

Project Update: May 2011

Work has developed in accordance with the plan. Despite May 2011 being very rainy we made a few trips towards "Dilijan" national park. Doing the fieldwork we visited also the national park's office, I talked to the director in details about the project and our plans in their area, which he accepted with pleasure and enthusiasm. The herbarium presses have been made and some of them we passed to the national park. We had a few very interesting findings on our last expedition, such as *Fritillaria collina* and *Anemone ranunculoides* (both are endangered, Red Data Book of Armenia, 2010). Probably these were new populations, I will check it later. Herbarium material is collected as well as five plant species specimens are taken from the wild and planted in the Botanic Garden's biodiversity conservation centre.

June is going to be very busy with the fieldwork and especially because there are so many plants in bloom this time! I try to plan routes to include areas, never visited before by researchers hoping to have more interesting findings.

