

## Project Update: July 2016

We have started our fieldwork on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Khmel'nitska region of Ukraine, Dniester Valley. We visited many places in other regions of Ukraine: Ternopil'ska, Chernivets'ka regions and made many geobotanical relevés of limestone outcrops vegetation. Also we have fixed habitats of rare plants of the region occurred on limestone outcrops of Dniester Valley: *Stipa pulcherrima*, *Stipa capillata*, *Stipa pennata*, *Centaurea marschalliana*, *Schivierckia podolica*, *Sesleria heufleriana*, *Carex humilis*, *Poa versicolor*, *Pulsatilla pratensis*, *Helictotrichon desertorum*, *Saxifraga tridactylites*, *Sempervivum ruthenicum*, *Chamaecitysus albus*, *Chamaecyrisus blockianus*, *Allium obliquum*, *Adonis vernalis*, *Ajuga chia*, etc.

Unfortunately, we have realised that areas of Dniester Valley have been built without any licence. This fact provoked degradation of very beautiful habitats of limestone outcrops vegetation. We are preparing open letter to state organisations about this problem.

Also we decided to include some areas of tributaries of Dniester River because we have found many interesting habitats and rare plants there.

Our first results have been presented on the EDGG Workshop in Serbia in July 2016 with the presentation "Limestone outcrops vegetation of Dniester Canyon. Preliminary synthaxonomical results". Also we are preparing to visit the EDGG conference in Romania in September 2016 with the presentation of our results.

We have made a lot of photos. We will use them to prepare booklets and brochures. It will help us to collect information about the level of ecological consciousness in the different institutions of our country.



Left: Dniester Valley landscape near Zalischky. Right: *Stipa pulcherrima*.



Iuliia Vasheniak at work.