Zandstra** - Evolutionary and ethnobotanical stories of the Wichter plum, a landrace from the Netherlands

Documenting medicinal plant knowledge + Homage Vincent Roumy

Moderator: Charifat Saïd Hassane

16:30-16:45h **Fabien Schultz** - Integrating Ethnopharmacology and Traditional Ecological Knowledge in animal self-medication and One Health

16:45-17:00h **Godwin Anywar** - Between Emerald Worlds: Investigating the Spiritual, Ritual, and Pharmacological Dimensions of Neuroactive Substances Used by Humans and Animals in Uganda

17:00-17:15h **Camila Vargas Estay** - Naming Plants, Shaping Worlds: Linguistic Diversity and the Ontopolitics of Medicinal Plant Knowledge in South-Central Chile

17:15-17:30h **Sibulele Patricia Fili** - Medicinal ethnobotany of Eastern Pondoland, South Africa

17:30-17:45h **Bartolomeo Di Santo** - Medicinal Plant Knowledge and Ethnomedical Practices among Tsimane' Communities of the Bolivian Amazon

Parallel sessions

Wednesday 3 June

Faculty of Pharmacy – Amphitheatre C

Phytochemical and metabolomic profiling + Homage Dan Moerman

Moderator: Sonia Peter

14:30-14:45h **Sonia Peter** – Homage to Dan Moerman

14:45-15:00h **Ryan David Rattray** - 'Aromatic Bush People' and their aromatic plant:
Ethnobotany and chemistry of the genus Diosma

15:00-15:15h **Thato Moloi** - Ethnobotany and chemistry of annual Oncosiphon species
(Asteraceae)

15:15-15:30h **Cheetra Bhajan** - Ethnobotanical Treasures of Mauritius: GC-MS-Based
Phytochemical Profiling of Three Underexplored Endemic Fruits

15:30-15:45h **Quanlong Zhang** - Limited proteolysis mass spectrometry technology for rapid
discovery of active components in ethnic plant medicines

15:45-16:00h **Cassandra Quave** - Reframing Botanical Medicines: Decolonizing Reductionism
Through Network Chemoinformatics

Arts, aesthetics and regenerative material cultures

Moderator: Denise Bianco

16:30-16:45h **Alexandra Strelcova** - Free Radicals – A toolkit for thinking-with plants in arts,
design and culture

16:45-17:00h **Iris Brémaud** - "Hands that listen to wood matter" – an ethno-botanical-physical
journey on the craftsmanship relation between humans and wood diversity

17:00-17:15h **Marleen Boschen** - Reparative movements: Shiraz Bayjoo's artistic practice
working with Kew's plant collections

17:15-17:30h **Anna Tüdős** - An asparagus plant, bursting with noise - arts-based multispecies
ethnography of an edible shoot

17:30-17:45h **Ami Clarke** - Proposal – to show the artwork: Meeting the Lough On Its Own
Terms and present an aural presentation in relation to this

17:45-18:00h **Jane Plowright** - An innovative approach to urban 'rewilding' - what if art takes
the wheel...

Poster sessions

Monday 1 June

Patio | Institut de Botanique

18:00 - 19:00

- 1. Joana Aragay Soler** - Ethnobotanical uses of seaweed: preliminary insights of a systematic review and meta-analysis
- 2. Dalia Bassam Nateil** - Forgotten Remedies: Re-examining Traditional Bulgarian Plants for Cough Treatment
- 3. Mohamed Benamar** - Metabolomic Profiling and Biological Potential of *Helichrysum* Species from the Comoros Archipelago
- 4. Emmafie Bonda Lobota** - Local knowledge and diversity of oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.) in the Republic of Congo
- 5. Jeffrey R. Boutain** - Loved, Lost, and Rediscovered: A history, phenology, and ancestry of the legendary pear trees (*Pyrus communis* L., Rosaceae) along the Detroit River in USA and Canada
- 6. Jocelyn Montserrat Briseño Tellez** - Emic perspective and religious uses of *Brahea dulcis* in Central Mexico
- 7. Geraldine Brun** - The potential of alder wood as timber cladding material informed by regenerative design and craft sciences
- 8. Inocencio E. Buot Jr.** - Ethnobotanical Survey of Medicinal Plants in the Riparian Ecosystem of Ulot River, Samar Island Natural Park, Philippines
- 9. Emma Calvet** - Gender, ethnicity, and biodiversity management: knowledge hierarchies and resistance in a Quilombola community in Brazil
- 10. Karsten Fatur** - Flora in Folklore: Mythical Plant Identification and What we can Learn from the Search
- 11. Estefany Javiela Goncalves Amador** - Preliminary insights on syntropic agriculture and its application in the Iberian Peninsula
- 12. Airy Gras** - Ethnoveterinary plant knowledge in the Catalan linguistic area: A contribution to the European MedPlants4Vet project
- 13. Ross Hunter** - Farmers, seeds, and markets: commercialization and agrobiodiversity of neglected and underutilized crop species in southeastern Senegal
- 14. MariaPia Macchi** - AlimentAcción: harvesting health in Guatemala
- 15. Valerie Poncet** - How can diversification processes contribute to sustainable coffee farming?
- 16. María Teresa Pulido** - Wild edible fruits and seeds in Mexico's biomes
- 17. Toni Johnson** - More-than-Millet: Reinvestigating Mixed crop agriculture for school feeding in Kenya
- 18. Thibault Tam-Hui** - A Participatory Science Approach to Ethnobotanical Survey in Mayotte
- 19. Anna Varga** - Wood, Earth, Fire, Air, Water and Human: Ethnobiological Aspects of Charcoal Production in Central and Eastern Europe
- 20. Anne-Sophie Wiedenmayer** - Forest Foods Across Amazonian Landscapes: Gendered knowledge of Non-Timber Forest Products in northeastern Peru

Poster sessions

Tuesday 2 June

Patio | Institut de Botanique

18:00 - 19:00

- 1. Kadriye Arslan Baykara** - Wild Edible Plants of Seben and Kibriscik (Bolu-Türkiye)
- 2. Inocencio E. Buot Jr.** - Plant and People Centered Perspectives in Prioritizing Conservation of Locally Important Riparian Forest Flora
- 3. Lori Bystrom** - Circular Colour: Fruit Peel Mordant Effects on Colour Stability and Tensile Strength of Cotton Strips Dyed with Vegetable Waste
- 4. Qiong Fang** - Ethnobotany, morphology, chloroplast DNA sequence divergence and phylogeny of edible aroids (Araceae) sold as 'tajer' in the Netherlands
- 5. Živa Fišer** - From Daisy Wreaths to Hazel Whistles: Plants in Children's Games in Slovenia
- 6. Sandrine Gallois** - Fungi, Forests, and People: An Ethnomycological Review of Wild Mushrooms in the Congo Basin
- 7. Kenneth Hamel** - Indigenous Perspectives on Plant Relatives, Prairie Restoration, and Biocultural Wellbeing
- 8. Jacqueline January** - Historical and contemporary Nama cosmetics and perfumes
- 9. Malo Joly** - Expanding One Health: situated practices of healing with medicinal plants in a French Mediterranean ecosystem
- 10. Bibi Jordan** - The Oloirien Maasai Community Project
- 11. Thu Hien Khong** - Understanding diverse perspectives of mangrove social-ecological system change in the Red River Delta
- 12. Maria Lopez Rojas** - Place-based memory of Chibcha people in Pre-Columbian Costa Rica
- 13. Júlía Orrit González** - Cultural keystone species reveal a global mismatch between biological and cultural vulnerability
- 14. Gimena Pérez Ortega** - Midwifery and Plants: Indigenous Biocultural Practices and Epistemologies
- 15. Karolina Pietras-Couffignal** - "The Newcomers" – Alternative Tree Species and Their Fungal Associates in Central Europe
- 16. Julie Sardos** - When food crops become ornamentals: insights from the Western Pacific
- 17. Menglan Shen** - Comparative Metabolomics combined with network pharmacology reveals the potential anti-inflammatory mechanisms of Aurantii Fructus
- 18. Thinhinan Khedim** - From wild ancestors to horticultural groups: North African diploids as key contributors to the *Allium ampeloprasum* L. polyploid complex
- 19. Mariana Vallejo Ramos** - Knowledge and traditional management of *Opuntia streptacantha*
- 20. Dan Dan Wang** - Research on the Active Ingredients and Mechanisms of Juanbi Decoction in the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis

constitute modern-day Slovenia. Under Austria-Hungary, the first initiatives to plant trees commemorating anniversaries and birthdays of members of the Habsburg dynasty appeared. Under Kingdom of Yugoslavia, a large-scale initiative was started after the 1934 assassination of King Alexander, when thousands of trees were planted in his memory while memorial documents were buried under their roots. In socialist Yugoslavia, the trend continued in the 1980s with a state-led initiative to commemorate President Josip Broz Tito. Since he was 88 years old when he died, groups of 88 trees were planted, sometimes becoming geoglyphs in the shape of a five-pointed star or Tito's name. In independent Slovenia, since 1991, numerous independence linden trees, a symbol of the country, were planted. While many monuments built under previous regimes have been dismantled, memorial trees have mostly continued to grow without interruption and still form a network across the country, while the memory of their original meaning has slowly eroded.

Łukasz Łuczaj - The sacred trees of Serbia – a little-known aspect of Slavic ethnobotany

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Holy trees are a little-known phenomenon particular to Serbia. Select trees are consecrated and referred to as "zapis" or, locally, "miro" or "mirosano drvo". The information presented here is based on a literature review and field study performed in 2025 in the Pirot District in SE Serbia. These sacred trees were first reported in the Šumadija District south of Belgrade. Over 30 trees were visited in the Pirot District, recording their taxonomic identity, location and the associated local beliefs. The other trees were reported based on interviews with local geographers to be visited in the future. Most holy trees in the Pirot District are oaks, (*Quercus cerris*, *Q. pubescens*, *Q. frainetto*, *Q. petraea* and *Q. robur*). The other recorded common holy tree taxa in this area are *Pyrus*, *Ulmus*, *Populus nigra* and *Malus*). In the Šumadija District holy trees have crosses carved in their bark, while in the Pirot District, a specially prepared stone cross is placed at the trees' trunks. The population believes that holy trees protect their area from storms and other misfortunes. Traditionally, annual processions called "Litije" or "Krstonoš", organized during spring or summer festive days, would stop at all of a village's trees. Each tree has its patron saint, and a service would be organized on the saint's holiday date under their tree. Before the service, a sheep is sacrificed and special soup called "molitva" is served. "Kolač" bread and wine are blessed by the priest, who sprinkles the participants with holy water using a basil twig.

Raivo Kalle & Renata Sõukand - Trees as family members: cattle farmer attitudes towards trees based on the example of Estonia

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In Estonia, it is common for people to associate their fate with a tree planted in the yard. Trees are often planted at the birth of a child, upon marriage, or upon moving to a new home; a tree is planted there to protect the family. While studying the relationships with nature among livestock farmers in Estonia (15 were interviewed in 2023), we observed the importance of trees for these farmers. Therefore, we included the question regarding relations to