

## **TRAVEL BURSARY**

### **Slovakia 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The International Dendrology Society (IDS) ([www.dendrology.org](http://www.dendrology.org)) is offering a travel bursary for a student of dendrology or full time employee under 30 years of age to join the IDS tour to Slovakia in September 2016. This person would join a group of 20-30 IDS members, led by a member of the IDS Tours Committee. IDS members are either knowledgeable amateurs, often with their own arboretum or park, or professionals responsible for arboreta and parks from all over the world. The tour will start and end in Bratislava and will visit botanic gardens, natural parks, High Tatras (Carpathian mountains), primeval forest and an arboretum. This is an outstanding opportunity to study the flora of this diverse country in the company of interested and knowledgeable people.

The bursary will cover all accommodation, insurance, meals and travel within Slovakia. It will also cover return travel London-Bratislava, or up to the equivalent sum if the successful applicant is from outside the UK however, some long haul flights will not be able to be covered in their entirety.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in previous years are invited to apply again.

#### **The successful applicant must:**

- Be a student of botany or horticulture or employed full time in a botanic garden or similar organisation, and be under 30 years of age.
- Have good spoken English
- Be primarily studying woody plants
- Be able to help with botanical and identification issues while on the tour
- Have an outgoing and friendly personality
- If possible write a 'Blog' during the tour which will ideally be illustrated with photographs, which then can be used in a report for the IDS Year Book. It is one of the conditions of the Bursary that the successful applicant will anyway write up the Tour for the IDS Year Book. The IDS is happy for the successful applicant to write up the Tour in either English, French, German or Italian. The IDS will arrange for the report to be translated for the Year Book.

#### **To Apply:**

Send a CV with a written personal statement saying why you should be chosen for this bursary, together with a recommendation from your Institute of study or employer, either from the Head of the Institute or from the person in charge of the study of woody plants or arboretum.

These documents should be emailed to the Chairman Designate of the Scientific and Education Committee of the IDS, Lady Rowland at Manor House, Honey Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1RT, UK. Email: [dianalrowland@gmail.com](mailto:dianalrowland@gmail.com)

Applications must be received no later than 31st December 2015. Interviews will take place in London during February 2016 or by skype.

The student will be chosen by the Chairman of the Science & Education Committee, the Chairman of the Tours Committee, the Chairman of the IDS and a botanist who is a member of the S&E Committee. The successful applicant will be informed by the end of February 2016 and must accept by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed after that date.