

Research Symposium  
**Alpine plants: evolution and challenges of life at high altitudes**  
5 – 8 July 2026, in Munich / Schachen, Germany

### Objective

High altitude ecosystems are affected by extreme environmental conditions. Yet they are important wilderness areas that harbour a considerable share of the world's plant diversity. The symposium offers a platform to explore up-to-date research on ecology, evolution and systematics of plants at high altitudes. The focus is on the dynamics of subalpine and alpine ecosystems, to foster the understanding of their diversity mechanisms and to contribute to their conservation.

### Conference Sessions

#### Dynamics of alpine environments

Keywords: climate change, environmental gradients, adaptation, resilience, migration, evolutionary history, refugia.

#### Diversity patterns in alpine ecosystems

Keywords: distribution ranges, speciation, systematics, extinction rate, ecological niches, biotic interaction.

#### Nature conservation at high altitudes

Keywords: in-situ conservation, ex-situ conservation, human impact, nature reserves, migration corridors, indicator species.

### Presentation options

#### Oral presentation

20 min presentation + 10 min discussion

Abstract: max. 250 words

#### Poster presentation

Format: A1

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#### Brief communication / Walk up presentation

10 min free presentation in the Alpine Garden or along the way

### Expenses

Conference proceedings, coffee breaks, travel and packed *lunch* for the day excursion will be covered by the Society of Friends of the Botanical Garden Munich-Nymphenburg and by the Elfriede and Franz Jakob Foundation. Participants need to pay their own expenses for meals, overnight accommodation and travel costs to Munich. Hotel recommendations will be sent with the next circular.

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