

The Sixth Croatian Botanical Symposium, held in Zagreb, Croatia (August 30–September 1, 2019)

The Sixth Croatian Botanical Symposium, organized by the Croatian Botanical Society, was held in the Esplanade Hotel in Zagreb, Croatia, from 30th August to 1st September 2019. The program included 26 oral and 40 poster presentations, with the total number of authors being 205. Alongside Croatian authors, scientists from other countries (Austria, Albania, Hungary, Kosovo, Serbia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom) also participated. Abstracts of all presentations are included in the Book of Abstracts which can be found on the symposium web-page. Our invited plenary speakers were Professor Marko Sabovljević from Belgrade (Serbia) and Drs. Sanja Kovačić, Ivana Rešetnik, Jadranka Stojanovski and Dunja Šamec from Zagreb. Oral presentations by the Croatian Phycology Section were organized within the 7th European Phycological Congress led by Professor Zrinka Ljubešić and the Croatian Botanical Society (Zagreb, August 25–30, 2019).

The greatest number of presentations belonged to the fields of taxonomic and plant systematic studies and floristic and vegetational studies. Contributions included floristic mapping, plant recolonization, notes on rare and alien flora and taxa new to science, phylogeography of plant taxa in the Amphi-Adriatic area and the Balkans, vegetation of forests,

dry grasslands, tufa and saltern, archaeobotanical research and themes covered in the disciplines of didactics.

Presentation of the *Flora Croatica* (Vols. 1–3: Vascular Flora of the Republic of Croatia; Vol. 4: The Excursion Flora) by Professor Toni Nikolić, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, and published by Alfa d.d, Zagreb, was also organized. This is a long-awaited opus which, as a complete presentation of Croatian vascular flora, will have a valuable impact on education and both the popular and professional fields of science.

The Symposium was accompanied by several events aimed at addressing the current state and future perspective of the *Flora Croatica Database*. The Round Table *Collections* was also organized to highlight the problems of managing collections and their financing in Croatia and neighbouring countries. Finally, during the Closing Remarks, the focus was on the broad topics of excellence, research, training, skills and mobility.

All participants of the Sixth Croatian Botanical Symposium enjoyed a one-day trip to the Mrežnica River on 1st September 2019.

Professor Nenad Jasprica
Croatian Botanical Society, President



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