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INTRODUCTION

This Guide for Mass Media that you now hold in your hands has been prepared especially for journalists accredited by the Organizing Committee in preparations for the main events related to the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) of 1941-1945.

On its pages, you will find general information about the city, its sights, and also useful information for mass media representatives for the celebrations period.

The Organizing Committee draws your attention to the fact the information given in this Guide is presented as of April 30, 2010.

Representatives of the International Press Center, located in the Manezh Central Exhibition Hall, will inform you about any possible changes and will also be at hand to provide any other information you may require.

The Organizing Committee hopes that your stay in Moscow during these days will be successful.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTER

The International Press Center will be located in the Manezh Central Exhibition Hall (at 1, Manezh Ploshad) and will begin working at 02:00 PM on May 7, 2010.

From 02:00 PM on May 7 to 12:00 PM on May 10, 2010, the International Press Center will work around the clock.

Access to the International Press Center is only permitted for those mass media representatives who have been accredited and received their accreditation badges. Security personnel will perform personal identification checks and the inspection of personal items and equipment, after which access to the International Press Center will be allowed.

The main entrance to the International Press Center is accessible from Manezh Square.

Special work areas will be provided for print and electronic media. Wi-Fi access to the Internet will be available throughout the Center.

The electric media zone will be equipped with cabins for television companies and acoustically equipped cabins for broadcasters (52 in total). The reservation of cabins is performed via the host-broadcaster company “All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company”.

Stand-up positions comprising 10 cells on two levels with a view of the Kremlin shall be organized for representatives of television companies in direct proximity to the International Press Center on the Manezh Square.

A site for mobile satellite communication stations has been assigned along the wall of the Manezh Central Exhibition Hall, which is accessible from the side of the Alexander Garden (Aleksandroovsky Sad).

The Press Center will provide a live broadcast of the events of the celebrations of the 65th anniversary of the Victory in World War Two (the Great Patriotic War).
INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTER

Throughout the functioning of the International Press Center, journalists will be provided with meals free-of-charge.

All information on the work of the International Press Center and media representatives who have been accredited to provide media coverage of the celebrations of the 65th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) of 1941-1945 will be available at the information desk, located in the area of the central entrance to Manezh. You may also address the information desk if you lost something or found somebody else’s personal property.

A coat check will be available in the International Press Center. You may also use individual lockers for personal property.

The International Press Center is also equipped with a basic set of conveniences for people with disabilities: concrete ramps by the central entrance, ramps near the podium within the area for print mass media, escalators, lifts which move between all levels of the Manezh central showroom, and washrooms especially intended for people with disabilities.

We want to draw your attention to the fact that smoking is prohibited in the International Press Center. A special smoking area will be allocated within the territory adjacent to the Manezh Central Exhibition Hall, which is accessible from the side of the Alexander Garden (Aleksandrovsky Sad).
ACCREDITATION AND ACCREDITATION BADGES

All Russian and foreign media representatives wishing to cover the program of international events dedicated to the celebration of the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) should fill in the Application for Accreditation, which is published in the Accreditation section of the official website www.may9.ru. Accreditation will be carried out from March 1 to March 31, 2010.

Mass media representatives who have submitted their accreditation applications in due time and according to the established procedure will be issued accreditation badges at the Accreditation Center after their arrival in Moscow. Media representatives belonging to official pools will be able to obtain accreditation badges through representatives of their respective delegations.

The Accreditation Center is located at the following address:
Entrance # 7, 14 Ilyinka Street

Working hours: May 6 from 12:00 PM to 06:00 PM
May 7 from 12:00 PM to 08:00 PM
May 8 from 08:00 AM to May 9 at 02:00 AM

The presence of accreditation badges is obligatory for working at the Press Center and participation in the work of pools.

The accreditation badge is a plastic pocket divided into two sections. The upper section contains the plastic card, which is the journalist’s personal ID card for the duration of the events program.

The lower section is for the plastic pool card, which gives a journalist the right to take part in the work of any of the pools.

Anyone who loses their accreditation badge should immediately inform the International Press Center. Passing an accreditation badge for use by a third party is prohibited and will result in the cancelation of one’s accreditation.
**COORDINATION OF POOL WORK**

Due to the large number of guests arriving to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II), as well as the limited venue space, only journalists assigned to strictly limited pools will be able to cover these events.

Most mass media representatives will be able to watch the program events from the Press Center on special monitors in real-time mode.

Pool participation for journalists from each of participating countries will be distributed in equal quotas for all states. Admission to pool-covered events shall be managed strictly according to pool cards distributed by the representatives of the Organizing Committee. The remainder of quotas for each pool shall be distributed directly among other journalists wishing to participate.

Information about quotas for separate pools shall be announced by representatives of the Organizing Committee at the International Press Center.

**TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING OPERATIONS**

An Electronic Media International Center (hereinafter the International Broadcast Center – IBC), which is located in the Manezh building, is set up within the framework of coverage of the events dedicated to the celebrations for the 65th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II).

The hardware system complex servicing the international TV program, video recording and editing is set at the IBC.

The International TV program consists of live broadcast signals and video recordings of the main events of the celebrations.

Working booths for electronic media are available to media representatives on request (Applications will be accepted until April 20, 2010). Radio booths have acoustic lining, while TV booths do not.

Each TV booth (dimensions 2.5x3 m) has a locking door and is equipped with:

- two desks (1.2x0.75 m), three armchairs (chairs) and one waste basket;
- local light source with three SPOT lamps;
- 220V electrical supply with overall power up to 3 kVA (4 electrical grounded outlets);
- one urban telephone line with RJ11 socket and both domestic long distance and international calling capability;
- analog telephone with tone dialing;
- one urban ISDN line (EURO ISDN, S/T interface) with RJ45 socket;
- two LAN ports (socket RJ45) to ensure high speed Internet access;
- one BNC connector video cable for receiving international signals;
- two audio XLR male connector cables for receiving international signals;
- one video cable for high frequency TV signal broadcasting of the information program on a TV set;
- one LCD TV set for displaying the information program.
TV AND RADIO BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

While ordering a working booth, it is necessary to indicate the format of the A/V signal that needs to be transmitted into the working booth.

Available video signal formats include:
- SDI 625/50 16:9 or 4:3 with embedded audio;
- SDI 625/ 50 16:9 или 4:3 with two analog sounds;
- Composite PAL 625/50 4:3 with two analog sounds.

Every radio booth (dimensions of no less than 2x2 m) has acoustic lining and is equipped with:
- two desks (1.6x0.8 m), two chairs, a desk lamp and one waste basket;
- four 220V electrical supplies with overall power up to 3 kVA (4 electrical grounded outlets);
- two urban telephone lines with RJ11 socket with both domestic long distance and international calling capability;
- analog telephone with tone dialing;
- two urban ISDN lines (EURO ISDN, S/T interface) (one back-up);
- two LAN ports (socket RJ45) to ensure high speed Internet access;
- one BNC connector video cable for receiving international signals;
- two audio XLR male connector cables for receiving international signals;
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- one LCD TV set for displaying the information program.

Places for stand-up positions will be set up and equipped with:
- electrical sockets for connecting technical and lighting equipment;
- connecting lines for signal broadcasting and four-wire communication channel setup.
PRESS WRITERS

The International Press Center provides printed media representatives with 476 separate workplaces, each of which is equipped with:

- a telephone line with long distance and international calling capability and an analog telephone with tone dialing;
- a LAN port and Internet access (socket RJ45);
- electrical grounded outlets (220V, euronorm);
- a desk lamp.

350 of the workplaces are equipped with personal computers.

The area for representatives of the print media is equipped with 15 high-duty network-based printers, 10 copying machines and 15 fax machines.

OFFICIAL PRESS

Upon arriving in Moscow, the personal cameramen and photographers of the Heads of states and governments, as well as representatives of international organizations, will be issued special accreditation badges. These differ from the badges received by other accredited journalists. Such badges will give an individual the right to shoot video or take pictures of events attended by the state leaders or heads of international organizations.

However, such badges do not award members of the official press the right to travel in motorcades. To arrive at the necessary location in time, all personal cameramen and photographers should come to Manezh International Press Center in advance and pass the security check.
TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA

“Aeroexpresses”

Those mass media representatives who will arrive in Moscow on May 7-8, 2010 by regularly-scheduled flights can take the Aeroexpress trains, which run according to the following routes:

- Vnukovo airport – Kievskiy railway station;
- Sheremetyevo airport – Beloruskiy railway station;
- Domodedovo airport – Paveletskiy railway station.

The timetable and ticket price are available at www.aeroexpress.ru

Those mass media representatives who will leave Moscow on May 9-10, 2010 are also welcome to take Aeroexpress trains to travel to the Vnukovo, Sheremetyevo and Domodedovo airports.

Shuttle buses: “Railway station – Hotel” traffic route

For those journalists, who plan on taking the Aeroexpress trains to the Kievskiy, Beloruskiy and Paveletskiy railway stations on May 7-8, they can reach the «Crowne Plaza Moscow World Trade Center» Hotel (at 12 Krasnopresnenskaya naberezhnaya) by taking a free shuttle bus. The traffic interval for shuttles is 1 hour.

The shuttle buses stop is located next to the Aeroexpress platforms exit. The timetable for shuttle buses will be available on the website and it will also be distributed at the hotel and at the International Press Center.

Shuttle bus transportation from the «Crowne Plaza» hotel to the Kievskiy, Beloruskiy and Paveletskiy railway stations will be organized from 02:00 PM on May 9 until 01:00 PM on May 10.

WEBSITE

All of the required information that may be helpful to mass media representatives throughout the celebration can be found on the official website for mass media coverage of the 65th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) at www.may9.ru.

Information on the website is presented in four languages: Russian, English, French and German.

For the period of May 8-10, live broadcast of the festivities and events of the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) will be provided through the website www.may9.ru

Free access to photos from all celebrations on May 8-10, as well as photos from the drill parade ceremonials and military machinery will be organized for representatives of all mass media organizations on the website.

High-resolution photos in JPEG format will be available in the ‘Photo’ section in real-time mode.

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Shuttle buses: “Hotel - International Press Center” traffic route

On May 7-10, 2010, those journalists staying at the «Crowne Plaza Moscow World Trade Center» Hotel will be transported to the International Press Center (Manezh Central Exhibition Center at 1 Manezh Square) by free shuttle buses. The timetable for the shuttle buses will be available on the website and it will also be distributed at the hotel and at the International Press Center.

Transportation During Events

After receiving the pool cards and in accordance with the schedule of events, mass media representatives will be transported in an orderly manner from the International Press Center to the place of the events by special buses. The timetable of the pool transportation will be available at the Press Center.

For the period May 7-8, 2010, the shuttle bus connection will be organized from the Accreditation Center (at Entrance # 7, 14 Ilyinka Street) to the Press Center for those journalists who have received accreditation badges. The bus stop is located near the exit from the “Kitay-gorod” metro station (at 23 Kitaygorodskaya Square).

SECURITY

Special security measures will be taken to ensure the security of both participants and guests attending the celebrations of the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II), as well as members of mass media covering the celebrations.

When entering the International Press Center, all journalists will be subject to a check by security service staff. Moreover, before leaving for events, those journalists included in the pools should undergo additional checks at pool assembly points.

Journalists are prohibited from going to the program venues independently. Any journalists arriving independently will not be permitted to participate in a pool’s work.
“CROWNE PLAZA MOSCOW WORLD TRADE CENTRE”
ACCOMMODATION

Address: Access way No1, 12 Krasnopresnenskaya Naberezhnaya (Embankment), Moscow

Route from “Street of 1905” metro station:
Go down the Ulitsa 1905 Goda Street in the direction of the Krasnopresnenskaya Naberezhnaya (Krasnopresnenskaya Embankment) for about 1 km. From the right side of the embankment, you will see the building of the International Trade Center and the Hotel “Crowne Plaza Moscow World Trade Center”.

Hotel phone: +7 (495) 258-22-22, 258-21-19
Hotel fax: +7 (495) 258-23-23

Should you have any questions about accommodation occur, please call:
+7 (925) 080-28-37.

Additional paid services in the Hotel:
• breakfast «buffet service» – RUR 1,200 (including VAT)
• visiting the fitness center – RUR 1,500 per person (swimming pool, gym, and sauna). Open from 7:30 AM to 11:00 PM.
• Wi-Fi cards can be bought at the reception or from the Service bureau (first floor of the hotel).

The restaurants are open, as follows:
• Real Food Restaurant – ground floor (breakfasts, lunches, dinners) from 6:30 AM to 11:00 PM
• Plaza Garden – ground floor from 10:30 AM to 11:00 PM
• Bar 24 – 24 hours a day
Moscow Kremlin

**Metro stations:** Borovitskaya, Biblioteka imeni Lenina, Aleksandrovskiy sad, Arbatskaya, Teatralnaya, Ploschad Revolyutsii, Okhotniy Ryad.

**Open days and hours:** The Moscow Kremlin’s territory and museums open daily, except Thursdays, from 10 AM to 5 PM. The Armoury Chamber has seances at 10 AM, 12 PM, 2:30 PM, and 4:30 PM.

**Ticket offices** are open daily, except Thursdays, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve «The Moscow Kremlin» is one of the largest architectural complexes in the world. On the museum’s territory one can find historical and architectural monuments built during the period from the late 15th to the 20th century. Historically, the Moscow Kremlin has always been used as the main residence of the country’s heads. Today, the Kremlin also serves as the residence of the Russian president.

Red Square

**Metro stations:** Biblioteka imeni Lenina, Aleksandrovsky Sad, Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya

Red Square and the Moscow Kremlin are renowned throughout the world. It is seen as the heart of Russia, its symbol and its «visiting card». The square is 150 by 400 meters in size. In the second half of the 19th century, a marketplace used to be situated at the main gates of the Kremlin fortress. Around the 16th century, a circular stone platform called ‘Lobnoye Mesto’ was built on the square. Today, Red Square is a popular site for organized celebrations, parades and concerts.

Moscow sights

The Cathedral of Christ the Savior

**Metro station:** Kropotkinskaya
**Address:** 15 Volkhonka Street
**Tel.:** +7 (495) 697-38-23

The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour is a Church located on the bank of the Moskva River, a few blocks west of the Kremlin. It is the tallest Eastern Orthodox church in the country. On December 5, 1931, on the basis of an order given by Stalin’s minister Kaganovich, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour was blown up with dynamite and reduced to rubble. It took more than a year to clear the debris from the site. In February 1990, the Russian Orthodox Church received permission from the Soviet government to rebuild the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. The restoration specialist Aleksey Denisov was requested to design a near-exact replica of the original church located on this site. This church served as the venue when the last Russian Tsar and his family were glorified as saints in 2000.

The Bolshoi Theater

**Metro station:** Teatralnaya, Okhotny Ryad.
**Address:** 2 Teatralnaya Square
**Tel.:** +7 (495) 250-73-17
**Ticket office:** Open daily 11 AM to 7 PM (lunch break 2 PM-3 PM).

The Bolshoi Theatre is a world-famous center with respect to both Russian and world musical culture. The classical architecture of the theater building finely blends with its classical repertoire, which is constantly acclaimed by theater-goers. This represents one of the largest theatre venues in all of Europe.
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Donskoy Monastery

**Metro station:** Shabolovskaya  
**Address:** 1 Donskaya Square

The Donskoy Monastery is a major Russian Orthodox men’s monastery in Moscow. It was founded in 1591 in commemoration of Moscow’s deliverance from the imminent threat of invasion by the Crimean Khan Kazy-Girey. The monastery was intended to defend the southern pathway to the Moscow Kremlin. A new necropolis was inaugurated in the 20th century outside of the monastery walls. Sergey Muromtsev was among the first notables to be interred there. After the Revolution, scores of Soviet soldiers, who were killed during the Battle of Moscow, and people executed by NKVD were secretly buried there as well. The former church of St. Seraphim, situated at this cemetery, was reconstructed to become the first crematorium in Moscow in 1927. Since 1991, the Monastery has been run by the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Memorial Complex on Poklonnaya Hill

**Metro station:** Park Pobedy  
**Address:** 7 Bratyev Fonchenko Street

The memorial park covers a total area of 135 hectares. It was established in honor of the victory in the Great Patriotic War (World War II) of 1941-1945. Also located on the park’s territory are the Central Museum of the Great Patriotic War, the Victory Monument, the Church of St. George the Victorious, the Memorial Mosque, and the Memorial Synagogue.

Moscow Circus on Tsvetnoy Bulvar

**Metro station:** Tsvetnoy Bulvar  
**Address:** 13 Tsvetnoy Bulvar  
**Tel.:** +7 (495) 694-06-68  
**Ticket office:** 11 AM – 2 PM, 3 PM – 7 PM.

The Moscow Circus on Tsvetnoy Bulvar is one of the oldest circuses in all of Russia. The circus building was erected in 1880. In the 1990s, the building was reconstructed, at which time it was equipped with modern technical means and its interior took on an original design. The building has a seating capacity of 2,000 persons. The circus troupe has gained popularity internationally due to the skill of its trapeze artists, animal trainers and clowns.

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Moscow International House of Music

**Metro station:** Paveletskaya  
**Address:** 52-8 Kosmodamianskaya embankment  
**Tel.:** +7 (495) 730-10-11  
**Ticket office:** Daily 11 AM – 8 PM

The House of Music is situated right in the heart of the city and is the main feature among a large group of buildings of architectural importance along the Kosmodamianskaya embankment of the Moskva River. A fine gift to the city was the opening in 2002 of the Moscow International House of Music in which such world-renowned musicians as Kent Nagano, Luciano Pavarotti, Vladimir Spivakov, Valery Gergiev, Yuri Bashmet and others perform now. In 2004, one of the halls of House of Music was equipped with a unique concert organ, the technical and audio parameters are unparalleled in Russia.
Moscow State Conservatory named after Tchaikovsky

**Metro station:** Arbatskaya  
**Address:** 13 Bolshaya Nikitskaya Street  
**Tel.:** +7 (495) 629-94-01, (495) 629-74-12, (495) 629-81-83

The Moscow Conservatory was founded in 1866 by the great Russian pianist Nikolai Rubinstein. At present, the conservatory features concert halls of the highest quality, both from the viewpoints of architectural and acoustics, for symphonic, organ, choral and chamber music performances.

Moscow State University

**Metro stations:** Universitet, Vorobyovy gory  
**Address:** 1 Vorobyovy gory

The building of the Moscow State University named after Lomonosov was constructed between 1949 and 1953. Today, it represents Russia’s most significant institution of higher education. The structure itself is considered to be one of the most beautiful and majestic buildings of Moscow and the best work ever achieved by architect Lev Rudnev. According to the architect’s plan, the main building of the university makes an integral part of an “architectural crown” of Moscow, which is formed by the seven high-rise buildings surrounding the center of Moscow within very close proximity to it.

Moscow Zoo

**Metro stations:** Krasnopresnenskaya, Barrikadnaya  
**Address:** 1 Bolshaya Gruzinskaya Street  
**Tel.:** +7 (499) 252-35-80, (499) 255-53-75, (499) 255-60-34  
**Ticket office:** Daily, except Monday. 10 AM – 8 PM in summer; 10 AM - 5:00 PM in winter.

The Moscow Zoo is the oldest and the largest zoo in Russia. It was founded in 1864 and is situated in the historical center of Moscow. At present, the zoo’s collection includes 6,094 animals representing 1,001 separate species.

Novodevichy (New Maiden) Convent

**Metro station:** Sportivnaya  
**Address:** 1 Novodevichiy proezd

The Novodevichi Convent has been included on the UNESCO’s World Cultural Heritage List. In August 2006, the Novodevichi Convent marked 482 years since its foundation. It is one of the oldest and most beautiful cloisters in Russia. The monastery’s museum houses about 12,000 unique exhibition pieces. The core feature of the museum is a collection of Old Russian paintings, cloths dating from the 15th– 20th centuries, articles made of precious metals and stones, documents from the monastery’s archives, and a collection of handwritten manuscripts and early printed books.
Moscow Sights

**Ostankino**

**Metro stations:** VDNK

**Address:** 15 Akademika Koroleva Street

The Ostankino Television Tower was constructed between 1960 and 1967 according to the plans of engineer and designer Nikolai Nikitin. The weight of its foundation is 55,000 tonnes and the permissible deviation of its top, subject to wind, is 11.65 meters. The tower boasts a height of 540 meters, which is 300 meters higher than the central building of Moscow State University and 215 metres higher than the renowned Eiffel Tower in Paris.

**Triumphal Arch**

**Metro station:** Park Pobedy

**Address:** Victory Square (Park Pobedy)

This Arch was erected by architect Osip Bove in 1826-1828 in commemoration of the Russian Army’s victory over Napoleon in the Patriotic war of 1812. The Triumphal Arch is an integral part of the architectural collection of structures that comprises the Memorial Complex on Poklonnaya Hill situated on Moscow’s Kutuzovsky Prospekt.

**Vorobyov Gory (Sparrow Hills)**

**Metro stations:** Universitet, Vorobyovy gory

Vorobyovy Gory is a steep hill located on the right bank of the Moskva River in the south-western part of Moscow. The height of the river bank is 60-70 meters above the river level. The origin of the hill’s name is connected with the village of Vorobyovo, which used to exist here in the middle ages. During the period between 1949 and 1953, the complex of buildings forming Moscow State University was constructed on Vorobyovy Gory, including an observation platform, which boasts a majestic view overlooking Moscow. On Vorobyovy Gory, there is also a ski jump and an illuminated alpine ski slope featuring a ski lift. The hillside is also used as a place for mountain bike and motor sport competitions.

**All-Russian Exhibition Centre**

**Metro station:** VDNKh

**Hours of operation:** Territory from 08.00 AM - 7.00 PM. Exhibition Center pavilions 7 days a week from 10.00 AM - 07.00 PM

The All-Russian Exhibition Center was, until perhaps recently, the largest and one of the most visited exhibition complexes in the country. The total area of the All-Russian Exhibition Center amounts to 2,375 thousand square meters. The Center’s territory (136 hectares) is a popular place for recreation among Muscovites and visitors to the capital. Its museum exhibitions retain their popularity today, despite this changing age of information technology and online museum exhibitions.
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The Main Botanical Garden of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Metro stations: Vladykino, VDNKh
Address: 4 Botanicheskaya Street
Hours of operation: Operates daily except Monday and Thursday. 10.00 AM - 04.00 PM in winter, in summer 10.00 AM - 08.00 PM in summer.

The Main Botanical Garden of the Russian Academy of Sciences is the largest botanical garden in Europe. This is a unique place, which contains one of the world’s richest collections of plants, representing flora of almost all continents and all climatic zones of the globe. The garden was founded on April 14th, 1945. At present, the garden’s collection’s live exhibition pieces include 8,220 species and 8,110 forms and kinds of plants.

Apothecary Garden (of the Moscow State University’s Botanical Garden)

Metro station: Prospect Mira (circle line exit)
Address: 26 Prospect Mira
Tel.: +7 (495) 680-58-80, 680-72-22
Hours of operation: Daily 10 AM - 7:00 PM.

The Botanical Garden of Moscow State University is the oldest Russian establishment of its kind that still exists on its original site. It was founded by Peter the Great in 1706 as an Apothecary where medicinal plants were grown and studied by students of the Medical School. It was transformed into a proper botanical garden in 1805. The park features approximately 200 types of shrubs and trees, some of which are 300 years old. The Garden’s orangery contains a large collection of tropical and subtropical plants.