



European Plant Science Organisation  
<https://epsoweb.org>

## **International Fascination of Plants Day postponed to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

---

*Brussels, 16.10.2020*

**The Global and National Coordinators of the international Fascination of Plants Day (FoPD) decided to postpone the next FoPD from 2021 to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to be able to hold the fascinating events which they and hundreds of colleagues organise across the world as physical interactive events.**

The Fascination of Plants Day was initiated and is coordinated by the European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO) and brought to life by a team of National coordinators and hundreds of plant enthusiasts organising events. They invite everybody around the world to organise interactive events on the fascination, secrets, immense potential and manifold uses of plants for your community, region, country around the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

This ranges from basic to applied research, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, plant breeding, biodiversity, nourishment and nutrition, plant protection, environmental conservation, renewable resources, healthy and diverse food and high value products for medicine, cosmetics, food and much more.

Plant research and innovation can contribute to achieving food and nutritional security and human health, environmental sustainability, addressing climate change and reversing the trend of biodiversity loss.

Already 50 countries have confirmed their National FoPD Coordinators for 2022 and more are welcome to join in: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia & H., Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Rep., Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA.

In 2019, the 5<sup>th</sup> FoPD generated over 860 interactive events in over 51 countries across the world with many thousand participants. Get inspired by [The Fascination of Plants Day Success Stories 2019](#) for events you may organise.

Meanwhile, a group of FoPD National Coordinators will develop ideas to have some inspiring online events in 2021, the best option in times of remote working around the

world, to share their enthusiasm and fascination of plants. It will be possible to send news item, pictures and videos of events organised to EPSO for a valorisation on FoPD [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [website](#). Resources such as the logo and pictures will be available online in the [PR Toolbox](#).

Looking forward preparing with you for most exciting events in 2022 and possibly see some interactive virtual events in 2021

The FoPD Global and National Coordinators

---

#### **Contacts:**

FoPD Global coordinators:

[Alexandra Barnoux](#), EPSO, BE (detailed coordination, web, social media)

[Trine Hvoslef-Eide](#), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, NO (countries outside of Europe)

[Przemysław Wojtaszek](#), Adam Mickiewicz University, PL (countries in Europe)

[Karin Metzloff](#), EPSO, BE (overall coordination)

FoPD National Coordinators:

<https://plantday18may.org/countries/> click on the country of your choice.

#### **Useful links**

FoPD: <https://plantday18may.org/>

[The Fascination of Plants Day Success Stories 2019](#)

EPSO: <https://epsoweb.org>

#### **About FoPD**

The goal of the Fascination of Plants Day (FoPD) is to get as many people as possible around the world fascinated by plants and enthused about the importance of plant science for agriculture, in sustainability producing food, as well as for horticulture, forestry, and all of the non-food products such as paper, timber, chemicals, energy, and pharmaceuticals. The role of plants in environmental conservation is also a key message.

Fascination of Plants Days took place in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019, with thousands of events across the world. The FoPD is now bi-annual – read the success stories from 2019. In-between sporadic events take place in some countries. The next official Fascination of Plants Day will take place around the 18th May 2022. <https://plantday18may.org/>

#### **About EPSO**

EPSO, the European Plant Science Organisation, is an independent academic organisation that represents more than 200 research institutes, departments and universities from 32 countries, mainly from Europe, and 2.700 individuals Personal Members, representing over 26 000 people working in plant science. EPSO's mission is to improve the impact and visibility of plant science in Europe, to provide authoritative source of independent information on plant science including science advice to policy, and to promote training of plant scientists to meet the 21st century challenges in breeding, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, plant ecology and sectors related to plant science. <https://epsoweb.org> | EU Transparency Register Number 38511867304-09