

## 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON INVASIVE PLANTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TYPE REGIONS OF THE WORLD

“2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Invasive Plants in the Mediterranean Type Regions of the World” was held in Trabzon between 2-6 August 2010. The Workshop was co organized by Council of Europe, European Environment Agency, Turkish Republic Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Igdir University.

Antalya Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters Union had participated in the Workshop on behalf of AIPH. (International Horticultural Producers Association) The workshop had been a truly international event with 99 professional participants from 31 different countries. Throughout the Workshop there had been 3,5 days of seminar and poster sessions together with a 1,5 days of field trip activities.

The workshop was full of informative events including 36 different presentations and several poster sessions. Antalya Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters Union officials both made a presentation and submitted a poster named “*Industry view on importance and advantages of a Code of Conduct on horticulture and invasive alien plants*” reflecting the Union’s and AIPH’s views.

*In addition, 2 different field trips had been conducted.*

The first field trip was to Uzungöl Valley on 4<sup>th</sup> of August. The aim was both discovering the nature and culture of the Black Sea region and making inventories of the alien flora so as to contribute to the botanical knowledge of the area. Throughout the field trip *participants got chance to see the native old Pinus*



*sylvestris* forest situated at the sea level in Sürmene – Çamburnu. This forest has been designated as Natural Park by the Forest district. Then the group went to a tea factory where many weeds had been observed. (Tea is traditionally produced in this region of Turkey for years.) Lastly, Uzungöl protected forest area (full of many different woody and herbaceous plants) was visited.

The second field trip was on 5<sup>th</sup> of August. First of all, the group had visited the Herbarium and Arboretum of the Karadeniz Technical University (Faculty of Forestry) and of the natural and exotic woody and herbaceous plants on the campus. Then had visited the Macka plantation area where soil erosion control is undertaken. Later, the participants visited the Sümela Monastery where they got chance to observe *Picea orientalis* forest.

