

# European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries international conference and Linnaeus Link Partners' Meeting

Congrès international des bibliothèques de botanique et d'horticulture

**EBHL  
PARIS  
2025  
14-17 May**

## Plant sources

Les sources du végétal



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# WELCOME

## WELCOME TO PARIS FOR OUR 2025 EBHL MEETING

This long awaited event was made possible by joining the forces of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (MNHN), the Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France (SNHF) and the Institut and Mazarine Libraries. Reflecting our European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group, these three Parisian institutions have very different statutes and missions, but share the same concerns, interests and missions when it comes to curating and sharing botanical and horticultural documentation.

With a main theme of “Plant sources”, three threads will be followed in our program's conferences and visits at each of our three hosting institutions: the first day at MNHN will explore “New tools for botanical and horticultural documentation”; the second day at the Institut “Private herbaria, sources for botany”; and the third day at SNHF: “Understanding French horticulture: using and interpreting sources”.

Additional visits and presentations are offered by partners institutions, including a visit of the French

Senate gardens and archives, a conference on Redouté's paintings by the Académie d'Agriculture de France, and a visit and conference at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Paysage, located in Versailles Palace's Potager de Roi.

The program wouldn't be complete without social festivities: the main one will be a cocktail party held on a barge housing a café/botanical bookshop ; and the Redouté conference will be followed by a wine tasting with buffet.

We look forward to meeting all of you and celebrate together our love of plants and botanical art, books and archives.

**Florence Tessier,**  
EBHL President

**Sabrina Castandet-Le Bris, Mégane Pulby  
and Audrey Lumière**  
Organizing committee

## THE CONFERENCE ORGANISERS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS, WHO HAVE SPONSORED THIS EVENT



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"Cardaminum quinquefido folio, ..." = *Tropaeolum peregrinum* L., dessin Joseph de Jussieu, Pérou, 18e s. Bibliothèques MNHN



# PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY 14 MAY (DAY 1)

MUSÉUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE, PARIS

Focus: New tools for botanical and horticultural documentation

📍 Amphithéâtre d'entomologie, 45 rue Buffon, 75005 Paris.

9 am Registration and coffee

### 9:30 AM MORNING SESSION

Welcome address by Alice Lemaire, Director of Libraries and Documentation, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle and Florence Tessier, Curator of the Botanical library.

9:50 am **Preserving the botanical illustrations in Bonpland and Humboldt's herbarium : a cross-collections approach** by Lisa Black, herbarium collections management staff, MNHN.

10:10 am **Cataloguing and indexing botanical iconography: how the bibliographical metadata can reflect the evolutions of taxonomy** by Alice Laforêt, Library curator, MNHN.

10:30 am **World Flora Online: a global resource for botanical information** by Visotheary Ung (MNHN), Thomas Haevermans (MNHN), Mark Watson (RBGE) and the WFO members.

10:50 am Q & A

11 am Coffee break

11:20 am **Mining floras and reading herbaria with AI** by Nicolas Turenne, Natural Language Processing expert, INRAE / IRD and Youcef Sklab, AI specialist, IRD.

11:50 am **Gallica Images: AI for iconographic research** by Jean-Philippe Moreux, head of the IA mission and Jennifer Ward, Gallica project manager at the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

12:10 pm Q & A

12:20 pm **Group photograph**

12:30 pm **Lunch break** (lunch included)

### 2 PM AFTERNOON SESSION

📍 38 rue Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 75005 Paris.

2 pm Visit of the Central Library special collections

"Aloes Africana, caulescens", aquarelle sur vélin,  
Claude Aubriet, 18e s. Bibliothèques MNHN

Jardin des Plantes,  
photo F. Tessier



# PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 15 MAY (DAY 2)

INSTITUT DE FRANCE, PARIS

Focus: Private herbaria, sources for botany

 Institut de France, Salle Hugot. Access : 3 rue Mazarine, 75006 Paris

**9 am** Registration and coffee

**9:30 AM** MORNING SESSION

9:30 am Welcome address by Yann Sordet, Director of Mazarine and Institut de France libraries

9:40 am **Benjamin Delessert (1773-1847) and his herbarium: the role of a philanthropist in early 19th-century botany** by Sabrina Castandet-Le Bris, Assistant director of Mazarine and Institut de France Libraries, head of Institut de France library.

10:05 am **Rousseau's "Historical" herbaria from the collection of the Girardin's family. Conservation issues in an historical monument**, by Anne-Claire de Poulpiquet, Curator, Institut de France, Monuments and Collections Dpt.

10:30 am Institut library, Mazarine library and Salles des séances tour (coffee break included)

11:45 am **The life of the botanist-voyager Auguste Pervillé (1820-1853) through his herbarium and correspondence**, by Mathieu Gardère, PhD, Post-Doc at the Technical University of Munich, Plant Biodiversity Research.

12:10 pm **Sébastien René and Mélite Lenormand's herbarium**, by Florence Tessier, Curator of the Botanical library, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle.

**12:35 pm** Lunch break (lunch included)

**2 PM** AFTERNOON SESSION

Travel back to Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle and picnic at the Jardin des Plantes

2:15 pm EBHL Assembly general meeting (Muséum Library)

3:15 pm Guided tour of the Jardin des Plantes

4 – 6 pm Linnaeus Link Partners' meeting

**COCKTAIL PARTY**

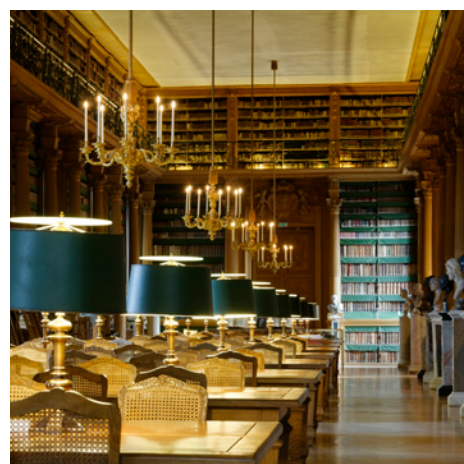
**7:30 pm** Registration

 Péniche L'Eau et les Rêves, 9 Quai de l'Oise, 75019 Paris

Moored on the Canal de l'Ourcq in northern Paris, the barge "L'Eau et les Rêves" is a café and restaurant, but above all the only botanical bookshop in Paris. It offers a relaxed, bucolic setting perfect for taking the time to chat and meet.

Herbier cingalais de Paul Hermann,  
annoté par Johannes Burmann, c. 1680.  
Bibliothèque de l'Institut de France, ms 3912 Rés

Salle de lecture de la bibliothèque Mazarine



# PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY 16 MAY (DAY 3)

SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE D'HORTICULTURE DE FRANCE, PARIS

Focus: Understanding French horticulture: using and interpreting sources

📍 18 Rue de Bellechasse, 75007 Paris [The day takes place at the Académie d'Agriculture due to work at the SNHF]

9:00 am Registration and coffee

### MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 am Welcome address by Anne-Marie Slézec, Vice-président in charge of the SNHF library and Mégane Pulby, head of the library, heritage and sponsorship Dtp.
- 9:40 am **Between scientific publication and institutional discourse: the SNHF through its historical bulletins** by Pascale Heurtel, Assistant to the General Administrator of CNAM and member of the SNHF Library Steering Committee.
- 10:10 am **Identifying and mapping players in the horticultural world: the use of digital sources in the practice of genealogy** by Aliénor Samuel-Hervé, Author of the "Graines de culture" research project and member of the SNHF Library Steering Committee.
- 10:30 am Q & A
- 10:40 am Coffee break
- 11:00 am **The fascination of maps? Teaching and searching 19c and 20c gardens' history** by Stéphanie de Courtois, PhD, Head of the Historic Gardens, Heritage, and Landscape Masters program at ENSA Versailles.
- 11:20 am **When color takes over horticultural photography: feedback on the autochrome and film collection of the Albert Kahn gardens** by Luce Lebart, Photography historian and exhibition curator.
- 11:40 am **Botany, Inspiration for Ornament: The Collections of the Decorative Arts Library** by Anne-Laure Charrier-Ranoux, Director of the Library-Archives-Documentation Department at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs.
- 12:00 pm Q & A
- 12:15 pm **Buffet Lunch** (lunch included)

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 pm Departure and walk to the Luxembourg garden. Bus ride possible.
- 2 – 4 pm Delegates will be split into 2 smaller groups :  
📍 15 rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris. Sénat archives visit with Pauline Debionne, archivist.  
Jardin du Luxembourg visit with Jean-François Breton, retired head gardener of the Jardin du Luxembourg
- 5:00 pm Free time [visit to the SNHF library has been cancelled due to building work]  
📍 18 Rue de Bellechasse, 75007 Paris.
- 6 – 8 pm **Registration**  
**Conference on Pierre-Joseph Redouté's grapevine vellums** by André Fougeroux, in charge of the Académie d'Agriculture de France library. Wine tasting session in connection with Redouté's paintings and a cheese meal.

"Framboisier perpétuel de Dycks",  
gravure issue de l'Instructeur jardinier, 1850.  
Bibliothèque de la SNHF, Fonds ancien.

Salle de lecture de la bibliothèque  
de la Société nationale d'Horticulture de France (SNHF)



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## SATURDAY 17 MAY (DAY 4)

### ÉCOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE DE PAYSAGE, VERSAILLES

#### Excursion

📍 10 Rue du Maréchal Joffre, 78000 Versailles

Public transportation via RER C “Versailles Château Rive Gauche” then a 10-minute walk

#### 9:30 am Registration and coffee

10 – 12 am Delegates divided into smaller groups for :

- Visit and presentation of the library and its historic collections by Chiara Santini, Professor of the history of gardens and landscaping, Sophie Jaeglé, Head of documentation, archives and collections and Hanna Sorsa-Sautet, archivist.
- Tour of the “Potager du Roi” with a tour guide

#### 12:15 am End of EBHL Congress

Delegates are free to enjoy the rest of the day in Versailles.



“The historic site of the École nationale supérieure de paysage, the Potager du Roi is a major component of the royal estate of Versailles. Built between 1678 and 1683 at the request of Louis XIV by architect Jules Hardouin-Mansart, it is a unique example of the French Baroque food-producing garden.”

© Potager du Roi”

#### Suggestions and ideas for the rest of the day

**Lunch :** You'll find plenty of restaurants on the way to the Chateau (rue Satory).

**Tour ideas :** Entrance to visit the Chateau should be booked in advance for those who would wish to enjoy the opportunity (spring/summer time is peak season). An architecture and landscape biennial will be held in Versailles on the same day.

For further information, visit <https://www.bap-idf.com/en>





## USEFUL INFORMATION

*L. Descomps-Sabouret, del.*

"Prunes japonaises", gravure issue de la Revue Horticole, 1894. Bibliothèque de la SNHF, Fonds ancien.

*Chromolith. G. Severeys, Bruxelles.*

*Prunes Japonaises.*  
VERSION - 30/04/2025  
*1. Mariana. — 2. Mazu.*



# ACCOMMODATION

Our main venues are located in the 5th, 6th and 7th arrondissements. The Muséum national d'histoire naturelle is near métro stops Jussieu (lines 7 and 10), Censier-Daubenton (line 7) and Gare d'Austerlitz (lines 5 and 10) ; the Institute near métro stops Odéon or Saint-Germain on line 10, or a short walk across the river from stop Pont-Neuf on line 7; and the SNHF is near métro stop Rue du Bac on line 12, but 1 stop away from line 10.

The 5th and 6th arrondissements are often called the Latin Quarter, and justly renowned as a central and pleasant area in Paris. However some hotels use the term quite loosely for a wider area so if you intend to stay near one of our venues, be careful to check the address of your hotel, and the proximity of a métro stop preferably on lines 7 or 10. The hotels in this area (7th arrondissement included) may also be higher priced.

To find better prices, you can also look toward the 13th arrondissement : some hôtels in the 13th arrondissement are in walkable distance of the Muséum ; but you can also look further along lines 7 or 5 ; or in 12th and 11th arrondissements along line 5. An estimation of metro travel is 1 stop = 1,5 minute.

Selecting a hotel available on your dates can be done through the site Booking.com ; its ratings and guests reviews seem reliable and consistent with other sources. However it is generally recommended to book directly through the hotel itself.

Here's a too small, random, and absolutely non exhaustive list of places you could look into, based on their ratings..

## HÔTEL HENRIETTE

9, rue des Gobelins,  
75013 Paris,

+33 1 47 07 26 90

## HOTEL DIANA

73 Rue Saint-Jacques,  
75005, Paris,

+33 1 43 54 92 55

## HOTEL MARGUERITE

102 avenue de Choisy,  
75013 Paris,

+33 1 45 70 76 00

## THE GREET HOTEL

22 rue Voltaire,  
94270 Le Kremlin Bicêtre,

+33 1 45 21 19 09

## APPARTHOTELS,

like Citadines Austerlitz,  
Libertel Austerlitz Jardin des  
Plantes, are also interesting  
lower budget options.

It is a low cost option with good ratings : walk to the metro can be shortened by taking the T9 tramway for one stop to métro stop Porte de Choisy on line 7.

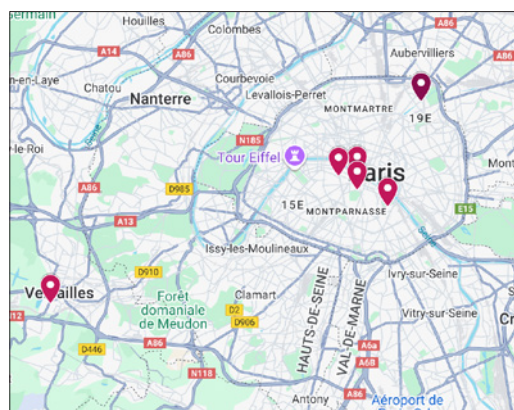
# TRAVEL

EBHL venues in Paris are all easily accessible via metro. Versailles is also accessible by RER (regional express train). To travel with metro (or public buses) you have a choice between a weekly pass or tickets loaded on a card.

- Weekly Navigo travel pass for all zones (includes Orly airport via métro line 14, CDG airport via RER line B, and Versailles for the visit on Saturday 17th) (also available on mobile phone) = €31.60. More info here : <https://parisbytrain.com/paris-train-metro-week-pass-navigo-decouverte/>
- Navigo easy card : 2€ for the card itself, (or available on mobile phones) then you can load as many Metro/ RER tickets (2.50 €) as you need : these tickets are valid for Metro or RER wherever it goes, even to Versailles; with exception of airports.

RER B train to CDG airport cost 13 € and can be loaded on Navigo Easy card, BUT that card has to be empty (can not contain any other tickets). For Bus/ Tram there are 2 € tickets loadable on the same card.

More detailed info here : <https://parisbytrain.com/navigo-easy/> and here : <https://parisbytrain.com/navigo-pass-iphone-android-app/>



# FOOD

## BREAKFAST

Delegates must make their own breakfast arrangements. Coffee is provided by partners before each event.

## LUNCH

A lunch will be provided for delegates on Day 1, 2 and 3 of conferences, and will mostly consist of buffet style finger foods. On the last day (excursion to Versailles), lunch will not be provided. Numerous restaurants and bakeries will be available.

## DINNER

A cocktail party will be held at “Péniche L'eau et les rêves” on Thursday 15 May. A wine tasting & cheese platter dinner will be held at the end of Friday 16 May.

**ON OTHER NIGHTS, DELEGATES ARE FREE TO ENJOY PARIS' WIDE VARIETY OF RESTAURANTS.**

# USEFUL INFORMATION, EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS & DELEGATE LIST

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Please find below address and contact information of the conference venues.

### MUSÉUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE

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+33 1 40 79 56 32  
botabib@mnhn.fr

Amphithéâtre d'entomologie  
43 rue Buffon

Bibliothèque centrale  
38 rue Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire

Bibliothèque de botanique  
et Herbier  
16 rue Buffon,  
(but entrance in the garden)

### INSTITUT DE FRANCE

3 rue Mazarine,  
75006 Paris

+33 1 44 41 44 10  
contact@bibliotheque-mazarine.fr

### SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE D'HOR- TICULTURE DE FRANCE

84 rue de Grenelle,  
75007 Paris

Bibliothèque SNHF  
+33 1 44 39 78 70  
bibliotheque@snhf.org

[Due to building work, SNHF  
Day on May 16 will be held at  
**18 rue de Bellechasse]**

### PALAIS DU LUXEMBOURG

15 Rue de Vaugirard,  
75006 Paris

+33 1 42 34 20 00

### ÉCOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE DE PAYSAGE

10 Rue du Maréchal Joffre,  
78000 Versailles

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## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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The number **112** may also be used anywhere in Europe in case of emergencies.



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# APPENDIX

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

The 30th Annual Business Meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group to be held at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle on 14th of June 2025, (5:30 - 6:30 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2024
2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Discussion and vote on board vacancies (vice-president and treasurer)
6. Discussion on next EBHL/LLUC partners meeting
7. Any Other Business.

## EBHL

The European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL) is an association to promote and facilitate co-operation and communication between those working in botanical and horticultural libraries, archives and related institutions in Europe.

Membership is open on an institutional, personal or associate basis (for publishers, booksellers etc).

It is domiciled at 84, rue de Grenelle 75007 Paris, France.

[www.EBHL.org](http://www.EBHL.org)

Using social media from the conference? Use the hashtag #EBHL2025



## ORGANIZERS

The steering and organization committee for the 2025 EBHL congress is made up of Sabrina Castandet-Le Bris (Institut de France), Audrey Lumière (SNHF), Mégane Pulby (SNHF) and Florence Tessier (MNHN).

**Many thanks to our partners.**

