

## The bryophyte flora of the village of Almásfüzitő, a former industrial settlement in NW-Hungary

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**Abstract** – The objective of the present work was the evaluation of the bryophyte flora diversity of the Hungarian village Almásfüzitő and the adjacent industrial zone. The investigated area was divided into 6 sections depending on the human influence. Altogether 82 taxa (3 liverworts and 79 mosses) were recorded. The low proportion of liverwort species could be primarily explained by the moderately dry climate of the region, and by the fact that the village of Almásfüzitő does not have any historical districts, and old buildings, thus the proportion of new artificial surfaces is relatively high. The bryophyte flora of Almásfüzitő shows the greatest similarity with that of nearby Middle-European metropolises (Linz, Bratislava and Vienna), which was primarily explained by the presence of common and frequent species.

**Abandoned alumina factory / Central Europe / Danube / urban bryophytes / semi-natural habitats**

### INTRODUCTION

Bryofloristical and ecological investigations carried out in inhabited areas usually focus on the urban areas of large cities. During the last decades, the bryophyte flora of several European metropolises have been studied, including Belgrade (Grdović & Stevanović, 2006; Sabovljević & Grdović, 2009), Berlin (Schaepe, 1986; Benkert *et al.*, 1995), Bratislava (Janovicová *et al.*, 2003), Brussels (Vanderpoorten, 1997), Bucharest (Gomoiu & Ștefanuț, 2008), Cologne (Sabovljević & Sabovljević, 2009), Katowice (Fojcik & Stebel, 1999, 2014), Linz (Zechmeister *et al.*, 2002), Lisbon (Sérgio, 1981), Ljubjana (Skudnik *et al.*, 2013), Madrid (Mazimpaka *et al.*, 1988), Plovdiv (Hristeva *et al.*, 2011), Praha (Soldán, 1982; Váňa, 2004), Rome (Carcano, 1989), Salzburg (Gruber, 2001), Sofia (Ganeva, 2004), Szczecin (Fudali, 1994, 1996), Wrocław (Fudali, 2012), and Vienna (Hohenwallner, 2000; Zechmeister, 2009).

Compared to these results, far less data have been published on the bryophyte flora diversity of smaller Middle-European cities and settlements: Czech Republic (Vondráček, 1997; Vincencová, 1998; Hradílek & Koval, 2012; Vejmelková, 2014), Germany (Stingl, 1985; Müller, 1993; Schrader, 1994; Koperski,

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1998; Solga, 1998; Frahm, 2006; Isermann 2007), Poland (Filipiak & Sieradzki, 1996; Żarnowiec, 1996; Fudali, 1998; Wolski *et al.*, 2012), Slovakia (Mišíková *et al.*, 2007; Mišíková & Kubinská, 2010; Mišíková & Cibulková, 2012; Mišíková, 2013; Kolbek *et al.*, 2015). The results on the urban bryophyte flora distribution of (small) South-European cities are more abundant in the scientific literature compared to Middle-Europe: Italy (Cortini-Pedrotti, 1989; Aleffi, 1991; Lo Giudice, 1992; Aleffi & Taruschio, 1996; Lo Giudice *et al.*, 1997; Pokorný *et al.*, 2006), and Spain (Esteve Chueca *et al.*, 1976, 1977; Fiol, 1983; Ballesteros Segura & Ron, 1985; Vicente *et al.*, 1986; Viera & Ron, 1986; Lara & Mazimpaka, 1989; Heras & Soria, 1990; Lara *et al.*, 1991; Mazimpaka *et al.*, 1993; Ayuso *et al.*, 1995; Soria & Ron, 1990, 1995; Rams *et al.*, 2000).

There are only a few publications on the bryophytes of the inhabited areas of Hungary and these works focus only on the documentation of floristic data. The majority of this research was conducted at Budapest (Szepesfalvi, 1940, 1941, 1942) and Almásfüzitő (Szűcs & Lóth, 2008; Szűcs, 2015a) yet, there are also data on other small settlements like Dunaalmás and Neszmély (Szűcs, 2007), Barcs (Szűcs *et al.*, 2014) as well as on the city of Sopron (Szűcs, 2015b).

The main objective of the present article was the presentation of the bryophyte flora diversity of the village of Almásfüzitő and the comparison of these results with those of other major European cities, as well as to know the effects of anthropogenic impacts on the bryophyte diversity in different parts of the village.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Studied area

The village of Almásfüzitő occupies an area of 8.2 km<sup>2</sup> and is located in northwestern Hungary, in the so called Komárom-Esztergom (Small Plain) region, on the bank of the Danube River and has about 3,000 inhabitants (Fig. 1). The village comprises two settlements (Nagykolónia and Kiskolónia) and lies at 105–115 m a.s.l. (above sea level). The region is covered by slightly basic Neogenic silt, sand deposits, fluvial sand and wind-carried sand (Dövényi, 2010). The climate is moderately warm and dry; the mean annual temperature varies from 9.8°C to 10.2°C and the annual precipitation from 550 mm to 580 mm (Dövényi, 2010). The nearest main watercourse is the Danube River. The village has two gravel-pit lakes and at the riverside of the Danube one dead channel and one oxbow lake which result a more humid microclimate at these habitats. In the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, considerable alumina production facilities were set up near the village and with the upswing of alumina production a new housing estate was also built in the western part of the village. Over 12 million tons of red mud (by-product of alumina production) were stored in the depositories of Almásfüzitő, covering an area of about 200 ha. The alumina factory was closed down in 1997, and the red mud depositories were recultivated about 20 years ago (Nagy, 2014).

### Sampling

The field work was carried out between 2006 and 2014. Random sampling was performed in different habitats and microhabitats within the administrative borders of the village including the housing estate, traffic, recreation, garden,

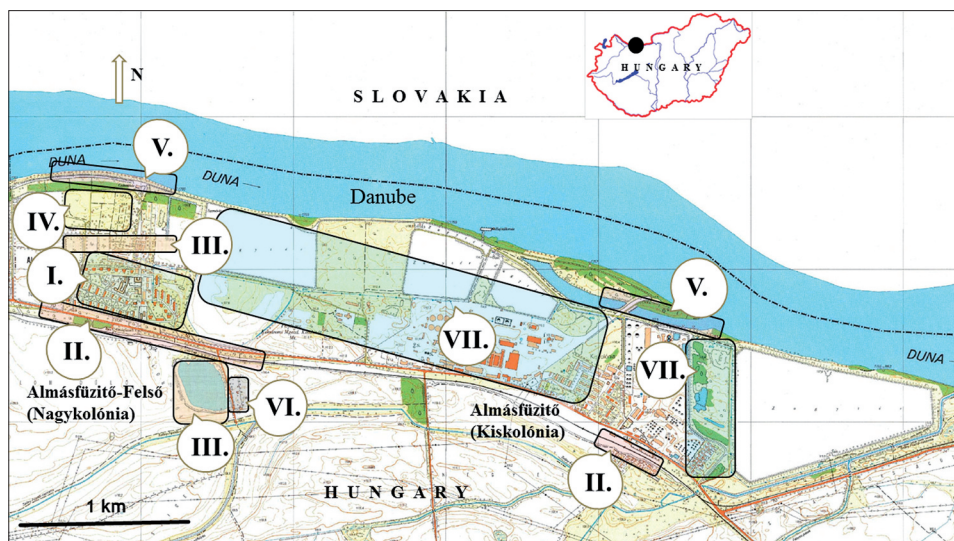


Fig. 1. Map of Almásfűzitő village and the investigated areas. I: Housing estate area; II: Traffic areas; III: Recreation areas; IV: Garden area; V: Riverside areas; VI: Cemetery; VII: Industrial areas. Map of Hungary with indication of the studied area is inserted in the upper right corner.

riverside, cemetery and industrial areas (Fig. 1). The list and details of the sampling plots are included in Appendix I (See Supplementary Material 1, doi/10.7872/cryb/v38.iss2.2017.Suppl.Mat.1).

The housing estate area is that part of the village which is most significantly under human impact. The next specific microhabitats and substrates were here surveyed: mown lawn, bare soil surface, exposed and shaded soil, humicolous and burned soil, tree bark, concrete, artificial stone, dry calcareous rock, asphalt roofing felt, decayed planks and plastic floor mats. The traffic areas involve the highway and railway tracks, touching the southern part of the village. The mentioned railway tracks are among the busiest in Hungary. Specific microhabitats and substrates in these zones were: concrete, exposed and bare soil, and tree bark. Recreation areas of the village involve a turf covered football pitch, a concrete covered sports field, a holiday park and fishing lake which was a former gravel pit lake. Specific microhabitats and substrates were: mown lawn, wet soil, concrete, artificial stone, exposed and shaded soil, and tree bark. The garden area stretches between the Danube River and the housing estate. Small gardens and wooden houses as well as narrow cart roads and alleys are characteristic of this zone. The riverside areas involve the local riverside of the Danube, the Prépost peninsula, one dead channel and one oxbow lake. The specific microhabitats and substrates of these zones were: wet calcareous rock, riverbed sediment sludge, wet soil, bare and sandy soil, concrete, shaded soil, floating and decayed wood, and tree bark. The local cemetery, which belongs to the village, was treated as an individual zone and was therefore not included either in any of the above mentioned zones. The specific microhabitats and substrates of the cemetery were: artificial stone, concrete, mown lawn, and exposed soil. The industrial areas can be characterised by spontaneously growing secondary vegetation, industrial buildings, pipelines, utility roads, railway tracks, and the recultivated red mud depositories found in the area of the abandoned alumina

factory. This part of the village was subjected to a heavy anthropogenic load for several years. With the closing down of the plant, industrial activities as well as human activity have completely disappeared. The following specific microhabitats and substrates were explored in this area: concrete, artificial stone, mown lawn, sunny soil, gravelly and burned soil, tree bark, rubber liners and glass-wool.

The work of During *et al.* (1979) was used for the evaluation of the life strategies of bryophytes comparing the most represented life-strategies in the industrial and non-industrial areas of Almásfüzitő. The last ones include housing estate area, traffic areas, recreation areas, garden area, riverside areas, and cemetery, indicated in Fig. 1.

Nomenclature follows the classification of Király (2009) for vascular plants, Ros *et al.* (2007) for liverworts and Ros *et al.* (2013) for mosses. Specimens were deposited in the bryophyte herbarium of the Eszterházy Károly University in Eger (EGR).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The bryophytes found in the studied area are listed below indicating species names, life strategy (given in brackets), numbers of the sampling plots and the substrates where they were found on. Species marked with an asterisk are identified as indicators in the investigated area.

### List of taxa

#### Hepaticae

*Marchantia polymorpha* L. (colonist) – 3, 7: sandy soil

*Pellia endiviifolia* (Dicks.) Dumort. (colonist) – 7, 40: sandy, shaded soil

*Radula complanata* (L.) Dumort. (long-lived shuttle) – 5: trunk of *Acer negundo* L.

#### Musci

*Abietinella abietina* (Hedw.) M. Fleisch. (perennial) – 1, 5, 8: sandy, exposed soil

\**Aloina aloides* (Koch ex Schultz) Kindb. (colonist) – 20: sandy and gravelly soil

\**Aloina rigida* (Hedw.) Limpr. (colonist) – 1, 8: bare and clayey soil

*Amblystegium serpens* (Hedw.) Schimp. (perennial) – 3: shaded wall, 4: trunk of *Populus nigra* L.; 6: shaded decayed wood; 7: shaded soil; 18: shaded and decayed planks; 23: artificial stone; 32: tree base of *Populus x euramericana* (Dode) Guinier; 38: trunk of *Populus tremula* L.

*Barbula convoluta* Hedw. (colonist) – 1, 5, 22, 28, 32: exposed soil; 21: concrete; 37: sunny soil

*Barbula unguiculata* Hedw. (colonist) – 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 26, 32, 33, 35, 37, 41, 46: exposed soil; 23: artificial stone

*Brachytheciastrum velutinum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen (perennial) – 1, 32, 33: shaded soil; 3: calcareous stone; 38: stump of *Populus tremula*

*Brachythecium albicans* (Hedw.) Schimp. (perennial) – 1, 8, 23, 34, 35, 37: exposed soil; 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt; 23, 42: exposed artificial stone

*Brachythecium glareosum* (Bruch ex Spruce) Schimp. (competitive perennial) – 1, 5: bare and exposed soil; 24: concrete; 42: artificial stone

- \**Brachythecium rivulare* Schimp. (competitive perennial) – 6: wet, calcareous stone  
*Brachythecium rutabulum* (Hedw.) Schimp. (competitive perennial) – 1, 7, 11, 24, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 46: soil; 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt; 17, 36: concrete; 36: exposed glass-wool; 23, 42: artificial stone  
*Brachythecium salebrosum* (Hoffm. ex F. Weber & D. Mohr) Schimp. (competitive perennial) – 4: root of *Populus nigra*  
 \**Brachythecium tommasinii* (Sendtn. ex Boulay) Ignatov & Huttunen (perennial) – 23: artificial stone; 26: exposed concrete  
*Bryum argenteum* Hedw. (colonist) – 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 18, 20, 32: soil; 14, 15, 36, 43: exposed concrete; 23: artificial stone; 36: glass-wool; 36: rubber liners  
*Calliergonella cuspidata* (Hedw.) Loeske (competitive perennial) – 14, 24: shaded soil  
*Campyliadelphus chrysophyllus* (Brid.) R.S. Chopra (perennial) – 6, 7: wet, exposed soil  
*Ceratodon purpureus* (Hedw.) Brid. (colonist) – 1, 11, 28, 32, 34, 37, 39: exposed soil; 1: bark of *Betula pendula* Roth and *Robinia pseudoacacia* L.; 3: bark of *Sophora japonica* L.; 5, 26, 30, 36: exposed concrete; 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt; 35: trunk of *Populus nigra*; 36: exposed rubber liners; 42: sunny artificial stone  
 \**Cinclidotus fontinaloides* (Hedw.) P. Beauv. (colonist) – 6: wet, exposed limestone  
*Cinclidotus riparius* (Host ex Brid.) Arn. (colonist) – 6: wet, exposed limestone  
*Cirriphyllum crassinervium* (Taylor) Loeske & M. Fleisch. (perennial) – 5, 28: exposed concrete; 23: artificial stone, 35: exposed soil  
 \**Cirriphyllum piliferum* (Hedw.) Grout (competitive perennial) – 5: wet soil  
*Cratoneuron filicinum* (Hedw.) Spruce (competitive perennial) – 4: shaded limestone and bark of *Populus nigra*; 6: limestone; 12: shaded artificial stone; 31: shaded concrete  
*Dicranella staphylina* H. Whitehouse (ephemeral colonist) – 24: sandy, bare soil  
*Dicranella varia* (Hedw.) Schimp. (ephemeral colonist) – 7, 8, 40: wet soil  
*Didymodon insulanus* (De Not.) M.O. Hill (colonist) – 4, 7, 24: disturbed, bare and sandy soil  
 \**Didymodon tophaceus* (Brid.) Lisa (colonist) – 23: wet, sandy soil  
*Drepanocladus aduncus* (Hedw.) Warnst. (perennial) – 6: riverbed sediment sludge; 14, 20, 29: wet soil  
*Encalypta streptocarpa* Hedw. (perennial) – 7: wet soil  
*Encalypta vulgaris* Hedw. (long-lived shuttle) – 11: exposed soil  
*Eurhynchium angustirete* (Broth.) T.J. Kop. (perennial) – 19, 24: shaded soil  
*Fissidens crassipes* Wilson ex Bruch & Schimp. (long-lived shuttle) – 6: wet limestone  
*Fissidens taxifolius* Hedw. (colonist) – 17, 24: shaded and humicolous soil  
*Funaria hygromertica* Hedw. (fugitive) – 1, 2, 5, 32: burn and exposed soil  
*Grimmia pulvinata* (Hedw.) Sm. (colonist) – 3: limestone wall; 3, 5, 14, 15, 21, 25, 26, 31, 36, 37, 41, 43: exposed concrete, 12, 23: artificial stone  
*Hedwigia ciliata* (Hedw.) P. Beauv. (long-lived shuttle) – 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt; 24: bark of *Robinia pseudoacacia*  
*Homalothecium lutescens* (Hedw.) H. Rob. (perennial) – 1, 2, 5, 8, 13, 14, 23, 33: exposed soil; 11, 31, 36, 41: concrete; 36: sunny rubber liners; 42: artificial stone  
*Homalothecium sericeum* (Hedw.) Schimp. (perennial) – 3: sunny limestone  
*Homomallium incurvatum* (Schr. ex Brid.) Loeske (colonist) – 11: exposed concrete

- \**Hygroamblystegium fluviatile* (Hedw.) Loeske (perennial) – 6: wet and exposed limestone
- Hypnum cupressiforme* Hedw. (stress tolerant perennial) – 1: tree base of *Betula pendula*; 3: shaded wall; 4: tree base of *Populus nigra*; 5: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*; 11, 23: exposed soil; 23: sunny artificial stone; 26: concrete; 27: exposed plastic artificial floor mats; 36: sunny rubber liners; 38: tree base of *Populus tremula*
- Hypnum cupressiforme* var. *lacunosum* Brid. (stress tolerant perennial) – 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt
- Leptodictyum riparium* (Hedw.) Warnst. (perennial) – 4, 6: floating trunks and wet limestone; 18: decayed *Populus* wood; 18, 39, 40: wet soil
- Leskea polycarpa* Hedw. (perennial) – 1: trunk of *Robinia pseudoacacia*; 4, 6, 32: trunk of *Populus nigra*; 17: concrete; 38: trunk of *Populus tremula*; 44: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*
- \**Nyholmiella obtusifolia* (Brid.) Holmen & Warncke (pioneer colonist) – 1, 14: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*
- Orthotrichum affine* Schrad. ex Brid. (colonist) – 31: branches of *Sambucus nigra* L.
- Orthotrichum anomalum* Hedw. (colonist) – 3: sunny limestone wall; 6: exposed limestone; 15, 17, 21, 26, 30, 37, 43; concrete; 23: sunny artificial stone
- \**Orthotrichum cupulatum* Hoffm. ex Brid. (colonist) – 3: sunny limestone wall, 23: sunny artificial stone
- Orthotrichum diaphanum* Schrad. ex Brid. (colonist) – 1: trunk of *Populus alba* L. and *Populus x euramericana*; 3: branch of *Sophora japonica*; 5, 10, 12, 44: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*; 4: bark of *Populus nigra*; 23: artificial stone, 31: branch of *Sambucus nigra*; 32, 35: trunk of *Populus nigra*; 45: bark of *Koelreuteria paniculata* Laxm.
- Orthotrichum pallens* Bruch ex Brid. (pioneer colonist) – 38: trunk of *Populus tremula*, 45: branch of *Koelreuteria paniculata*
- \**Orthotrichum pumilum* Sw. ex anon. (colonist) – 1: trunk of *Robinia pseudoacacia*; 24: shaded concrete; 45: branch of *Koelreuteria paniculata*
- Orthotrichum stramineum* Hornsch. ex Brid. (colonist) – 31: branch of *Sambucus nigra*; 45: trunk of *Koelreuteria paniculata*
- \**Orthotrichum striatum* Hedw. (short-lived shuttle) – 5: trunk of *Populus*; 45: branches of *Koelreuteria paniculata*
- Oxyrrhynchium hians* (Hedw.) Loeske (pioneer colonist) – 1, 2, 5, 8, 14, 18, 19, 23, 24, 33, 39, 40: shaded soil
- Physcomitrella patens* (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp. (annual shuttle) – 6: riverbed sediment sludge
- Physcomitrium pyriforme* (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp. (annual shuttle) – 6: riverbed sediment sludge; 17: wet soil
- Plagiomnium cuspidatum* (Hedw.) T.J. Kop. (competitive perennial) – 5, 8, 14, 46: humicolous soil
- Plagiomnium undulatum* (Hedw.) T.J. Kop. (competitive perennial) – 24, 27: wet soil
- Platygyrium repens* (Brid.) Schimp. (stress tolerant perennial) – 32: trunk of *Populus nigra*
- Pohlia lutescens* (Limpr.) H. Lindb. (colonist) – 6: riverbed sediment sludge
- Pseudoleskeella nervosa* (Brid.) Nyholm (stress tolerant perennial) – 1: bark of *Populus alba*
- Pseudoscleropodium purum* (Hedw.) M. Fleisch. (perennial) – 14, 19, 24, 35: exposed soil

- \*Pterygoneurum ovatum* (Hedw.) Dixon (annual shuttle) – 1, 3, 22: bare and exposed soil
- Ptychostomum capillare* (Hedw.) Holyoak & N. Pedersen (colonist) – 1: stump of *Populus alba* and *Betula pendula*; 31: exposed concrete
- Ptychostomum imbricatum* (Müll. Hal.) Holyoak & N. Pedersen (colonist) – 1, 2, 5, 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 46: sunny soil; 23: artificial stone; 36: exposed glass-wool; 43: concrete
- Ptychostomum moravicum* (Podp.) Ros & Mazimpaka (colonist) – 3: shaded limestone; 5: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*; 1, 13: trunk of *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- Pylaisia polyantha* (Hedw.) Schimp. (stress tolerant perennial) – 1: trunk of *Populus alba*; 38: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*
- \*Rhynchostegium murale* (Hedw.) Schimp. (perennial) – 3: exposed artificial stone; 6: sunny limestone, 41: concrete
- Schistidium crassipilum* H.H. Blom (colonist) – 3, 5, 11, 15, 24, 26, 30, 31, 36, 41: exposed concrete; 12, 23: sunny artificial stone
- Sciuro-hypnum populeum* (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen (perennial) – 1: base of *Populus alba*; 13: shaded and decayed plank
- Syntrichia latifolia* (Bruch ex Hartm.) Huebener (colonist) – 4: limestone and bark of *Populus nigra*
- \*Syntrichia papillosa* (Wilson) Jur. (colonist) – 5: bark of *Ulmus laevis* Pall.
- Syntrichia ruralis* (Hedw.) F. Weber & D. Mohr (colonist) – 1, 2, 11: sunny soil, 4: exposed limestone; 10: sunny asphalt roofing felt 4: tree base of *Populus nigra*; 14, 15, 20, 26, 30, 31, 43: sunny concrete
- Syntrichia virescens* (De Not.) Ochyra (colonist) – 4: trunk of *Populus nigra*; 5, 44: trunk of *Populus x euramericana*
- Tortella inclinata* (R. Hedw.) Limpr. (colonist) – 8, 19, 35, 39, 41: bare and sandy soil
- Tortula acaulon* (With.) R.H. Zander (annual shuttle) – 1, 2, 18: exposed and bare soil
- \*Tortula lindbergii* Broth. (annual shuttle) – 1, 11: bare and exposed soil
- Tortula muralis* Hedw. (colonist) – 3, 23: artificial stone; 5, 14, 15, 21, 31, 33, 36, 41, 43: exposed concrete; 32: limestone
- Weissia condensa* (Voit) Lindb. (colonist) – 14: sunny and sandy soil
- Weissia longifolia* Mitt. (short-lived shuttle) – 1, 5: exposed and humicolous soil

## Bryophyte diversity

Altogether 82 taxa were recorded, which include 3 liverworts (4%) and 79 mosses (96%). The liverwort species belonged to 3 families and 3 genera, while the 79 mosses belonged to 17 families and 47 genera (Fig. 2). More than half of the species (54%) belong to 3 families (*Brachytheciaceae*, *Orthotrichaceae*, *Pottiaceae*).

The high proportion of acrocarpous mosses (especially those belonging to *Pottiaceae*) is characteristic primarily in Mediterranean cities (e. g. Soria & Ron, 1995; Rams *et al.*, 2000; Pokorný *et al.*, 2006).

In the case of the pleurocarpous mosses the high number of *Brachytheciaceae* species was primarily explained by the great diversity of substrates and habitats, while the high proportion and diversity of lime containing substrates (artificial stone, limestone wall, concrete) and woody plants account for the outstanding number of *Orthotrichaceae* species.

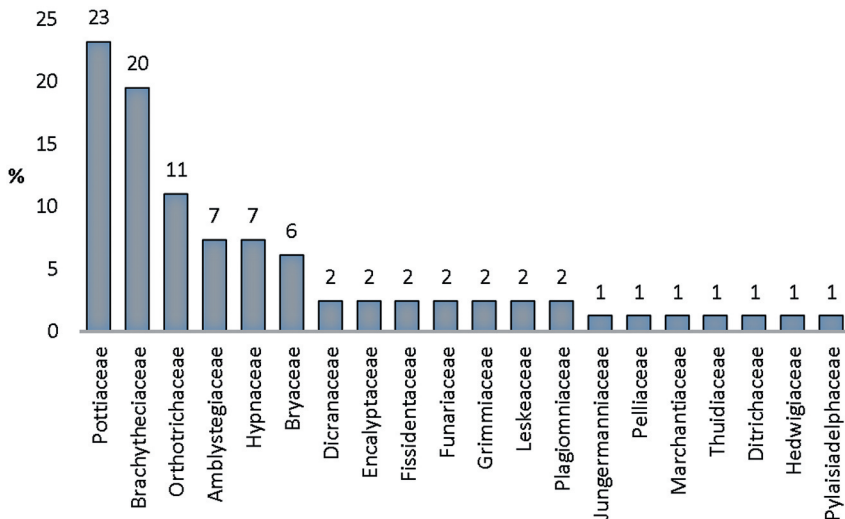


Fig. 2. Percentage distribution of bryophyte species between families, based on the sample collections at the village of Almásfűzitő.

A lot of the common bryophytes of the village, including *Amblystegium serpens*, *Barbula convoluta*, *B. unguiculata*, *Brachytheciastrum velutinum*, *Brachythecium rutabulum*, *B. salebrosum*, *Bryum argenteum*, *Calliergonella cuspidata*, *Ceratodon purpureus*, *Encalypta streptocarpa*, *Fissidens taxifolius*, *Funaria hygrometrica*, *Grimmia pulvinata*, *Homalothecium sericeum*, *Hypnum cupressiforme*, *Orthotrichum affine*, *O. anomalum*, *O. diaphanum*, *Oxyrrhynchium hians*, *Plagiommium undulatum*, *Ptychostomum imbricatum*, *Rhynchostegium murale*, *Tortula acaulon* and *Tortula muralis* also occur in some other central European cities (Gruber, 2001; Zechmeister *et al.*, 2002; Janovicová *et al.*, 2003; Frahm, 2006; Sabovljević & Grdović, 2009; Sabovljević & Sabovljević, 2009; Zechmeister 2009; Skudnik *et al.*, 2013; Fojcik & Stebel, 2014). The following taxa are characteristic and frequent in both Central European and South European cities: *Amblystegium serpens*, *Barbula unguiculata*, *Bryum argenteum*, *Funaria hygrometrica*, *Grimmia pulvinata*, *Homalothecium sericeum*, *Hypnum cupressiforme*, *Orthotrichum affine*, *O. diaphanum*, *O. anomalum*, *Oxyrrhynchium hians*, *Tortula acaulon* and *T. muralis* (Heras & Soria, 1990; Lo Giudice *et al.*, 1997; Pokorný *et al.*, 2006).

The taxa *Pellia endiviifolia*, *Ptychostomum capillare*, *Syntrichia papillosa*, *S. virescens* have been recorded only in some Central-European countries up till now, however they were indicated in the bryophyte flora of the cities of Trento, Enna and Vitoria (Pokorný *et al.*, 2006; Mazimpaka & Lara, 1997; Heras & Soria, 1990).

Ninety-three % of the species identified in the investigated territory can also be found in the bryophyte flora of Bratislava and Vienna. The values for other cities are as follows: Belgrade 74%, Cologne 63%, Enna 35%, Katowice 64%, Linz 94%, Ljubljana 56%, Marianka 41%, Rolandseck 67%, Salzburg 87%, Trento 64%, Vitoria 39%. The results showed that the bryophyte flora of Almásfűzitő most closely resembled that of Bratislava, Linz, and Vienna and to a lesser extent that of Salzburg and Belgrade (Table 1). Similarities can primarily be explained by the presence of frequent and common species.

Table 1. Occurrence of detected species in central and south European settlements and percentage of similitude with Almásfűzitő bryophyte flora. Data were obtained from the next literature references. – Belgrade: Sabovljević & Grdović (2009); Bratislava: Janovicová *et al.* (2003), Cologne: Sabovljević & Sabovljević (2009); Enna: Lo Giudice *et al.* (1997); Katowice: Fojcik & Stebel (2014); Linz: Zechmeister *et al.* (2002); Ljubljana: Skudnik *et al.* (2013); Marianka: Mišíková (2013), Rolandseck: Frahm (2006); Salzburg: Gruber (2001); Trento: Pokorny *et al.* (2006); Vienna: Zechmeister (2009); Vitoria: Heras & Soria (1990)

| <i>Taxa name/cities</i>                                        | <i>Belgrade</i> | <i>Bratislava</i> | <i>Cologne</i> | <i>Enna</i> | <i>Katowice</i> | <i>Linz</i> | <i>Ljubljana</i> | <i>Marianka</i> | <i>Rolandseck</i> | <i>Salzburg</i> | <i>Trento</i> | <i>Vienna</i> | <i>Vitoria</i> |
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| <b>Hepaticae</b>                                               |                 |                   |                |             |                 |             |                  |                 |                   |                 |               |               |                |
| <i>Marchantia polymorpha</i> L.                                | x               | x                 | x              | –           | –               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>Pellia endiviifolia</i> (Dicks.) Dumort.                    | x               | x                 | –              | x           | –               | x           | –                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Radula complanata</i> (L.) Dumort.                          | x               | x                 | –              | –           | –               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <b>Musci</b>                                                   |                 |                   |                |             |                 |             |                  |                 |                   |                 |               |               |                |
| <i>Abietinella abietina</i> (Hedw.) M. Fleisch.                | –               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | –               | –                 | x               | –             | x             | –              |
| <i>Aloina aloides</i> (Koch ex Schultz) Kindb.                 | x               | –                 | –              | –           | –               | –           | –                | –               | –                 | –               | –             | –             | x              |
| <i>A. rigida</i> (Hedw.) Limpr.                                | x               | x                 | –              | x           | x               | x           | –                | –               | –                 | x               | –             | x             | –              |
| <i>Amblystegium serpens</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.                    | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Barbula convoluta</i> Hedw.                                 | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | –             | x             | x              |
| <i>B. unguiculata</i> Hedw.                                    | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Brachythecium velutinum</i> (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen      | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>Brachythecium albicans</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.                  | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | –               | –             | x             | –              |
| <i>B. glareosum</i> (Bruch ex Spruce) Schimp.                  | x               | x                 | –              | –           | –               | x           | –                | –               | –                 | x               | –             | x             | –              |
| <i>B. rivulare</i> Schimp.                                     | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | –                | –               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>B. rutabulum</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.                            | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>B. salebrosum</i> (Hoffm. ex F. Weber & D. Mohr) Schimp.    | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>B. tommasinii</i> (Sendtn. ex Boulay) Ignatov & Huttunen    | –               | x                 | –              | –           | –               | x           | –                | –               | –                 | x               | x             | –             | –              |
| <i>Bryum argenteum</i> Hedw.                                   | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Campyliadelphus chrysophyllus</i> (Brid.) R.S. Chopra       | x               | x                 | –              | –           | –               | –           | –                | –               | –                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>Calliergonella cuspidata</i> (Hedw.) Loeske                 | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | –               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>Ceratodon purpureus</i> (Hedw.) Brid.                       | x               | x                 | x              | –           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Cinclidotus fontinaloides</i> (Hedw.) P. Beauv.             | –               | x                 | x              | –           | –               | x           | –                | –               | x                 | x               | –             | x             | –              |
| <i>C. riparius</i> (Host ex Brid.) Arn.                        | –               | x                 | x              | –           | –               | x           | –                | –               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | –              |
| <i>Cirriphyllum crassinervium</i> (Taylor) Loeske & M.Fleisch. | –               | x                 | –              | –           | –               | x           | –                | –               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |

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| <i>Taxa name/cities</i>                                    | <i>Belgrade</i> | <i>Bratislava</i> | <i>Cologne</i> | <i>Enna</i> | <i>Katowice</i> | <i>Linz</i> | <i>Ljubljana</i> | <i>Marianka</i> | <i>Rolandseck</i> | <i>Salzburg</i> | <i>Trento</i> | <i>Vienna</i> | <i>Vitoria</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Physcomitrella patens</i> (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp.       | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | —               | x                 | —               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>Physcomitrium pyriforme</i> (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp.     | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Plagiomnium cuspidatum</i> (Hedw.) T.J. Kop.            | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | x               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>P. undulatum</i> (Hedw.) T.J. Kop.                      | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Platygyrium repens</i> (Brid.) Schimp.                  | —               | x                 | —              | —           | x               | x           | x                | —               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Pohlia lutescens</i> (Limpr.) H. Lindb.                 | —               | —                 | —              | —           | —               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | —               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>Pseudoleskeella nervosa</i> (Brid.) Nyholm              | x               | x                 | —              | —           | —               | —           | —                | —               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> (Hedw.) M. Fleisch.        | —               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | —               | x                 | x               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>Pterygoneurum ovatum</i> (Hedw.) Dixon                  | —               | x                 | —              | —           | —               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | —               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>Ptychostomum capillare</i> (Hedw.) Holyoak & N.Pedersen | x               | x                 | x              | x           | —               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | —               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>P. imbricatum</i> (Müll. Hal.) Holyoak & N. Pedersen    | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>P. moravicum</i> (Podp.) Ros & Mazimpaka                | x               | x                 | x              | —           | —               | —           | x                | x               | x                 | —               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Pylaisia polyantha</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.                  | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Rhynchostegium murale</i> (Hedw.) Schimp.               | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Schistidium crassipilum</i> H.H. Blom                   | x               | —                 | —              | —           | —               | —           | —                | x               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Sciuro-hypnum populeum</i> (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen   | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | —                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | —              |
| <i>Syntrichia latifolia</i> (Bruch ex Hartm.) Huebener     | —               | —                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | —                | —               | x                 | —               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>S. papillosa</i> (Wilson) Jur.                          | x               | x                 | x              | x           | —               | x           | x                | —               | —                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>S. ruralis</i> (Hedw.) F. Weber & D. Mohr               | x               | x                 | x              | —           | x               | x           | x                | x               | —                 | x               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>S. virescens</i> (De Not.) Ochyra                       | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | —                | —               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Tortella inclinata</i> (R. Hedw.) Limpr.                | x               | x                 | —              | —           | x               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | x               | —             | x             | —              |
| <i>Tortula acaulon</i> (With.) R.H. Zander                 | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>T. lindbergii</i> Broth.                                | x               | x                 | —              | —           | —               | x           | x                | —               | —                 | x               | —             | x             | x              |
| <i>T. muralis</i> Hedw.                                    | x               | x                 | x              | x           | x               | x           | x                | x               | x                 | x               | x             | x             | x              |
| <i>Weissia condensa</i> (Voit) Lindb.                      | —               | x                 | —              | —           | —               | x           | —                | —               | —                 | x               | —             | x             | x              |
| <i>W. longifolia</i> Mitt.                                 | —               | x                 | —              | —           | —               | x           | —                | —               | x                 | x               | —             | x             | —              |
| <b>Percentage of similitude with Almásfűzitő (%)</b>       | <b>74</b>       | <b>93</b>         | <b>63</b>      | <b>35</b>   | <b>64</b>       | <b>94</b>   | <b>56</b>        | <b>41</b>       | <b>67</b>         | <b>87</b>       | <b>64</b>     | <b>93</b>     | <b>39</b>      |

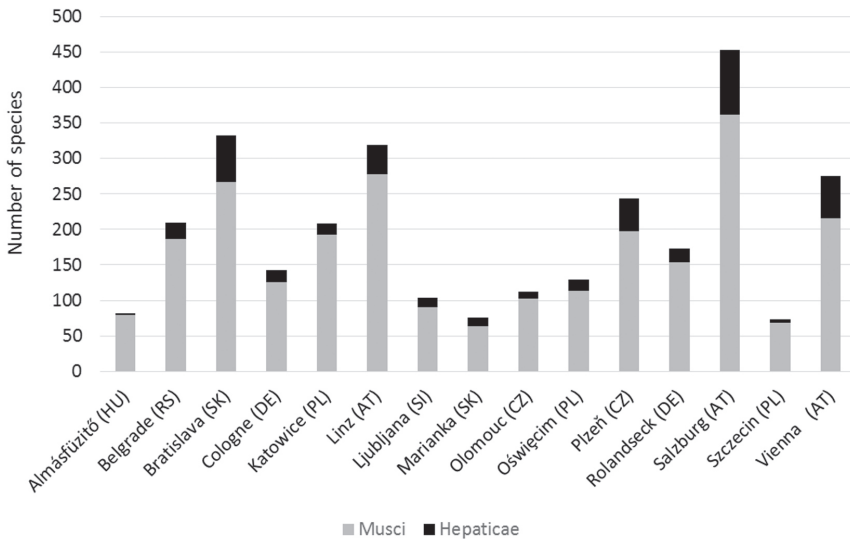


Fig. 3. Number of Musci and Hepaticae species reported from several central European settlements with indication of the country by the standardized two-letter country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2). Data were obtained from the next literature references.- Almásfüzitő (HU) (this work); Belgrade (RS): Sabovljević & Grdović (2009); Bratislava (SK): Janovicová *et al.* (2003); Cologne (DE): Sabovljević & Sabovljević (2009); Katowice (PL): Fojcik & Stebel (2014); Linz (AT): Zechmeister *et al.* (2002); Ljubljana (SI): Skudnik *et al.* (2013); Mariánka (SK): Mišíková (2013); Olomouc (CZ): Hradílek (unpublished data); Oświęcim (PL): Żarnowiec (1996); Plzeň (CZ): Vondráček (1997); Rolandseck (DE): Frahm (2006); Salzburg (AT): Gruber (2001); Szczecin (PL): Fudali (1994); Vienna (AT): Zechmeister (2009).

The common geographical feature of Bratislava, Linz, Vienna and Almásfüzitő is the presence of the Danube River, which explains the presence of the species related to river beds (e.g. *Brachythecium rivulare*, *Cinclidotus fontinaloides*, *C. riparius*, *Hygroamblystegium fluviatile*) in all of these locations (Zechmeister *et al.*, 2002; Janovicová *et al.*, 2003; Zechmeister, 2009).

Katowice and Trento showed the same percentage values, yet they significantly differed in species. It must be noted that in the village of Mariánka, which is located only 100 km from the investigated area, only 41% of the species found at Almásfüzitő were indicated. The bryophyte flora diversity of Vitoria and Enna in southern Europe differs markedly from that of Almásfüzitő.

Many of the taxa have been recorded only at certain locations in Middle Europe: *Aloina aloides*: Belgrade, *Pohlia lutescens*: Linz and Vienna, *Pterygoneurum ovatum*: Bratislava, Linz and Vienna (Zechmeister *et al.*, 2002; Janovicová *et al.*, 2003; Sabovljević & Grdović, 2009; Zechmeister, 2009).

The low proportion of liverworts in the investigated area is uncommon compared to most Central European cities and locations (Fig. 3). However, this phenomenon is very characteristic of many Mediterranean cities: Ávila (Vicente *et al.*, 1986), Murcia (Rams *et al.*, 2000), Palma de Mallorca (Fiol, 1983) and Rome (Carcano, 1989) have not yet been reported on the presence of liverworts, while only one taxon was recorded in Madrid (Mazimpaka *et al.*, 1988) and Salamanca (Ayuso *et al.*, 1995), two taxa in Toledo (Ballesteros Segura & Ron, 1985), three taxa in Jesi (Aleffi, 1991) and four taxa in Treia (Aleffi & Taruschio, 1996) and Vitoria (Heras

& Soria, 1990). The low proportion of liverwort species can be primarily explained by the moderately dry climate of the region, and by the fact that Almásfüzitő lacks historical districts and old buildings. Thus the proportion of new artificial surfaces (less than 60 years of age) is relatively high.

The bryophyte flora of the anthropogenic and close-to-natural habitats of Dunaalmás and Neszmély (villages about 10 km away from Almásfüzitő) and their surroundings was already explored (Szűcs, 2007). These data provide basis for the comparison of the flora of Almásfüzitő with the vegetation of areas under lesser human impact. Out of the 82 taxa found at the investigated area, only 63 had been recorded earlier in the neighbouring regions.

### Conservation status

Twelve taxa (about 15% of those recorded) belong to the near threatened (NT) category according to the Hungarian Red List (Papp *et al.*, 2010): *Aloina aloides*, *A. rigida*, *Brachythecium glareosum*, *Cinclidotus fontinaloides*, *Cirriphyllum piliferum*, *Dicranella staphylina*, *Didymodon insulanus*, *Hygroamblystegium fluviatile*, *Nyholmella obtusifolia*, *Orthotrichum pumilum*, *Physcomitrella patens*, and *Syntrichia latifolia*. Out of these species, 5 mosses (*Aloina aloides*, *Brachythecium glareosum*, *Dicranella staphylina*, *Didymodon insulanus* and *Orthotrichum pumilum*) were also recorded in the industrial area.

Indicator species denote by their mere presence a greater level of conservation value of the habitat where they occur (Papp *et al.*, 2010). Three out of the 16 taxa (*Aloina aloides*, *Orthotrichum pumilum* and *Rhynchostegium murale*) were also found in the industrial area while the remaining 13 taxa were spread across the housing estate and riverside areas and the cemetery.

### Life strategies

There is an apparent difference between industrial and non-industrial areas concerning the number of species in each of the life strategy categories (Fig. 4.).

Non-industrial areas are more abundant in colonist, long-lived shuttle, perennial, competitive perennial, stress tolerant perennial and pioneer colonist species, compared to the industrial parts of the village.

Comparing non-industrial and industrial areas by the total number of species in each category the following species counts were recorded: colonists (30 vs 19), long-lived shuttle (4 vs 1), perennial (19 vs 13), competitive perennial (9 vs 5), stress tolerant perennial (5 vs 3), pioneer colonist (3 vs 2). The occurrence of annual shuttle and short lived shuttle species were evidenced only at the non-industrial parts of the village. Regarding ephemeral colonists, two taxa were identified at the industrial areas and one was found at the non-industrial territories, being *Dicranella staphylina* one of them, which is very uncommon in urban environments and was found on the disturbed soil of an illegal sand mine near the abandoned alumina factory. Only one species belonging to the fugitive category was indicated (*Funaria hygrometrica*) at Almásfüzitő village. This species was found at both industrial and non-industrial areas.

Summing up results it was established that the number of life strategy categories was higher at non-industrial areas, and these areas were also more abundant in species than the industrial areas of the village. A possible explanation of this is the greater diversity of the habitats as well as the dynamic variousness of

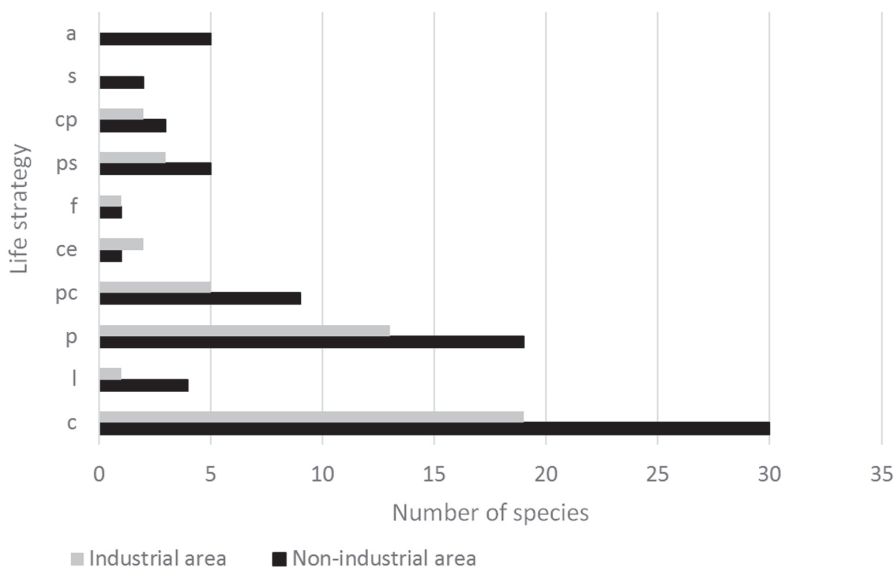


Fig. 4. Life strategies in detected bryophyte species growing in industrial and non-industrial areas of Almásfüzitő village (a: annual shuttle; s: short-lived shuttle; cp: pioneer colonist; ps: stress tolerant perennial; f: fugitive; ce: ephemeral colonist; pc: competitive perennial; p: perennial; l: long-lived shuttle; c: colonist).

human activity (e.g. gardening, constructions, traffic, etc.) and of natural disturbances (e.g. small floodings) at non-industrial areas compared to industrial sites.

Results indicated the increasing diversity of adaptation mechanisms for the found moss species. It is the environment which produces the pressure of selection; in this selection various fluctuations (short term, long term and stochastic) determine the success of the adaptation of different life strategies (During, 1992; Glime, 2007).

## CONCLUSIONS

The bryophyte flora of Almásfüzitő is similar to that of nearby Middle-European metropolises (Bratislava, Linz and Vienna), which was primarily explained by the presence of common and frequent species, characteristic of urban environments.

The diversity of liverwort species was found to be lower in the investigated area compared to other Middle European cities, which was explained by the moderately dry climate of the region and by the fact that the village of Almásfüzitő does not have any historical districts with old buildings, thus the high proportion of new artificial surfaces does not favour the presence of liverwort habitats.

The occurrence of annual shuttle and short-lived shuttle life strategy mosses was more dominant in the non-industrial area of the village compared to the abandoned industrial parts, which was explained by a stronger human impact in the residential areas.

Regarding the distribution of indicator mosses, it was established that the habitats around the housing estate are more valuable for nature protection than the habitats of the industrial area.

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