

REPORT

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I am pleased to report that my participation in the *Ecology Workshop “Community Ecology in a Changing World”*, held on October 21–22, 2025 at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic, was an enriching academic and professional experience. The event gathered an inspiring group of international experts and early-career researchers to discuss how ecological communities respond to climate-driven stressors, providing an excellent platform for scientific exchange and collaboration.

During the workshop, I had the opportunity to present my study titled *“Global Long-term Trophic Trends and Phytoplankton Biodiversity–Ecosystem Functioning in Rivers.”* My presentation focused on analyzing global patterns in river trophic status and their effects on biodiversity and ecosystem functioning. The session was interactive and well-attended, and I received constructive feedback from both senior scientists and fellow students. These discussions helped me refine my analytical approach and consider new perspectives for interpreting long-term ecological data.

In addition to my presentation, I attended several student talks and keynotes that addressed the effects of climate stressors on ecosystems, community-level responses, and biodiversity dynamics. The open discussions fostered a collaborative and supportive scientific atmosphere, where participants exchanged ideas and shared experiences from various ecological research contexts.

The workshop also offered valuable opportunities for networking. I was able to connect with researchers from France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and Croatia, among others, who are working on similar topics in community and aquatic ecology. These interactions opened potential pathways for future collaboration, particularly in the areas of biodiversity assessment and ecosystem monitoring.

Participating in this workshop significantly strengthened my scientific communication skills. Presenting to an international audience encouraged me to articulate complex ecological concepts clearly and concisely, a skill that will be essential for my continued academic and professional development.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my research group for their continuous support and to the ELTE Travel Grant, which made my participation possible. The insights, feedback, and professional connections gained through this workshop have positively impacted my PhD research and motivated me to further pursue collaborative, cross-border ecological studies.

In conclusion, attending the Ecology Workshop “Community Ecology in a Changing World” has deepened my understanding of how ecological communities adapt to

environmental stressors and has strengthened my commitment to advancing biodiversity and ecosystem research through cooperation and open scientific dialogue.

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Attachment: Certificate of attendance



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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to certify that Vũ Đức Thịnh Nguyễn participated at the workshop "Community Ecology in a Changing World", which took place at the University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czech Republic, from 21–22 October 2025.

During the workshop, Vũ Đức Thịnh Nguyễn gave a talk entitled:

"Global Long-term Trophic Trends and Phytoplankton Biodiversity – Ecosystem Functioning in Rivers".

The workshop was organized to promote discussion, networking, and knowledge exchange between students, early-career researchers, and invited guest speakers in the field of community ecology and stressor ecology.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at cduchet@prf.jcu.cz.

Sincerely,

Dr. Claire Duchet