



From 6 to 10 July 2015, the Jardin des Plantes, the historic botanical garden of Paris will host the 7th European Botanic Gardens Congress. This exceptional site, rich in 4 centuries of history, is recognised as a historical monument and is also a listed site.

The Jardin des Plantes is at the heart of a large national institution with a scientific, cultural and professional remit, the National Museum of Natural History. It is a public institution under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy.

On 26 hectares in the heart of Paris, it houses, in one location, research laboratories, part of the Museum's botanical and zoological gardens and exhibition galleries. It is a place of recreation and education for the 6 million visitors who discover the diversity of its botanical collections and horticultural presentations every year. It is also a very active center for the dissemination of knowledge on plants, animals and nature, welcoming more than 35,000 children each year. It includes the Menagerie, the second oldest zoo in the world opened in 1794.

About 8,000 plant species, part of the living plant collections of the National Museum of Natural History, are on display at the Jardin des Plantes in its thematic gardens and its historic glasshouses. A rich tree heritage tells the history of botany in France with specimens planted over the years since the seventeenth century. The Arboretum of Chèvreloup, a 200 hectare site near Versailles, the exotic garden of Menton, the alpine garden of Samoens and the domain of Harmas de Fabre complement the living collections with an additional 12,000 species.

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