

St. Louis,  
Missouri,  
USA

April 26  
to May 1,  
2015

BGCI's 9th International Congress on Education in Botanic Gardens

## About the Congress

With the timely, universal theme of *Biodiversity for a Better World: Wild Ideas Worth Sharing*, BGCI's 2015 Education Congress at the Missouri Botanical Garden seeks to convene botanic garden professionals from around the world who are involved with public engagement to focus on one of the most defining challenges and opportunities of our time. As the world's most purposeful and passionate advocates for plants, botanic gardens play a leading role in shaping a world in which biodiversity is understood, valued, conserved, and strengthened.

## Congress Topics

Delegates will be challenged to think big about how best to promote and propel biodiversity restoration and conservation in our communities and around the world through common areas of interest:

- Teaching and Learning
- Science Communication
- Technologies for Engagement and Learning
- Strategy and Future Vision for Greater Impacts and Change
- Social Inclusion and Community Engagement
- Research and Evaluation
- Professional Development and Capacity-Building

## Featured Speakers

- Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson,  
*Missouri Botanical Garden*
- Dr. Cary Fowler,  
*Global Crop Diversity Trust*
- Dr. Rebeca Quiñonez-Piñón,  
*Forests for Monarchs*
- Dr. Akpezi Ogbuigwe, *Anpez Center for Environment and Development, Nigeria*

## Why It Matters

Delegates will have the opportunity to:

- Connect with a global network of peers
- Learn from, challenge, and inspire each other
- Generate new ideas and opportunities together
- Explore ways to increase our collective impact
- Re-energize as a professional community around shared purpose

To learn more and to register, visit

[www.bgcieducationcongress2015.org](http://www.bgcieducationcongress2015.org)

## Congress Sessions

A variety of interactive sessions will give delegates the opportunity to share ideas and expertise, learn from others' experiences, and debate current accepted ideologies and practices. The sessions will include input from over 170 botanic garden educators, directors, and related professionals from around the world. The sessions will be in the form of:

- Panels
- Workshops
- Round table discussions
- World Cafés
- Poster showcases
- A technology showcase

## Congress Tours

A series of pre- and post-Congress tours, including a 3-day tour to Chicago Botanic Garden, provide delegates with the opportunity to experience St. Louis's and the Midwest's culture, history, neighborhoods, and natural areas.

- **Cahokia Mounds**  
Sunday, April 26
- **Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries**  
Sunday, April 26
- **Forest Park and Saint Louis Zoo**  
Sunday, April 26
- **Biotechnology, Butterflies and Beverages**  
Friday, May 1
- **Audubon Center at the Riverlands/  
National Great Rivers Museum**  
Saturday, May 2
- **Urban Gardening Tour**  
Saturday, May 2
- **Chicago Botanic Garden 3-Day Experience**  
Saturday, May 2–Monday, May 4

## More Information

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Early Bird registration deadline: December 31, 2014

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