



Success for Nature ! Sixth International Congress on Education in Botanic Gardens

The University of Oxford Botanic Garden, UK. 10th – 14th September 2006

The Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) in association with the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens, are pleased to announce the 6th International congress on Education in Botanic Gardens

“The Nature of Success: Success for Nature”

Hosted by the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens, situated in the heart of the magnificent city of Oxford, UK, the congress is taking place from Sunday 10th – Thursday 14th September 2006.

Themes being addressed during the congress include;

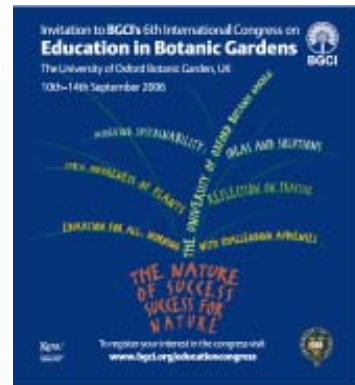
- Achieving sustainability: ideas and solutions
- Reflection on practice
- Public awareness of plants
- Education for all: working with challenging groups

Who should attend

The congress will provide a forum for environmental educators from botanic gardens worldwide as well as educators and other staff from plant science institutes, education and conservation organizations, zoos, museums, national parks and nature reserves, to discuss these ideas and issues – particularly pertinent in the light of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Register your interest now!

To register your interest in the congress visit www.bgci.org/educationcongress. Keep checking back to this website as more information will become available over time. If you have any other queries, contact us at education@bgci.org.



ZOO and Trees : NEW FROM ZOO EDUCATION BRANCH ... PLANT PACKETS

Zoo Outreach Organisation has never brought out any educational material on flora ! Just imagine ! Unforgiveable. We are about to change this unfortunate state of affairs this spring with a new packet on trees.

The packet will focus primarily on a few groups of trees indigenous to this part of the world. It will be similar to other ZOO packets but for its subject matter AND the inclusion of a large "tree trunk" poster in every packet. Organisers of workshops will get a set or sets of the beautiful full colour tree trunk posters to use in conducting their programme and also for prizes.

Masks will be developed on the poster themes so that kids can pretend they are trees and interact with one another in a variety of games. Special new "tree trunk" bracelets will be developed.

This new material is being made possible by a generous monetary grant from Chester Zoological and Botanical Gardens and a generous grant of posters from Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), produced as part of BGCI's HSBC Investing in Nature programme (IIN). This five year programme is funding a range of conservation and education projects in China, India, the United States and Indonesia. Investing In Nature - India (IIN-India) is administered by the National Botanical Institute, Lucknow. It is establishing a network of Indian botanic gardens to promote plant conservation in India and build the capacity of Indian botanic gardens and associated organizations (www.ibgn.org).

We hope to have packets ready for Earth Day and World Biodiversity Day and there will definitely be enough left for Vana Mahotsava and Wildlife Week, or just anytime. Anytime, every day, is a good time to educate people about our natural world.