

Programme as at February 2nd 2012  
**SPRING CONFERENCE March 2012**  
**Algarve Mediterranean Flora**

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 23/24/25, 2012

Hapimag Resort, Albufeira, Algarve

**Oliver Rackham OBE** is a Life Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. We are delighted to welcome him to the Algarve for this event. He has studied and published extensively on the ecology of the Mediterranean and also the island of Crete. He is the author, with A T Grove, of *The Nature of Mediterranean Europe*, an Ecological History. He is also an acknowledged authority on the British countryside. In 1998 he was awarded the OBE for "services to Nature Conservation". In 2006 he was appointed Honorary Professor of Historical Ecology in the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge.

**Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**13.00 – 14.00** Lunch available at Hapimag Resort, Albufeira  
**14.00 – 17.00** Garden Visits/walks to be confirmed  
**18.00 – 18.30** **Welcome Reception and Introduction** to the Hapimag Resort  
*The Algarvean Garden at Hapimag*, the story of how it was made, and the plant families used in the garden including ongoing maintenance, a presentation by Marilyn Kahan, Gardens Manager  
**18.30 – 19.30**  
**19.30** Dinner

**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30 – 10.30** *Guided Tour of the Algarvean Garden* at Hapimag with Marilyn Kahan  
**11.00 – 12.00** *Lavenders of the Iberian Peninsula* - Joan Head, former UK National Collection Holder for Lavender species and wild hybrids  
**12.00 – 13.30** Lunch  
**13.30 – 15.30** *Guided walk* through Hapimag cliff top western coastal habitat organised and led by Biologist Udo Schwarzer, and Landscape Architect & specialist in native plant gardens, Claudia Schwarzer.  
**16.30 – 17.30** *Sigmatum native plant nursery* – presentation in Portuguese/English & plant displays of three distinct habitat zones.  
**19.00** Dinner followed by short presentation.

**Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30** Coffee and Welcome – Grande Baia Hotel  
**11.00** **Prof. Oliver Rackham on the making of Mediterranean Landscapes**  
In the Grande Baia Hotel meeting room  
**13.00 – 14.30** Lunch at Hapimag resort  
**14.30 – 18.00** Garden Visit to Villa Norvasund, Ferragudo. Transport provided to and from Hapimag.  
**19.00** **Farewell** drinks in the bar & **Dinner** at Hapimag

**Information will be provided to all attending on other gardens open during the days before and after the conference. There will also be information on local nurseries & garden centres, recommended walks and good locations to view the wild flowers.**

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