**A DAZZLING HERB GARDEN AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

Nearly 200 members of more than 50 plant families are on display in the Melius-EGSC Medicinal Plant Garden of the Pharmacognosy Institution at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Pécs.

The main purpose of the garden is to provide fresh and dried plant material for the education of pharmacy students. The students can study the botanical characteristics of medicinal plant species in the Pharmacobotany course; as well as their use as drugs, laying the foundation for drug knowledge in the Pharmacognosy course. The garden also serves research purposes.

When the garden was created, it presented a few indigenous species of medicinal plants cultivated in the country and, among the wild species, mainly from Mecsek, on an area of 30 m2. A Mediterranean garden with the most important herbs was also created.

In March 2009, the garden was extended by 100 m2 according to the plans of landscape architect Adrienn Deák. In 2010, the area was supplemented with a rock garden and experimental plots, and in 2016 a new taxonomic division and rock garden stairs were completed.