

INTERNATIONAL EBA - ESA SBA - SAS CONVENTION 2026



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DEAR EBA MEMBERS, DEAR DELEGATES,

Dear EBA Members, dear Delegates,

We are excited to present the poster for the EBA-ESA Convention 2026 in Banská Bystrica.

We would like to invite all the member countries of EBA and ESA to participate in this event that we are organizing. It would be our great pleasure to welcome you to our country as it is the first ever EBA-ESA Convention in Slovakia.

This convention is a wonderful opportunity for all member countries to come together, celebrate the hard work of the European bonsai community, share knowledge, experiences and stories, and enjoy a memorable weekend in an ever-growing bonsai environment.

During your visit, you could also learn more about Slovakia, including our traditions, cuisine, and tourism, as well as experience the beauty of our nature.

You can also ask for further information in the mail:
prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk

Yours sincerely,

Lukáš Jančina (President of Slovak Bonsai Association SBA)

*There is no error in the dates. The SBA-SAS Conventions starts one day earlier.

ORGANIZERS & PARTNERS

- ❖ Slovak Bonsai Association – an organization that has been cultivating the tradition of bonsai growing in Slovakia for decades. It organizes professional seminars, exhibitions, and international meetings with the goal of spreading knowledge and supporting the community.



- ❖ Gardeniáda – a prestigious event focused on gardening, aesthetics, and the art of nature, bringing together experts, artists, enthusiasts and lovers of greenery.



- ❖ Co-organizers, Patronage

City of Banská Bystrica



MESTO BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

Banská Bystrica Region Office



BANSKOBYSTRICKÝ
SAMOSPRÁVNÝ KRAJ

SLOVAK REPUBLIC — THE HEART OF EUROPE



BANSKÁ BYSTRICA – IN THE HEART OF SLOVAKIA

- ❖ Advantageous central location for international visitors
- ❖ Easy accessibility



EASY ACCESSIBILITY

Distance

BRATISLAVA capital city of Slovakia → BANSKÁ BYSTRICA
– 200 km by car on a highway (1h40min)

International Airports

- BRATISLAVA → BANSKÁ BYSTRICA (1h40min)
- WIEN Schwechat Airport → BRATISLAVA – 60 km + 200 km by car (2h40min)
- BUDAPEST International Airport → directly to BANSKÁ BYSTRICA – 203 km by car (3h)
- PRAGUE → BRATISLAVA – 330 km
- KRAKOW → BRATISLAVA – 435 km



BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

Banská Bystrica is a city in central Slovakia, located on the Hron River in a long and wide valley encircled by the mountain chains of the Low Tatras, the Veľká Fatra, and the Kremnica Mountains. With approximately 76,000 inhabitants, Banská Bystrica is the sixth most populous municipality in Slovakia.

The present-day town was founded by German settlers who were invited by the Hungarian Árpád king during the Middle Ages, but it was built upon a former Slavic/Slovakian/Avar settlement. As a historical town with easy access to the surrounding mountains, Banská Bystrica is a popular winter and summer tourist destination.



THE EXHIBITION AREA

The exhibition areas are located in the city center, at Freedom Square and SNP Park. In addition to the bonsai and suiseki exhibition, there will be an on-site garden festival with a big flower market, a beer festival, a food zone, kids zone, and much more — all included in one entry ticket. Bonsai visitors will also have the option to purchase a special discounted 3-day ticket (more info soon).



HISTORIC CITY CENTER

Town barbican



Slovak National Uprising Square



Museum of the Slovak National Uprising



PLACES OF INTEREST

- ❖ **SNP Square** - The square is named after the Slovak National Uprising. It is dominated by a clock tower built in 1552. Although less known than its famous counterpart in Pisa, it is a leaning tower with the top 40 centimetres (16 inches) off the perpendicular.
- ❖ **Morový stĺp** - A plague column was erected in the square in the 18th century in gratitude to the Virgin Mary for ending a deadly plague.
- ❖ **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral** - (Slovak: Kapitulský kostol) The Cathedral is a copy of the Jesuit Church of the Gesu in Rome and is since 1776 the seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Banská Bystrica.
- ❖ **Museum of the Slovak National Uprising** - The museum contains a large military collection, including an open-air exhibition of World War II tanks, artillery, aircraft, and armored trains.
- ❖ Most buildings enclosing the square and in the nearby streets are well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque noblemen's mansions and wealthy burghers' residences. The most interesting among them are the Benický House and the Thurzo House, the latter hosting a museum with a regional archaeological collection and Gothic frescos.
- ❖ Banská Bystrica also has a large network of marked hiking trails all around the city.

THE LAYOUT

❖ Hotel LUX:

- Main bonsai and suiseki exhibition (EBA+ESA)
- NTC SBA+EBA
- EBA program on stage (demonstrations, demonstrators discussions, commenting exhibited bonsai and suiseki)
- EBA meetings
- EBA + SBA opening ceremony
- SBA gala on Friday

❖ Tent constructions in front of the hotel:

- XXXIII. National bonsai and suiseki exhibition (SBA+SAS)
- SBA program on stage (demonstrations, tea ceremonies, Gardeniada program)
- Vendor/sales area in a separate construction

❖ Town Hall:

- EBA gala on Saturday

TOWN HALL – CITY CENTER

The award gala will take place in the historic building of the Town Hall.



LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

❖ Golf: TRI DUBY GOLF RESORT (15min)



❖ Thermal bath: SLIAČ (15min)



TRIP TIPS

❖ HARMANECKÁ JASKYŇA (16km)

A stalactite cave in Central Slovakia. It is formed from Middle Triassic dark-grey Gutenstein limestone with an estimated age of 220 million years. The entrance to the cave is situated at an altitude of 821m and 260m above the bottom of the Harmanec valley.



❖ HRONSEK WOODEN ARTIKULAR CHURCH (14km)

A Lutheran church situated in the village of Hronsek built in 1726.



❖ ŠPANIA VALLEY (11km)

A picturesque historic village situated 728 m above sea level and is surrounded by the Staré Hory and Veľká Fatra mountains. It has become a popular tourist recreation centre.



CASTLES AND CHATEAUX

(15 - 45 MIN AWAY)

Víglaš



Zvolen



Dobrá Niva



Slovenská Ľupča



Kremnica



ACCOMMODATION

❖ HOTEL ARCADE - Cikkerova 1, Banská Bystrica

- 5 minutes walk
- Price: from 108 - 125 €/day/room - only with Promo code: [GARDENIÁDA](#)
- Breakfast included
- Parking 8€/24 hours - only with Promo code: [PARKOVANIE GARDENIÁDA](#)
- hotel@arcade.sk, +421 910 796 777
- <https://www.arcade.sk/>
- The price is guaranteed for bookings made until February 20. 2026, Payment: proforma invoice payable by March 20, 2026

❖ HOTEL URPÍN CITY RESIDENCE - Cikkerova 5, Banská Bystrica

- 5 minutes walk
- Price: from 90 - 150 €/day/room
- Breakfast included
- BOOK YOUR STAY at <https://www.urpincity.sk/> WITH CODE: [GARDEN26](#) AND GET 10% DISCOUNT ON YOUR ACCOMMODATION RATE

ACCOMMODATION

❖ HOTEL DIXON Resort - Švermova 32, Banská Bystrica

- 10 minutes by car
- Price: from 80 - 140 €/day/ room - only with Promo code: [GARDENIÁDA](#)
- Breakfast included
- Parking free, Wellness & spa
- +421 48 471 78 04, kongres@dixon.sk
- Dixon Resort**** Banská Bystrica - <https://dixonresort.sk/>
- The price is guaranteed for bookings made until February 20, 2026, Payment: proforma invoice payable by March 20, 2026

❖ Hotel penzión Kúria - Bakossova ulica 4, Banská Bystrica

- 15 minutes walk
- Price: from 69 - 130 €/day/ room/ apt - only with Promo code: [GARDENIÁDA](#)
- Breakfast included
- +421 48 412 32 55, + 421 905 260 867, kuria@kuria.sk
- <https://www.kuria.sk/>

REGISTRATION

- ❖ For the correct registration of the EBA bonsai trees, each national association might select 5 of their bonsai which they will present at the exhibition and have to fill out an application form:

<https://form.jotform.com/253015885333053>

NTC registration please send NTC participants name and NTC judge name at detlef.mostler@aon.at and prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk

- ❖ Registration for the Gala – Awards Ceremony with a Reception and buffet dinner on Saturday (65eur pp):

<https://form.jotform.com/253145025173045>

There is possibility to buy ticket for SBA gala on Friday as well (30eur pp). Send inquiry at prezidium@bonsai-sba.sk

- ❖ Application for the vendors (traders):

<https://form.jotform.com/252914131865357>

BOOK YOUR space WITH PROMO CODE: „BONSAI“ AND GET 10% DISCOUNT

- ❖ Tickets and more informations:

TBA (www.gardeniada.sk)

! Deadline for the registrations is 28.2.2026 !



PROMOTION

We ask you kindly to promote the EBA-ESA Convention 2026 in Banská Bystrica in any possible way (social media, e-mail to members, associations web page calendar or posts, etc.) to motivate the bonsai enthusiasts but also the lay person and to maximise the attendance and success of this event.

CONTACTS



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