



## Celebrating the Legacy of Sandro Pignatti

The European Vegetation Survey Working Group meets in Rome to commemorate Professor Sandro Pignatti, the founder of the working group and a leading figure in both the scientific and cultural spheres of our time. It is no easy task to talk about him. Sandro Pignatti, a man of immense knowledge, masterfully combined the spirit of a philosopher with the rigour of a scientist. He advanced a vision of science that went beyond mere data and always included a profound reflection on the meaning of nature and our relationship with it. This day will be dedicated to honouring his life and the breadth of his research interests. Those who knew him, worked with him or appreciated his work and thinking understand the profound loss his passing represents to the scientific community and to society at large. We express our deepest respect and gratitude to him.

Click [HERE](#) to register

Botanical Garden, Sapienza University of Rome

**October 21, 2025**

**09:00 – 17:30 CET**

Largo Cristina di Svezia, 23,  
00165 ROME

### WELCOME MESSAGES

**Fabio Attorre** Director of the Botanical Garden

**Milan Chytrý** Secretary of the IAVS Working Group European Vegetation Survey

### PROGRAM

*Sandro Pignatti: FLORILEGIVM*

**Francesco Spada** University of Rome «La Sapienza»

*Sandro Pignatti and the EVS*

**John Rodwell** Independent Ecologist

*Vegetation classification and syntaxonomy: Sandro's legacy*

**Ladislav Mucina** Murdoch University, Perth

*Floristic databases and digital keys: the case of Italian lichens*

**Pierluigi Nimis** University of Trieste

*The legacy of past vegetation*

**Laura Sadori** University of Rome

*Vegetation data processing and analysis in the light of the European Vegetation Survey*

**Joop Schaminée** Wageningen University & Research

*Vegetation data analysis at the time of Artificial Intelligence*

**Enrico Feoli** University of Trieste

*Semi-supervised vegetation classification*

**Helge Bruelheide** Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

*From the European Tabellarium to the European Vegetation Archive*

**Milan Chytrý** Masaryk University, Brno

*Urban Ecology*

**Giuliano Fanelli** Sapienza University of Rome

*Island Biogeography*

**Alessandro Chiarucci** University of Bologna

*Environmental ethics and civil society*

**Riccardo Guarino** University of Palermo

**At the end of the day, a specimen of *Telopea speciosissima* will be planted in the Botanical Garden in Sandro's memory**