

Vienna Programme

By **Gregor Mendel Society of Vienna**
and
BOKU-Universität für Bodenkultur Wien



Arrival and meeting place

- 11.05: Arrival of Czech participants (Stadion Center bus station)
Public transport (U2 underground line) to Schottentor
11.45: Meeting at Universität Wien, Haupteingang
(Universitätsring 1, 1010 Wien)

11.45 - 12.45: University of Vienna, Inner Yard (Arkadenhof)

Mendel's professors and contemporaries at University of Vienna

In Vienna, Mendel was exposed to leading natural sciences professors and a vibrant scientific community: Franz Unger, professor of botany, Christian Doppler, professor of physics, and others very probably inspired Gregor Mendel during his study period at Vienna University. (Monuments: Unger, Doppler, C.v. Littrow, Kerner v. Marilau, G. Tschermak)

12.45 – 13.30: Walking through Vienna city center towards Academy of Sciences

On the walk through the city center we will pass by a place near St. Stephen's cathedral where Mendel stayed at an inn called Goldener Stern for a short time after his arrival at Vienna end of October 1851 before receiving accommodation at the St. Elisabeth monastery at Wien Landstrasse (3rd district).

13.30 - 14.15: Archive of Academy of Sciences (Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Wien)

Dr. Stefan Siennel: **A letter of 1859: Gregor Mendel to his mother**

The letter is dated June 25, 1859. Mendel is sharing his opinion on the political situation (Napoleon III.) with his mother. Prof. Oswald Richter presented this letter to the Austrian Academy of Sciences in 1948.

14.15 – 14.45: Tram ride to "Botanisches Institut" (Rennweg 14, 1030 Wien, in walking distance of the S-Bahn station "Rennweg" or the tram no. 71 station "Rennweg")

14.45 – 15.30: Botanisches Institut

Dr. Eva-Maria Mikschi-Marischler and Mag. Matthias Svojtka:

Original reprint of Mendel's 1866 paper "Versuche über Pflanzen-Hybriden", Vol. 4 of Verhandlungen des naturforschenden Vereines, Brünn.

This unique original reprint is preserved at the library of Department of Botany and Biodiversity Research. It is one of few reprints with hand-written corrections of printing errors by Mendel's own hand. On January 1, 1867 Mendel sent the reprint to Anton Kerner von Marilau who was a professor of botany at that time at University of Innsbruck. During Mendel's study period in Vienna (1851-1853), both Mendel and Kerner were students of Eduard Fenzl and Franz Unger, so they knew each other since student times. Mendel probably hoped that Kerner might understand his research in the context of evolution.

After 15.30 // Individual departure or ride to Stadion Center station for departure to Brno (16.55)

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