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Preface

Albania was always a mysterious part of Europe, as Ferenc Nopcsa described it in "The Darkest Europe" in 1911. This oriental island in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula was thought to be terrific arising fear with its wild mountains and traditions. Explorations of the nature were already adventurous in the 20th century and so they are today. The natural coast, the spectacular mountain view, the hidden treasures and the cultural traditions and hospitality of aboriginals all makes the country indelible for everyone who has ever been there.

In a special way, the botanical exploration of Albania is much less idyllic. The flora of the country was studied by botanists of several nations, but a long lasting and meaningful cooperation could never be established because of personal and political reasons. Because of these obstacles, co-authored papers about the Albanian flora are rare and appeared only recently, and synthetic work in cooperation has not been published yet.

The significant amount of information about the Albanian flora can serve any research only if being associated and made widely available. The disclosure of the actually known distribution of all vascular plants will help to release further knowledge for public property. The maps and records will immediately incite further research to learn more about the beautiful plant life of Albania.

We wish our attempt will be received favourably, and can be a first and major step towards keeping up to date the deep and thorough knowledge on the Albanian flora.

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