



The “International Symposium on Biological Invasion” and “II Jornada da Botânica” is an international conference held from July 25th to 26th 2016 in Viçosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil. The conference aims to link different research projects from the broad field of Plant Ecology and to improve the interaction of undergraduate and graduate students with Brazilian and foreign researchers. Further, this event intends to increase knowledge about exotic species and to raise awareness of their potential impacts on ecosystems together with active multipliers such as public and educational bodies, institutions of nature conservation and forestry, as well as people involved in habitat restoration and sustainable land use, especially considering global change and the challenges of fertile land loss, soil degradation and desertification. A multi-skilled, international group of experts in biological invasions from Brazil, Portugal and Germany will join the conference to present and discuss results achieved in different habitat types of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and dune vegetation from Portugal in order to develop new scientific ideas that lead to future partnerships and new research in the field of biological invasions in a wide range of different ecosystems. With a diversified program, the event will inspire students to study biodiversity on different levels, including species, communities and ecosystems, as well as the interactions between and among native and exotic species and the abiotic environment.