

Biennial meeting of the Nordic Arboretum Committee

Latvia | August 26–30, 2024

In the name of Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Arboretum team, the organizer, and Anders Ræbild, the current President of the Nordic Arboretum Committee (NAC), we welcome you to the **Biennial Meeting of the Nordic Arboretum Committee**. The NAC serves as a key forum for exchange and collaboration among tree collections in the Nordic countries and neighboring regions. Our participants include representatives from both public and private tree collections, united by our goals to learn from one another and strengthen the bonds between our collections.

This year's meeting, hosted by Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Arboretum, will unfold over five days. The first two days will feature an informal, conference-style format where we will share updates from our individual collections, and engage in presentations on various topics such as collection trips, new material acquisitions, scientific advancements, and other subjects of general interest.

The final three days will include a diverse program of visits to Latvia's notable tree collections, botanical gardens, and natural forests, offering an opportunity to explore and appreciate the arboreal and natural heritage of Latvia.

Agenda

26th of Aug	
10:00	NAC meeting opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sanita Vaivode-Azena (organizer),- Anders Ræbild (current president of NAC)
10:10	Actualities in botanical gardens/arboretums (Part 1) 10:20 Denmark 10:50 Sweden 11:20 Latvia
12:00	Lunch break
13:00	Actualities in botanical gardens/arboretums (Part 2) 13:00 Finland 13:30 Norway 14:00 Lithuania
14:40	Business meeting (Hosted by Anders Ræbild)
15:30	Tour in Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava arboretum
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10:00	Thematic Insights and Updates (Part 1) (Presentation session by participants) 10:00 Spruce (<i>Picea</i> A.Dietr.) collection in the Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Arboretum (Linda Strode, Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Arboretum) 10:30 About invasive species project activities (Jānis Saulītis, Nature Conservation Agency) 11:00 The ongoing northward migration of the European beech: Should we act proactive? (Kaspars Liepins, Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava") 11:30 Polyploidy in trees – what is it and why is it important? (Anders Ræbild, University of Copenhagen)
12:00	Lunch break
13:00	Thematic Insights and Updates (Part 2) (Presentation session by participants) 13:00 Collaborative conservation of threatened Rhododendron species (Michael David Pirie, University of Bergen)

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	13:30 Development of recommendations and criteria for the determination of dendrological values and evaluation of uniqueness of the dendrological plantings. (L. Strode, Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Arboretum) 14:00 Nordic-American Western Expedition 2023 - are seed expeditions still worth all the trouble? (Jaakko Saarinen, Arboretum Mustila)
14:40	Tea/coffee break
15:00	Latvia's State Forests' Kalsnava Cone Processing Facility Tour (Hosted by Janis Auzins)
16:30	Latvia's State Forests' Mezvidi Tree Nursery Tour (Hosted by Ilva Ivanova)
28th of Aug	
10:30	Skrīveri Dendrological Park Tour (Hosted by Pēteris)
14:00	Likteņdārzs (The Garden of Destiny) Tour
29th of Aug	
9:30	Teiču Strict Nature Reserve Tour
13:15	Lubāna Wetland Information Centre
16:00	Forest Tour
30th of Aug	
10:30	National Botanical Garden Tour
13:00	Botania
14:30	End of meeting