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# PROGRAMME

## Day 1 – Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

- 9:00 – 10:00      Participants registration and posters posting
- 10:00 – 10:15      Opening ceremony
- 10:15 – 11:00      István Zupkó  
University of Szeged  
**PL1: Cancer metastasis: methodological challenges and pharmacological possibilities**  
FEBS3+ Lecture
- 11:00 – 12:15      Poster Session 1 & Coffee Break
- 12:15 – 12:45      Andrej Veljković  
University of Niš - Faculty of Medicine  
**IL1: Mechanisms of oxidative stress and antioxidant protection in carcinogenesis**
- 12:45 – 13:00      Marija Maksimović  
MDPI - Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute  
**SL1: Open Access publishing: Trends and perspectives**
- 13:00 – 13:15      Yaraslau Dzichenka  
Insitute of Bioorganic Chemistry of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus  
**OP1: Novel promising fluorescent ligands of human CYP17A1**

- 13:15 – 13:30 Dragana Pap  
Students Health Protection Institute Novi Sad  
**OP2: Antioxidant defense, obesity, type 2 diabetes in students**
- 13:30 – 13:45 Tamara Antonić  
Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade  
**OP3: HDL functionality in women with preeclampsia**
- 13:45 – 14:00 Mirjana Radomirović  
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Chemistry  
**OP4: Development and comparison of Western blot, dot blot and ELISA for mussels tropomyosin quantification**
- 14:00 – 15:00 Cocktail / Lunch break
- 15:00 – 15:30 Roman Jerala  
National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia  
**IL2: Coiled-coil modules for designed protein folds and cellular logic circuits**
- 15:30 – 16:00 Jelena Danilović Luković  
University of Belgrade - Institute for the Application of Nuclear Energy  
**IL3: Extracellular vesicles in a maze of glycomic complexity**
- 16:00 – 23:00 Social events (guided tour and Conference dinner)

## Day 2 – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

- 9:00 – 10:00      Participants registration and posters posting
- 10:00 – 10:45      Brankica Janković  
University of Zurich  
**PL2: Design of proteins whose structure and function can be controlled by light**  
Diaspora Lecture
- 10:45 – 12:00      Poster Session 2 & Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 12:30      Sonja Milić Komić  
University of Belgrade - Institute for Multidisciplinary Research  
**IL4: Late Embryogenesis abundant proteins: Structural characterization and interaction with  $\alpha$ -synuclein**
- 12:30 – 13:00      Miloš Matić  
University of Kragujevac - Faculty of Science  
**IL5: The role of interleukin-6 in placenta and possible pregnancy risks in patients with COVID-19**
- 13:00 – 13:15      Aleksandra Milenković  
University of Niš, Faculty of Technology, Leskovac  
**OP5: Chemical composition and antioxidant activity of Frankincense essential oil**
- 13:15 – 13:30      Filip Štrbac  
Faculty of Agriculture, University of Novi Sad  
**OP6: Chemical composition of sage (*Salvia officinalis* L.) essential oil and its anthelmintic properties against sheep gastrointestinal nematodes**

- 13:30 – 13:45      Dragica Mićanović  
Institute for Biological Research "Siniša Stanković, University of Belgrade  
**OP7: Effects of chokeberry fruit water extract on immune system in mouse models of infection and melanoma**
- 13:45 – 14:45      Cocktail / Lunch break
- 14:45 – 15:15      Miron Sopić  
University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy  
**IL6: Change of transcriptomic signature in subcutaneous adipose tissue induced by weight loss**
- 15:15 – 15:45      Dejan Orčić  
University of Novi Sad - Faculty of Sciences  
**IL7: Phytochemical and biochemical studies of wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)**
- 15:45 – 16:00      Poster and oral presentation awards and closing ceremony

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# Effects of chokeberry fruit water extract on immune system in mouse models of infection and melanoma

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Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) fruit extracts (CE) are rich in polyphenols and usually exhibit cardioprotective, anti-viral and anti-bacterial properties<sup>1</sup>. Our aim was to investigate the effects of CE on the immune response *in vivo* and *in vitro*, which have been only sporadically assessed. CE, administered orally to healthy mice, exerted immunomodulatory effects in the gut, evidenced by the altered proportion of macrophages (Mφ), dendritic cells (DC) and T cells. CE-pretreated BALB/c mice readily eradicated orally ingested *Listeria monocytogenes* due to higher proportions of Mφ and CD8 T cells both in the gut and spleen. Additionally, phagocytosis, ROS production and the proportions of activated Mφ and DC, as well as perforin<sup>+</sup> cells were enhanced in CE-pretreated infected mice. Also, CE pretreatment of C57BL/6 mice inoculated with B16 cells delayed melanoma appearance and increased infiltration of immune cells in the tumor microenvironment (TME). The TME of CE-treated mice contained more IFN-γ<sup>+</sup> cells and a less of tumor-promoting CCR5<sup>+</sup> MDSC. *In vitro*, CE displayed no direct cytotoxicity to B16 cells. Splenocytes isolated from CE-treated animals exerted strong cytotoxic effect on B16 cells and this effect was diminished by neutralization of IFN-γ. In conclusion, the CE exhibits strong immunomodulatory properties and should be consumed with care.

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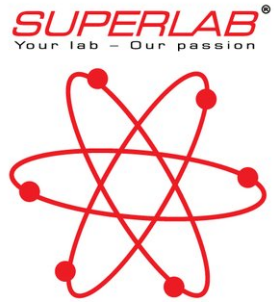


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