

Project Update: May 2002

Preparation for the field work is being held at present. Routes are preliminary outlined and we already have an agreement with some of local people concerning their participation in the expeditions as guides.

The shoots of poppy are fine in our Botanical Garden - nearly 70% of seeds have sprouted). I am planning to transplant them to the different areas of the territory of garden: in the Centre for Biodiversity Conservation, flower-beds, wild park territory, exposition of Armenian flora, maybe in green-houses etc.

I have handed the seeds of East Poppy to an English specialist. It is very interesting, that literature data come to prove that one of the poppy species I study was described from the garden plants, which have been grew up in Chelsea in England. The seeds were brought to England from the Caucasus in 1818-1821. Symbolically, that the situation repeats nearly 200 years later.

I am happy that East Poppy has the opportunity of decorating the English garden with bright colours, which is sure to make the numerous visitors happy and in this way to preserve not only in our country but also in England which is far away.