

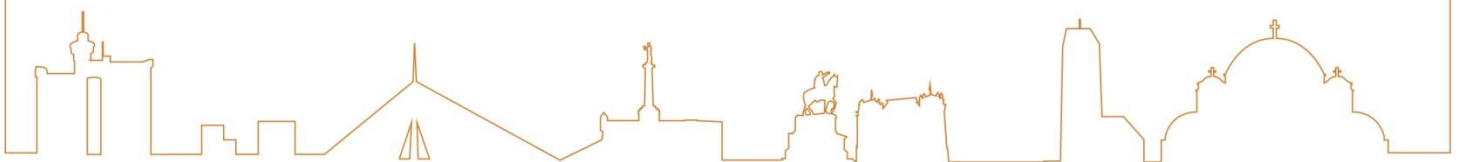
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Drage kolege,

Srpsko društvo za molekularnu biologiju (MoBioS) želi vam dobrodošlicu na Prvi kongres molekularnih biologa Srbije (CoMBoS). Program kongresa uključuje širok spektar fascinantan tema iz molekularne biologije i srodnih oblasti i posvećen je stimulisanju radoznalosti, komunikacije i saradnje, posebno među mladim istraživačima. Nadamo se da će CoMBoS doprineti ostvarenju našeg cilja da molekularnim biologima i naučnicima iz

srodnih oblasti pružimo priliku da razmene ideje i budu inspirisani intrigantnim predavanjima renomiranih naučnika i priznatih eksperata iz 24 zemalje (Austrije, Bosne i Herecegovine, Crne Gore, Danske, Francuske, Grčke, Holandije, Hrvatske, Irske, Italije, Kanade, Makedonije, Nemačke, Poljske, Rumunije, Rusije, Sjedinjenih Američkih Država, Slovenije, Španije, Švajcarske, Švedske, Turske, Velike Britanije i Srbije).



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Dear colleagues,

The Serbian Society for Molecular Biology (MoBioS) warmly welcomes you to Belgrade, Serbia, for the First Congress of Molecular Biologists of Serbia with international participation (CoMBoS). The programme covers a wide spectrum of fascinating contemporary topics in molecular biology and related fields, and is dedicated to fostering curiosity, communication and collaboration, especially among young researchers. We hope that CoMBoS will contribute in fulfilling our aim of creating an opportunity for molecular biologists and related scientists to exchange ideas and get inspired by state-of-the-art lectures of prominent scientists and acknowledged experts from 24 countries (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA and Serbia).

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MolBioS is committed to preserving the memory of the great Serbian scientists who paved the way for the fruitful research and education in molecular biology in Serbia. Hence, the first CoMBoS is devoted to Academician Dušan Kanazir (1921-2010), an eminent scientist who played an essential role in the foundation of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the study program Molecular Biology and Physiology at the Faculty of Science, University of Belgrade, in 1972. This study quickly became attractive and acquired distinction, and has served as an incubator for many talented scientists who conduct cutting edge research in modern biology, confirming the efforts of this great visionary. In Memoriam to Academician Dušan Kanazir, warmly written by Prof. Ljubiša Topisirović and originally published in the Archives of Biological Sciences (2010), is presented in the Special Issue of *Biologia Serbica* dedicated to CoMBoS.

MolBioS Award

The Serbian Society for Molecular Biology (MolBioS) has established its own award in recognition of the achievements of individuals in the field of molecular biology and their contributions to its development and promotion in Serbia. The MolBioS Award is envisioned for an active scientist and will be presented at every subsequent Congress of Molecular Biologists of Serbia, with a closing lecture given by the winner.

The Award Committee, formed by the Steering Committee of the MolBioS unanimously agreed to present the first MolBioS Award to **Dr. Gordana Matić**, the distinguished professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology whose research has focused on steroid biology, with a particular interest in many facets of the glucocorticoid receptor in health and disease. An inspired article about Prof. Gordana Matić, written by her close collaborators Dr. Ana Đorđević and Prof. Goran Brajušković, is presented in the Special Issue of *Biologia Serbica* dedicated to CoMBoS.

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FLOWER COLOR MORPHS OF *Iris pumila* DIFFER IN THE AMOUNT OF HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN 70 AND PIGMENTS WITH ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES

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Introduction: Natural populations of the dwarf bearded iris, *Iris pumila*, are markedly polymorphic for flower color. Selection pressures exerted by a range of abiotic and biotic factors could be involved in maintaining the polymorphism. Here we quantified the amount of the Hsp70 and the two groups of pigments with antioxidative properties: anthocyanins and carotenoids. These molecules impact abiotic stress tolerance, ultimately influencing the fitness of individual plants.

Methods: A total of fifty genotypes raised in a common-garden and belonging to a corresponding color class (yellow, blue, violet, dark blue and dark violet) were surveyed. One fully developed leaf and a flower from each genotype were analyzed for the Hsp70 amount and pigments concentration.

Results: The Western blot analysis revealed the presence of one isoform for the Hsp70 in leaf and two isoforms in flower organs. In both vegetative and reproductive tissues the amount of Hsp70 was found to be the lowest in yellow colored genotypes compared to other color classes. In violet and blue flowers, the concentration of Hsp70 decreased gradually from light to dark colored variants. Conversely, the concentration of anthocyanins was found to be higher in darker than in the lighter color morphs. An inverse trend was observed for the total carotenoids concentration.

Conclusion: This study revealed that each *I. pumila* color genotype produces a unique amount of Hsp70 and antioxidative pigments in both the vegetative and reproductive plant parts, in order to protect cellular homeostasis under fluctuating temperature conditions prevailing in its population.

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