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The field work was held in accordance with preliminary data on the spreading of these species and some new populations have also been discovered. What is most interesting is that we have observed the large scale of different morphological variations in populations of Oriental poppy on the whole territory of Armenia. One can observe almost all possible and impossible typical and mixed types from 'P.bracteatum' type to bractless 'P.orientale' type in the same population. And what is more, during our field work in Sevan region we have discovered two specimens with up to 7-8 flowering stems differ from each other on one plant.

The varieties of forms have been studied and we collected the seeds (more than 100 specimens) of different forms. When the descriptions of plant communities were done, we collected a great deal of herbarium material (about 1500 specimens) which will replenish the herbarium collection of the institute. The plants of oriental and scanty-leaved poppies were transplanted to the Yerevan Botanical garden.

I am planning to put some details on my website www.anna-asatryan.chat.ru.