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PROGRAMME

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Wednesday 17th June, 2015

09:00-14:00 *Registration*

14:00-15:00 *Lunch*

Section I: **Plant Biotechnology**

15:00-15:30 *Opening Ceremony*

15:30-16:00 (Invited talk) **Alain Tissier** Systems biology of a plant cell factory, the tomato glandular trichomes

16:00-16:20 (Invited talk) **Jules Beekwilder** Biotechnological production of plant compounds

16:20-16:40 (Invited talk) **Milen Georgiev** Metabolomics, lead, discovery and plant biotechnology: perfect holistic match?

16:40-17:00 (Invited talk) **Dragana Božić** Exploring the secondary metabolism in trichomes of *Salvia fruticosa* and *Rosmarinus officinalis*: the case of carnolic acid

17:00-17:30 *Coffee break*

17:30-17:45 (Selected talk) **Milica Bogdanović** Problems in detecting activity of fluorescent reporter genes – case of DsRED and GFP

17:45-18:00 (Selected talk) **Stevan Jeknić** Alteration of flower color in *Solanum lycopersicum* through ectopic expression of a gene for capsanthin-capsorubin synthase from *Lilium lancifolium*

18:00-18:15 (Selected talk) **Miloš Prokopjević** Characterization of soybean hull peroxidase immobilized on glycidyl methacrylate copolymers

18:30-19:30 *Poster session: Plant Biotechnology*

20:00-21:00 *Dinner*

21:00- *Wine tasting*

Wednesday 17th June, 2015

08:00-09:00 *Breakfast*

Section II: **Plant Growth, Development, Metabolism and Nutrition**

09:00-09:30 (Invited talk) **James Giovannoni** Harnessing genetic diversity to better understand regulation of tomato fruit ripening and nutritional quality

09:30-09:50 (Invited talk) **Christian Fankhauser** Photosensory receptor-mediated growth responses in Arabidopsis

09:50-10:10 (Invited talk) **David Honys** Male germline development: lesson from the -omics

10:10-10:30 (Invited talk) **Dragan Vinterhalter** Acid growth theory, auxin and potato phototropism

10:30-10:50 (Invited talk) **Bojana Banović** How to avoid self-fertilization in plants- a buckwheat story

10:50-11:20 *Coffee break*

11:20-11:50	(Invited talk) Hrvoje Fulgosi	Revisiting alternative electron partitioning pathways in photosynthesis
11:50-12:10	(Invited talk) Miroslav Nikolić	The rhizosphere: perspective and challenges for plant nutrition
12:10-12:30	(Invited talk) Jelena Samardžić	Silicon alleviates oxidative stress in cucumber plants grown under copper excess
12:30-12:45	(Selected talk) Lidija Begović	Lignin deposition and synthesis in the internodes during barley (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.) development
12:45-13:00	(Selected talk) Milan Dragičević	DUF1070 is a conserved signature domain of some arabinogalactan peptides
13:00-13:15	(Selected talk) Jan Fíla	Phosphoproteomics profiling of tobacco mature pollen and pollen activated <i>in vitro</i>
13:15-13:30	(Selected talk) Václav Motyka	New findings about the role of <i>cis</i> -zeatin-type cytokinins in plant physiology and evolution
14:00-15:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Section III: Plant and Fungal Natural Products in Human Nutrition and Medicine

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15:30-15:50	(Invited talk) Nataša Simin	Wild-growing <i>Allium</i> species (sect. <i>Codonoprasum</i>) as promising sources of novel herbal drugs
15:50-16:10	(Invited talk) Marina Soković	Alternative sources of natural products: mystery of mushrooms and beyond
16:10-16:25	(Selected talk) Miloš Đorđević	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i> extract improves redox-status and antioxidant enzyme activity of STZ-treated pancreatic β -cells and diabetic rat liver and kidney
16:25-16:40	(Selected talk) Bojan Jevtić	Effects of cucumber extracts on cytokine production in encephalitogenic cells
16:40-16:55	(Selected talk) Filis Morina	Quercetin 7-O-glucoside inhibits the formation of dinitrosocatechins and their quinones in catechin/nitrite systems under stomach simulating conditions
16:55-17:10	(Selected talk) Milica Pešić	Development of natural product drugs in a sustainable manner
17:10-17:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Section IV: Phytochemistry

17:30-18:00	(Invited talk) Roque Bru Martínez	Early and late molecular mechanisms involved in the biosynthesis and accumulation of stilbenoids in elicited grapevine cell cultures established from berries
18:00-18:20	(Invited talk) Sokol Abazi	Chemical analysis of secondary metabolites isolated from endemic Albanian plants with subcritical CO ₂
18:20-18:40	(Invited talk) Vuk Maksimović	Composition and therapeutic values of berry wines - bitter truth about sweet product
18:40-19:00	(Invited talk) Maja Natić	Phenolic profiles of wild fruits grown in Serbia
19:00-19:15	(Selected talk) Dorisa Cela	NMR structure elucidation of a new alkaloid isolated from <i>Gymnospermium maloi</i>
19:15-19:30	(Selected talk) Đura Nakarada	Thapsic acid, a rarely found natural product among bryophyte species
19:30-20:30	Poster sessions: <i>Plant Growth, Development, Metabolism and Nutrition; Plant and Fungal Natural Products in Human Nutrition and Medicine; Phytochemistry</i>	

20:30-21:00	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00-21:30	<i>Presentation of Petnica Science Center</i>
21:30-22:30	<i>Tour around Petnica Science Center</i>

Friday 19th June, 2015

08:00-09:00 *Breakfast*

Section V: Biodiversity and Conservation

09:00-09:30	(Invited talk) Goran Anačkov	Phenotypic plasticity or new taxa?
09:30-09:50	(Invited talk) Jelena Aleksić	What does Balkan Peninsula has to offer to conservation biologists?
09:50-10:10	(Invited talk) Maja Lazarević	Plant diversity drivers in the Balkans: ploidization, hybridization and cryptic speciation
10:10-10:25	(Selected talk) Zora Dajić Stevanović	Conservation of floristic and vegetation diversity in Southeast Europe: sustainable use and ecosystem services approach
10:25-10:40	(Selected talk) Mihailo Jelić	Assessment of genetic integrity and diversity of <i>Populus nigra</i> in protected areas along the Danube River
10:40-10:55	(Selected talk) Marko Sabovljević	Conservation biology of European bryophytes
11:10-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Section VI: Evolutionary Plant Biology

11:30-12:00	(Invited talk) Petr Smýkal	Past legume crop domestication and agriculture of tomorrow
12:00-12:20	(Invited talk) Stevan Avramov	Comparative approach in evolutionary ecology of plants
12:20-12:40	(Invited talk) Yuval Sapir	Population divergence and speciation within a species: ecology and the Royal Irises
12:40-12:55	(Selected talk) Aleksej Tarasjev	Population scale multi-year monitoring of <i>Iris pumila</i> in Deliblato Sand: flowering phenology
12:55-13:10	(Selected talk) Vukica Vujić	Light induces variation in size and shape of <i>Iris pumila</i> flower parts in two natural habitats
13:10-13:25	(Selected talk) Sanja Manitašević Jovanović	How do <i>Iris pumila</i> plants respond to photo-oxidative stress in the wild: the variation of leaf functional traits?
13:30-13:45	<i>Group photo</i>	
14:00-15:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Section VII: Molecular mechanisms underlying health compounds biosynthesis in fruits (COST ACTION FA1106)

115:00-15:40	(Invited talk) Angelos Kanellis	Introduction to Session Genetic improvement of fruits and vegetables for health
15:40-16:10	(Invited talk) Mondher Bouzayen	Cross-talk between multiple hormone signaling pathways associated with the ripening of tomato fruit
16:10-16:40	(Invited talk) Julia T Vrebalov	The role of transcription factors in regulation of tomato fruit ripening and quality

16:40-17:10	(Invited talk) Cathie Martin	Engineering the production of health-promoting metabolites in tomato for studies of comparative nutrition
17:10-17:40	(Invited talk) Giovanni Giuliano	Tomato fruit carotenoid biosynthesis: regulation and evolutionary aspects
17:40-18:10	(Invited talk) Panagiotis Kalaitzis	Suppression of a tomato prollyl 4 hydroxylase results in multiple alterations on fruit development, ripening and health components
18:10-18:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
18:30-19:30	Poster sessions: <i>Biodiversity and Conservation; Evolutionary Plant Biology</i>	
21:00-	<i>Gala dinner</i>	

Saturday 20th June

08:00-09:00 *Breakfast*

Section VIII: Abiotic and Biotic Stress and Ecophysiology

09:00-09:30	(Invited talk) Harro Bouwmeester	Strigolactones. Key players in the adaptation of plants to the abiotic environment
09:30-09:50	(Invited talk) Miroslav Lisjak	H ₂ S and NO signalling in plants
09:50-10:10	(Invited talk) Jelena Savić	Essential oils elicit defense genes in potato: Can volatiles released from damaged plants prime defense in their undamaged neighbours?
10:10-10:30	(Invited talk) Živko Jovanović	<i>Alyssum markgrafii</i> as a model organism to study metal hyperaccumulation
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45-11:00	(Selected talk) Dejana Panković	The influence of <i>Trichoderma</i> spp. treatment on water regime, ABA content and gene expression in leaves and roots of tomato in drought conditions
11:00-11:15	(Selected talk) Zorana Katanić	Effect of dynamic changes of vegetative compatibility types in <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> populations on biological control of chestnut blight in Croatia
11:15-11:30	(Selected talk) Nevena Nagl	Effect of <i>in vitro</i> induced water deficit on lipid peroxidation intensity and antioxidant capacity of sugar beet
11:30-11:45	(Selected talk) Marija Vidović	High PAR and UV-B radiation-induced differential responses in green and white leaf sectors of <i>Pelargonium zonale</i> in relation to sugar, antioxidative and phenolic metabolism
12:00-13:00	Poster session: <i>Abiotic and Biotic Stress and Ecophysiology</i>	
13:00-13:30	<i>Closing Ceremony</i>	
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14:30-15:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
16:00-19:30	<i>Excursion (Gradac Canyon and "Čelije" Monastery)</i>	
19:30	<i>Departure</i>	
21:00	<i>Arrival in Belgrade</i>	

VI

Evolutionary
Plant Biology



INVITED TALKS

Past legume crop domestication and agriculture of tomorrow: Tracing pea domestication and using wild relatives to widen diversity.

IT6-1

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Pea belongs to the ancient set of the cultivated plants of the Near East domestication centre and is still an important crop. In pea, explosive pod dehiscence and seed dormancy were probably the greatest barriers to domestication that had to be overcome. The classification of *Pisum* genus has changed over time two currently accepted species, *P. fulvum* Sibth.&Sm. and *P. sativum* L. There are around 98,000 pea accessions world-wide, but only 3% of *ex situ* collections are wild *Pisum*. The set of 150 samples including wild and domesticated peas was subjected to DArT-seq analysis, resulting in 39,000 SNPs per sample. Distance and model-based analysis of genetic distances led to clear separation of *P. fulvum* and wild pea (*P. sativum/elatius*) samples from domesticated gene pool. This study provides the framework for taxonomical species definition, setting up the global *Pisum* germplasm diversity, as well as suggesting a model for the pea domestication. As a result of domestication the genetic basis of the crop has narrowed, making them prone to pests and diseases. To reverse this bottleneck, the incorporation of traits from wild species is desirable. However, the transfer of genes is often accompanied by inevitable genetic drag. To avoid this, the establishment of introgression lines containing molecularly defined chromosome segments from wild species in genetic background of the crop has been applied to make the use of alien genomes more precise and efficient. The results of this approach in pea will be shown and discussed.

Keywords: diversity, domestication, introgression, legumes, pea

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Comparative analysis in plant ecology and evolution

IT6-2

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Some of the most common experimental approaches in studies of plant ecology and evolution include common garden experiments, experimental manipulations, selection experiments, transplant-replant designs as well as comparative approach. Comparative approach involves studies on different taxa which are either related phylogenetically or share similar ecological niches and provide way for addressing questions about common patterns of evolutionary change and testing hypotheses about evolution. Comparative approach is therefore also used in evolutionary ecology and ecological genetic studies of phenotypic plasticity. Plasticity represents the ability of a single genotype to produce different phenotypes under different environmental conditions and can be an important way in which plants can adapt to environmental heterogeneity. Be-

cause plastic traits tend to be highly variable within as well as across species, studies are often conducted at various taxonomic levels - species but also subspecies, populations or ecotypes. This approach allowed our team working on evolutionary ecology and ecological genetics of plants in Department of Evolutionary Biology at the Institute for Biological Research to compare differences in plasticity of species of two genera - *Lamium* and *Iris*. Findings of those studies can be used to demonstrate some advantages of comparative approach in studies of plant ecology and evolution.

Keywords: comparative analysis, *Iris*, *Lamium*, phenotypic plasticity

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Population divergence and speciation within a species: ecology and the Royal Irises

IT6-3

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Speciation is a continuous and a dynamic process, which can be represented by different magnitudes of reproductive isolation among groups in different levels of divergence. Local adaptation, as well as reduced gene-flow and stochastic fixation of alleles may lead to divergence of populations, which will be expressed in partial reproductive isolation among populations along spatial scale. Because new species arise from populations formerly belonging to the same species, studying intraspecific partial reproductive isolation facilitates identifying the mechanism underlying speciation, whether adaptive divergence or random process. We used the Royal Irises (*Iris* section *Oncocyclus*) to partition the relative role of isolation by ecology, accounts for divergence via local adaptation, and isolation by distance, accounts for reduced gene-flow and stochastic divergence. The Royal Irises species complex has been proposed to be in the course of speciation, due to the lack of reproductive barriers among species and morphological and genetic continuums along environmental gradients. We crossed plants from populations of *Iris atropurpurea* and measured post-zygotic reproductive success, using both reproductive isolation index and Aster model for non-independent life history stages. Using ecological factors that are putatively associated with local adaptation, we found an increase in reproductive isolation with spatial distance, but only at the stage of fruit-set. Ecological differentiation revealed linear reduction of offspring fitness with increased ecological distance. These results provide evidence for the dominance of isolation by ecology over spatial distance in shaping the divergence landscape of *I. atropurpurea*.

Keywords: adaptive divergence, plant evolution, partial reproductive isolation, speciation within species