



Fascination of  
**Plants Day**  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024



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# Fascination of Plants Day 2024 A truly global event!

**640** events were uploaded on the Fascination of Plants Day (FoPD) website, **65** countries signed up for FoPD

**86** events in Italy, **58** in Poland, **47** in Spain, **43** in Slovenia and **37** in Portugal – top in Europe  
**39** events in China, **16** events in Japan and **16** in Lebanon – most active in Asia  
**36** events in Mexico, **11** in Colombia, **10** in Canada and **6** in Argentina – top in the Americas  
**8** events in Kenya, **3** in Angola, **2** in Ghana and **1** each in Ethiopia & South Africa – best in Africa

**1** National patronage: Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovak Republic

**250,000** plant species

Organised under the umbrella of the European Plant Science Organization, EPSO

**26.000** plant researchers and staff belong to EPSO membership

**2.600** personal EPSO members

Around 200 research institutes and universities represented by EPSO

**65** National Coordinators mobilising the community in their countries

**4** Global Coordinators synchronising the effort and providing central resources

# Europe



## Switzerland



The Botanical Garden of the University of Zurich transformed into an enchanting party zone for plant enthusiasts, students, and innovators alike with the 'NACHTAKTIV' event, the Scientainment programme for young people with many activities led by students and start-ups, highlighting the intersection of science, design, and technology. The evening was filled with curiosity, discovery and a deep dive into the fascinating world of plants, accompanied by cool beats from a DJ and a bar. 114 young people celebrated with us. Switzerland hosted 9 events in total.

## Portugal



More than 350 people attended the open event at the Municipal Market of Oeiras, that showcased the intricacies and wonder of plants. From story times and an origami atelier in partnership with a bookstore, to guided tours of the Oeiras Historical Centre to recognize plants, and a special menu at a nearby restaurant, the program featured a variety of interactive and educational activities. Researchers were actively involved, interacting with the visitors, who also had the opportunity to visit the citizen science field. This was one of the 38 events that celebrated the International Fascination of Plants Day in Portugal, in 2024.

## France



To celebrate the 7th edition of the Fascination of Plants Day, L'UMR 1332 Biologie du Fruit et Pathologie (INRAE and the University of Bordeaux) constructed FlashCards game by Ikigai. The aim of this card game is to create a link between the public and the world of plants. France organised 19 events.



## Germany



60 Open Minds scholarship holders visited the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research for an exciting day centred around the fascinating world of plants and plant research. In addition to a tour of the institute and greenhouse, the guests explored the many fascinating topics in a show garden and discovered several special plants and their unique characteristics. The hands-on activities in our science barn and the labs run by our PhD students and postdocs were particularly popular: isolating DNA from fruit, visualising the diversity of plant microbes, examining explosive fruits using confocal microscopy, dissecting flower buds from wild tomatoes and learned about carnivorous plants and the life cycle of Arabidopsis. The scholarship holders impressed us with their curiosity and held intense discussions.

Scientists at KWS live their fascination for plants every day. This year, we shared this enthusiasm with children and young people in particular at various events at the Einbeck site. Young people with a 'fascination for plants' are the scientists of tomorrow! Jugend forscht – Schüler experimentieren: KWS is a sponsoring company of the Lower Saxony state competition. The competition took place from April 11 to 13, 2024 at the PS.SPEICHER in Einbeck under the motto 'Make up your mind'. 74 young talents presented their innovative research projects in seven specialist areas. Future Day: Pupils visited the KWS Future Day on April 25, 2024. A total of twelve stations provided exciting insights into the various professions related to seeds. Children's University Einbeck: In the 2024 summer semester, participants will learn about the germination capacity of sugar beet seed and which fungi and insects can cause damage to sugar beet and maize. Germany hosted 5 events this year.

## United Kingdom



'Plant Power Day' was held at the University of Dundee Botanic Garden. Scientists from the University of Dundee and the James Hutton Institute created exciting science-related activities focused on plants. Over 800 visitors attended and the fantastic weather encouraged visitors to stay and explore the wider gardens. Feedback: "The pleasant welcoming staff; really interesting topics which were made applicable to adults and children alike", "Very interactive but also self-directed so we could wander and do things at our own pace" and "I cannot thank everyone enough that gave their time and shared their knowledge and expertise." This year, 14 events took place in the United Kingdom.



# Europe



## Netherlands



Pupils from four secondary schools and their biology teachers were introduced to the fascinating world of phenotyping and photosynthesis at Wageningen University & Research (WUR) on Thursday 23 May. Divided into groups, they toured the greenhouse and climate cells of the Netherlands Plant Eco-phenotyping Centre (NPEC) on the WUR campus. In addition, PhD students and staff members of the Jan Ingenhousz Institute for Photosynthesis (JII) – also based on the WUR campus – gave a mini-lecture and a practical session on phenotyping and photosynthesis. Three events were hosted in total in the Netherlands.



## Finland



For FoPD 2024, the Viikki Plant Science Centre collaborated with the University of the Arts to organise a QR code treasure hunt in the Viikki Arboretum. Visitors could explore the Arboretum, learn about ongoing plant research, and discover diverse species. Each of the 22 research projects featured on this trail, was complemented by an artwork that provides a fresh perspective on our relationship with plants.



## Belgium



To mark the Fascination of Plants Day, the Masant Garden offered an open day for young and old, amateurs and beginners, all about botany and, more specifically, the little-known world of herbaria: A Journey to the Heart of the Herbarium. This was an opportunity for us to highlight the Garden's herbarium collections through an exhibition of its finest plates. Alongside this exhibition, it offered a range of varied activities spanning the Arts and Sciences: lectures, activity booths, guided tours, and more. Belgium hosted 6 events this year.



## Slovak Republic



The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Richard Takáč, took over the patronage of the “Fascination of Plants Day 2024” campaign in the Slovak Republic. The Slovak Republic joined this international activity organised by EPSO for the first time in 2013. This year, therefore, they are successfully organising the 7th edition. Since 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, (or the Minister), has been actively involved in the campaign by taking over the patronage. In total, 24 events were organised this year.



## Slovenia



In Slovenia, 23 institutions hosted 43 events, engaging 1,200 students in a wide range of activities focused on the fascinating world of plants. One of the hands-on workshops, “Insight into the Fascinating World of Plant-Microorganism Relationships”, introduced students to endophytes – microorganisms that help plants defend themselves against stress. During the workshop, students marvelled at the diversity of microorganisms living in plants and learnt through a practical example how plants and microorganisms communicate. Understanding the relationship between microorganisms and plants is the key to designing new, environmentally friendly plant protection systems.



## Serbia



Fascination of Plants Day was celebrated in Serbia with 16 events. The organisers of these events included the Institute for Biological Research “Siniša Stanković”, the University of Belgrade; the Gallery of the Natural History Museum on Kalemegdan; school “Knez Sima Marković”; Kreativni centar; Green decor; Eko dvorištanje; Eco familia; “Kreativni gimnazijalci”; the Technical Faculty “Mihajlo Pupin”, Zrenjanin; Naučni četvrtak and Faculty of Science and the Botanical Garden, University of Kragujevac. FoPD offered the opportunity to provide information about the importance of plants in urban areas, and about plants as tasty spices, medicine and natural textile materials.

# Europe



## Spain



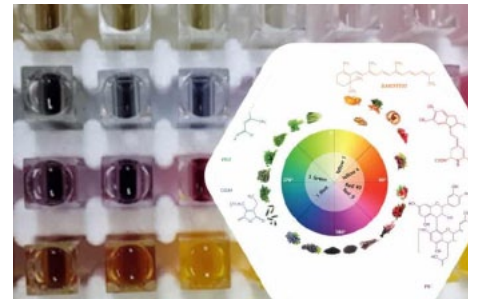
We celebrated the FoPD at the Secondary School IES La Garrigosa. to remind us of the importance of plant research for society. During the day, we looked into the vital role of plants in the agro-system, learned about hedges and orchard companion plants and we submerged ourselves in the practice of creating spice bouquets and incense sticks. The booklet “Powerful plants” was put together which could be used for classes. Spain organised 47 events this year.



## Ireland



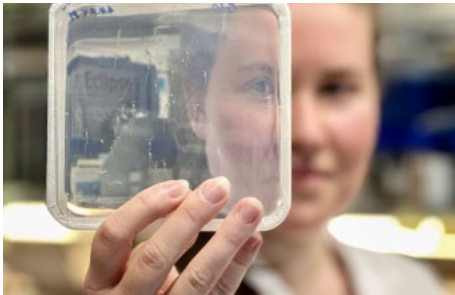
Coordinating with Fascination of Plants Day 2024, we have mounted a photographic exhibit of cacti & succulents to demonstrate the range, diversity and adaptations of cacti and succulents with the premise of combatting plant blindness among staff and students at South Eastern Technical University, Waterford Ireland. This year 5 events were hosted in Ireland.



## Bosnia and Herzegovina



The Faculty of Science at the University of Sarajevo highlighted the importance of plants and science with a workshop for high school students on plant colouring and how plant pigments change colours at a different pH, resulting in different plant colours. A nice hands-on activity to get students excited about plant sciences!



## Austria



On May 17th, the Institute for Plant Science and Technology Austria organised an FoPD event to demonstrate the work of ISTA researchers and showcase the latest developments in plant science. Furthermore, events during the month of May putting the fascination of plants and plant sciences in the picture ranged from a city farm garden festival in Vienna, a vineyard hike in Gols with technical discussions about grape production, breakfast in the Iris meadows (HBLFA Raumberg-Gumpenstein Land Sciences Center), the Vienna citrus days including tips for citrus plant breeding, a botanical illustration workshop, a sculpture exhibition (E Oddo) and a scythe (manual) mowing course in Vienna, and a ‘Flowers in Paradise’ art exhibition (M Seyer) at the Worthsee. 10 events were organised in Austria.



## Hungary



The Eötvös Loránd University organised ‘Plant Day 2024’ lectures as well as a spring exhibition in their Botanical Garden for the Hungarian Cactus Society and the Hungarian Society for Plant Biology. The University of Szeged held interdisciplinary ‘Focus on Plants’ lectures (Academy of Young Researchers), next to ‘Plant Day 2024’ lecture series (Institute of Biology) jointly with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Five days, five encounters with lectures and workshops at the University of Debrecen Agricultural Campus (MÉK), all took place around the 18th of May, next to outdoor guided tours, dedicated days, indoor knowledge events, and more exhibitions! Hungary hosted 28 events this year.



## Lithuania



Lithuania celebrated the FoPD with outdoor events involving music and photographic exhibition organised by the Vytautas Magnus University Botanical Garden in Kaunas and at the Botanical Garden of the Vilnius University. Lithuania hosted 3 events this year.



# Europe



## Czech Republic



The Agricultural Research Institute in Troubsko was open to the public offering several open air activities and laboratory demonstrations. FoPD is part of the botanical garden's May programme of Palacky University in Olomouc, and numerous interactive activities and lectures were organized by the Agritec Plant Research Center (Sumperk), the Faculty of Science of Charles University in Prague, the Institute of Experimental Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague), and the Mendel Faculty of Agrisciences. Eight events were organised in total this year.



## Bulgaria



In Bulgaria, 'Plants are fantastic' events took place on 17 May at the Faculty of Biology of the Sofia University. At the Agroinstitute of the same university, one of these events was designed for children, aiding to make them aware of plants and their importance in a fun way. Bulgaria hosted 3 events.



## Poland



At the Arboretum SGGW in Rogow, several animation activities, like ecological and handicraft workshops, theater performances, games and competitions are open for the public. At the University of Warsaw, Faculty of Biology various indoor events, microscopy workshops, plant showings and scientific presentations - most of them available to the public on Youtube - have been going since May this year. Scientists from AMU in Poznań drew attention to the richness and diversity of colours, shapes and flavours of plants growing around us and in distant corners of the world. In total, Poland organised 58 events.



## Greece



In Greece, an outdoor event was on the programme on 26 May at the Hellenic Mediterranean University in Crete. Furthermore, a Planting Event for Bee Conservation took place on 30-31 May. From 7 to 11 October, the construction of a botanical garden activity was organised by the hands of students at the University of Peloponnese (Kalamata). Before, on 23 May, the same university held a 'journey in the center of the cell' exhibition on 23 May. Greece hosted 4 events.



## Luxembourg



In Luxembourg, on 22 September, the Plant Molecular Farming Group at the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology took part in the Fascination of Plants Day with an open day for the public at their research center involving several interactive activities - even in practice - for all age categories.



## Romania



The "Cluj Horticultural Days", conducted within the Faculty of Horticulture and Business in Rural Development, UASVM of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, reached the 3rd edition, where business in the field of horticulture, landscape architecture, tourism and rural development presented their products and services to the people and entrepreneurial sectors. During these days, many exhibitions and student activities brought together the newest products in the field of horticulture, thus creating a connection between students and young people, making these days a good chance to show our business opportunities and student life on our campus. Events included different activities about plant senses, the mysterious path of plants, and spectacular transformations of plants with the help of tools and creativity. Our concern is the plant! 18 events were organised in Romania this year.

# Europa



## Ukraine



This year in Ukraine, despite martial law, 20 FoPD events were held in Kyiv, Kryvyi Rih, Boyarka, Bila Tserkva, and Vorzel. At the Kryvyi Rih Botanical Garden of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, several activities were organized for the psychological recovery of soldiers and their families. A location named “Viburnum Garden” was created in memory of the heroes who died in the Russian-Ukrainian War, and a new location “Do You Know What Peace Smells Like?” was established with various species and varieties of conifers, medicinal, and aromatic plants.

At the M.M. Gryshko National Botanical Garden, the Lilac Garden, displayed one of the largest collections of the common lilac with over 150 varieties.

During the tour at the Vorzel Reserve, visitors were offered to taste a tea made from medicinal herbs collected within the reserve. For young scientists, a Conference was organized: “Plant Biology and Biotechnology” dedicated to the FoPD along with a series of workshops on confocal and fluorescent microscopy for talented schoolchildren.



## Italy



Universities, research institutes, botanical gardens, parks, schools and academies, companies, museums and other entities have contributed to FoPD 2024 by organising various initiatives such as guided tours, workshops, exhibitions, extraordinary openings and conferences. Like every year, the CNR participated with various heterogeneous events organized throughout the national territory. And it is precisely in this context that the 3 days of activities organised by the Institute of Agricultural Biology and Biotechnology (IBBA) took place, aimed at adults and school students. We started on October 16th with the educational activity “It’s time for chestnuts: come with us to discover the biodiversity of the chestnut” at the A. Vivaldi School in Bovezzo (BS). It then continued on the 23rd and 24th in Milan, at the Research Area in via Corti 12, with informative seminars on topics of great interest. Italy organised 86 events in total.

## Croatia



Croatia organised 19 events.



## Sweden



Sweden organised 5 events.



# Asia



## China



For Fascination of Plants Day 2024, a total of 39 events were organized across China, encompassing themes such as “Exploring the Survival Wisdom of Desert Plants,” “Dissemination of Traditional Chinese Medicine Culture,” “Lychee Logistics Preservation Technology,” and “Investigating the Microscopic World of Plants.” The target audiences included primary and secondary school students, university students, and the general public. Notably, 27 activities took place at the Turpan Desert Botanical Garden under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. These activities featured science popularization sessions centered on “desert plants,” hands-on practical exercises exploring “the Survival Wisdom of Desert Plants and Promoting the Spirit of Scientists,” as well as public-participatory nature observation initiatives like “Autumn Tree Observation.”



## Lebanon



In the framework of the “Fascination of Plant Day 2024”, Lebanon organized sixteen events. NDU-Louaize organized the Plants in Our Life lecture series which explored topics ranging from medicinal plants to reforestation and spice cultivation. The events highlighted the crucial role of plants in biodiversity, sustainability, and daily life, engaging a diverse audience in thought-provoking discussions. In addition, NDU, LAU, LU and Konboz organized field trips and visits to nurseries to explore plant biodiversity of Lebanon. Lebanon organised 16 events this year.



## Turkey



The “Botanic Bliss: Exploring the Wonders of Plants” event successfully reached over 50 participants during the on-site session held on May 23rd. The session commenced with an opening speech by Research Assistant Gülay KAYA from Manisa Celal Bayar University, who served as the event coordinator and moderator, followed by an introduction by Prof.Dr. Ersin Minarec, the Chair of the Biology Department.

On 13 May 2024, a field study was conducted with the participation of Research Assistant Gülay KAYA from Manisa Celal Bayar University, who coordinated the event, along with the renowned botanist Prof.Dr. Kemal YILDIZ and Assoc.Prof. Dr. Dilek OSKAY, both experts in their field. This activity was planned as a significant field study for biology students enrolled in the “Seed Plant Systematics Laboratory Course”, aimed to apply and reinforce their theoretical knowledge in practice.



## India



The ‘Fascinating World of Butterflies’ event was organised at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Institute (NABI), as part of the FoPD and the Lifestyle for Environment Campaign to emphasize the roles of plants and butterflies in environmental conservation, encouraging all researchers to put individual and collective efforts for biodiversity conservation and prevent environmental degradation. The event was followed by a nature walk on campus to help students become more mindful about the surroundings and the inhabitants. Six events were hosted in India.



## Philippines



After three days of expert-led exposure to the pineapple industry, the 1st International Congress on Pineapple (ICoP) for Sustainable and Resilient Production finished off its sessions, workshops, presentations, and networking on September 6, at Camarines Norte State College (CNSC) Student Activity Center.

Recognition of Sponsors and Exhibitors were presented to Decco Italia, Gania Agri-Business Corporation, the Province of Camarines Norte Governor Ricarte R. Padilla, Leads Agri, and Global Infection Control Consultants, LLC. Certification of Participation and Appreciation was then given to the presenters, participants, and exhibitors, including CNSC offices

## Japan



Organised 16 events.



# America



## Argentina



To keep celebrating the fascination of plants, between 5 and 12 September, the “Not enough vitamins? Call 0800-FRUIT” workshop was organised at the Silver Museum for the children from the Kindergarten number 902 in Berisso, Buenos Aires. It was a fantastic day, in which the smallest ones could hear about the vitamins in fruits and the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. Before the workshop, they made a short visit to the museum to learn about fruits and vegetables. Argentina organised 8 events.



## Colombia



At the Botanical Garden of Medellin during the week of May 18th, we organised (1) a night tour of the gardens, (2) daily tours with scientists, (3) daily tours with educators, (4) open house of the herbarium and plant nursery, and (5) special visits to the garden's facilities and collections with scientists for the garden's staff. Over a hundred people celebrated the Fascination of Plants Day during a night tour at the Botanical Garden of Medellin. In total, 11 events were hosted.



## Ecuador



In Ecuador, the Green Amazon open house event on 24 June ‘The hidden charm of Amazonian plants’ at the Regional University of the Amazon Ikiam, consisted of interactive and educational sessions about the research projects going on at the traslacional plant research group.



## Canada



The First Nations Farm & Food Festival, co-hosted by the Flying Dust First Nation Lands and Resources Office, the ē kanātahk askiy SAGE Project, and the Bridge to Land Water Sky Living Lab brought together 60 people from various communities. We discussed the relationship between human beings and plants, our responsibilities as seed savers, the importance of seed sovereignty, and the use of cover crops for soil health and plant diversity in farms and gardens. We had workshops on soil mapping and hands-on learning activities for school groups. Attendees had a chance to tour the Flying Dust Market Garden, a 170-acre mixed-vegetable farm run by Flying Dust First Nation that provides fresh, organic veggies, fruit, and honey to the community! This year, 10 events were hosted in total.



## Uruguay



The celebration of the Fascination of Plants Day was held at various institutions and locations in Uruguay. Four events were organised. At the Montevideo Botanical Garden, the event “Diverse Plants, Diverse Perspectives” took place, combining informational conferences, experimentation with aromas, a graphic art exhibition, and popular songs with plants as the central theme. Tours of the Botanical Garden and a forest bathing or Shinrin Yoku experience were also conducted. The Clemente Estable Biological Research Institute produced an educational video about the electrophysiology of carnivorous plants. Meanwhile, the Institute of Biological Research in the department of Canelones conducted a tour focused on identifying native plants. The Northern Regional Center of the Republic University gave talks to schoolchildren in the department of Tacuarembó.



## Bolivia



At the university campus Hernán Mulgar Justiano (CIBIOMA-UABJB) in Trinidad the month of May was dedicated to interactive events, expositions, guided tours, and seedlings preparation for the public, in celebration of the fascination for plants!

## Brazil



Brazil organised 2 events.

## Mexico



Mexico organised 36 events.

# Africa



## South Africa



This is the first time that South Africa is participating in this global event. At SU's Department of Botany and Zoology, Dr Moroenyane organised a programme for learners from local schools. It consisted of a microscope workshop, tours of the laboratories, a walking food tour and discussions. On Saturday 18 May, the Department of Botany and Zoology and the Stellenbosch University Botanical Garden hosted a public event with guided food garden tours, interactive workshops, creative crafts, live music, and food trucks.

## Angola



On June 4th, the Uvande project was launched. The project is an initiative of the University Mandume Ya Ndemufayo, in short collaboration with the environmental node of ASA-Huíla, an NGO based in Lubango, Huíla province. The project funded by US Forest Services aims to promote the reproduction of native seeds for reforestation programmes in Angola. The project launch was attended by government representatives, Academic staff, NGOs and other interested persons. The opening ceremony was conducted by the Rector, Professor Sebastião António, followed by intervention of ASA-Huíla General Secretary, Mr. Valdemar Ribeiro. An overview of the project structure was presented by Francisco Maiato, a project coordinator, followed by Mrs Miriam Simão, who conducted experiments with two native species and Mr. Ismael Tomás who gave an overview of his project in Caconda municipality, one of the project implementation sites. The activity was animated by Mr. Abílio Lupenha, a local lyric musician. Altogether, Angola hosted 3 events this year.



## Ethiopia



The Fascination of Plants Day event in Ethiopia was carried out on 23/03/2024 with preschool children visiting the vegetable research facilities at Hawassa University, college of Agriculture, Hawassa Ethiopia.

## Ghana



The University of Ghana Botany Society visited Bunso Eco-park. Eco-parks are protected natural spaces designed to conserve biodiversity and provide a sustainable environment for both wildlife and humans. They serve as habitats for various species, supporting ecosystems that might otherwise be threatened by urbanization and industrialization. Eco-parks are crucial for educating the public about environmental conservation and promoting eco-friendly practices. They help mitigate climate change by preserving forests and wetlands, which act as carbon sinks. For animals, eco parks offer safe havens, ensuring the survival of endangered species and maintaining ecological balance. For humans, they provide recreational spaces that promote well-being and connection with nature. The future of eco parks lies in their potential to expand, playing a vital role in global conservation efforts and fostering a deeper respect for the environment. This year, Ghana organised 2 events.

## Kenya



ICIPE, the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology, set up a small farming demonstration using healthy planting material for growing vegetables for students of Murang'a University, Mariira Campus from January to March. In February Nemafrica – a joint laboratory of ICIPE and IITA, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture – held a 'job shadowing event' to train young upcoming scientists in topics, e.g. plant parasitic nematodes. In April, there were talks for students about the importance of plants in agriculture, studies, and business (Nemafrica). Mwiki Secondary School in Nairobi celebrated the FoPD on 18 May with a kitchen garden competition involving innovative planting techniques and sustainable gardening, and on 31 May with a visit to the seedling propagation unit. Kenya hosted 8 events altogether.



# Australia and New Zealand



## Australia & New Zealand



Botanic gardens day is a yearly event taking place in many botanical gardens in Australia and New Zealand on the last Sunday in May. Next to tours in the gardens, four online webinars were organised. The ARC Centre of Excellence for Plant Success in nature and agriculture held a symposium for professionals on crop modelling online and at the university of Queensland. A worldwide urban eucalyptus photography competition organised by Eucalypt Australia demonstrates our fascination for plants. In New Zealand, talks about the relationship between trees and insects and tours inside a tree using a microscope were going on at the Rotorua Library from Scion on 17 May. Australia hosted 5 events in total and New Zealand organised 3 events for this year's edition.





# #PlantDay on social media

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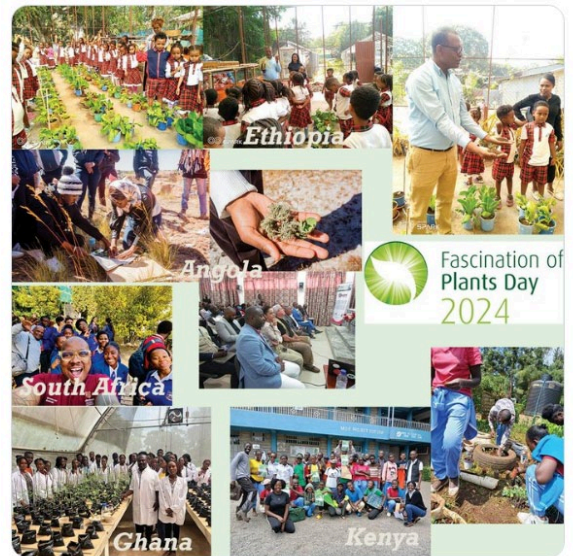
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**Fascination of Plants Day** @PlantDay18May · May 28, 2024  
👏 Congratulations to the great work of the National Coordinators & event organisers of Fascination of Plants day in Ukraine 🇺🇦 Despite martial law, an amazing 20 events have been held to date 😊  
Read more here [bit.ly/4bQ5VRb](https://bit.ly/4bQ5VRb)



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**Fascination of Plants Day** @PlantDay18May · Jun 12, 2024  
🌍 Here are some of the amazing Fascination of Plants Day events held across Africa over the past two months 🎉 congratulations to the National Coordinators & all those involved in organising wonderful plant experiences in your countries 🥰  
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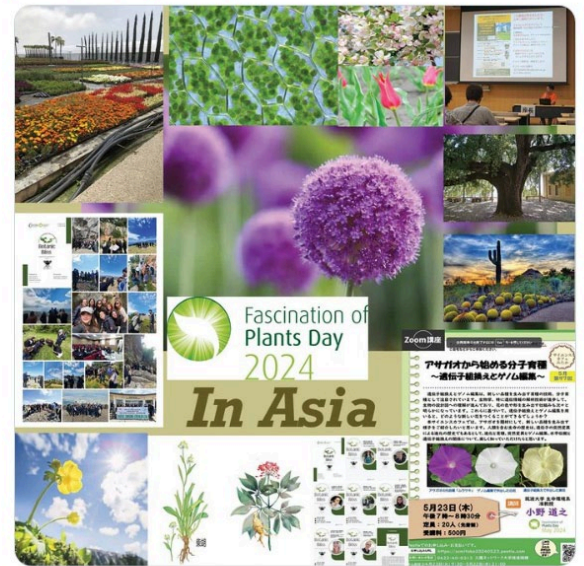
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## THANK YOU!

Thank you for the successful FoPD 2024 events to over **640 event organisers**, to all **65 National Coordinators** for mobilising the enthusiastic, supportive communities in your countries; to the **4 Global Coordinators** for synchronising this huge effort worldwide and for providing your time and resources; to the **1 National patronage Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**, Slovak Republic, and not forgetting our **international partners and sponsors** – the Global Plant Council, International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy, SPPS, Bayer Foundation, Copa Cogeca, ISHS, EUCARPIA, Scientix, and WikiFarmer.

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We look forward to your great ideas and interactive events in 2026!

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