

## Project Update: October 2016

During this month, firstly, we have finished prepare data of Dniester Canyon calcareous communities releves in TURBOVEG Software and send it to the Ukrainian Grassland Database created by Anna Kuzemko. These data can be used by different scientists. Furthermore specialists of determining mosses and lichens have finished their work and we have completed our database of calcareous communities of Dniester Canyon with cryptogam species.

We have finished the manuscript of our new paper “Vegetation of calcareous communities of Dniester Valley and its tributaries: preliminary synthaxonomy and ecology” using new methods of modern synthaxonomy and vegetation ecology.

Also we prepared new article to the local newspaper about protecting of rare habitats in Khmel'nitskiy region dedicated to the World Habitat Day was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

During October we have held two lectures in the college of MAUP to the students ‘Biological diversity of Dniester Canyon’ and “Rare habitats of Dniester Canyon”. During the lectures students asked many questions and we had very interesting discussion about the nature protection in our country.

Also we decided to hold the open discussion “Implementation of EU Habitat Directive: determination of habitats of Ukraine” (funded by Ukrainian ecological national center) in November 2016 and workshop “NATURE 2000 net as innovative approach of protecting rare species and habitats in Ukraine” in February 2017 with the participation of leading specialists Jan Sheffer (Slovak Republic), Anna Kuzemko (Ukraine), Nastia Drapaliuk (Ukraine) and scientists from different parts of Ukraine, where we are planning to present the results of our investigations and recommendations how to protect rare species and habitats in our country.



Left: Preparing the lecture. Right Students listening about rare habitats of Dniester Canyon.