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## SPREMNA BESEDA

Ob pregledu dela Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo v letu 2011, želim ne le osvetliti samo delovanje inštituta v tem letu, ampak predvsem poudariti posebne dosežke in smeri delovanja. To se mi zdi pomembno predvsem zato, ker moramo kot že večkrat v preteklosti, poudarjati pomen in poslantvo Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo. Zaradi recesije, ki je predvsem globoko rezala v znanost, izobraževanje in kulturo, se namreč porajajo politično osnovani dvojni prav o smiselnosti obstoja samostojnih javnih raziskovalnih zavodov.

Najprej mi je torej v veliko zadovoljstvo, da je bilo leto 2011 za NIB najbolj uspešno v svojem celotnem 52-letnem obstoju. To velja za vse poglede naše raziskovalne, razvojne, strokovne in pedagoške dejavnosti, predvsem pa za našo finančno uspešnost, ki je bila najboljša do sedaj! Slednja bi nam lahko omogočala širitev ostalih dejavnosti, v kolikor bi ta trend naraščal, žal pa so napovedi za 2012 in vnaprej dokaj zloglasne.

V tem času obetajo še dodatno znižanje možnosti financiranja znanstvenih projektov s strani Javne agencije za raziskovalno dejavnost RS (ARRS), ki je dejansko upadla že preteklo leto. Sledenje smo uspeli kompenzirati s porastom mednarodnih raziskovalnih in drugih vrst pogodb. To kaže na visoko mednarodno priznanje kvalitete naših raziskovalcev na eni strani, a na drugi tudi posluh in vpetost raziskovalcev NIBa v reševanje gospodarskih in predvsem družbenih problemov. Naj poudarim, da je slednje srž poslanstva našega in drugih inštitutov, saj svoje znanstveno delo dejansko prenašajo v stroko in reševanje aktualnih problemov naše države. NIB je tu aktiven in uspešen seveda predvsem na področju

okoljsko naravnih problemov, od naraščajočih potreb smotrnega kmetijstva, kot je npr. problem varne hrane, do okolja, kjer naj omenim problem čistih voda, ohranitev in razvoj obalnega prostora in ne nazadnje tudi problemov klimatskih sprememb, kot jih odraža spremenjena biodiverziteta.

Žal se mnoga druga ministrstva, vključno z Ministrstvom za izobraževanje, znanost, kulturo in šport ne zavedajo ali pa ne prepoznavajo tega pomena javnih raziskovalnih inštitutov in predvsem dejstva, da brez odlične znanosti tudi lastne stroke, ki bi reševala probleme družbe ne bi imeli! Na drugi strani pa se nekaterim dozdeva, da je strokovno delovanje in sledenje naravnih fenomenov, ki jih dolgujemo s svojo zavzanostjo EU, in ki naj bi usmerjalo politiko na teh področjih, nekaj tako samoumenega, da tega ni treba posebej financirati! Pri čemer seveda pozablja, da tega ne počne v zadovoljivi meri niti naše matično ministrstvo.

Naj bo torej ta Uvod kratko in jasno sporočilo našemu Ministrstvu za izobraževanje, znanost, kulturo in šport, Javni agenciji za raziskovalno dejavnost RS in bralcem glasno opozorilo, da s krčenjem javnih sredstev na področju znanosti in razvoja počasi, a zanesljivo režejo vejo, na kateri sedimo vsi! Še več, taka znanstveno raziskovalna politika, če se tako sploh še lahko imenuje, je v popolnem nasprotju s politiko razvitih držav Evrope in EU kot celote, ki v času recesije in finančne krize pospešeno vlagajo v znanost, da čim prej požanje razvojno naravnano gospodarstvo.

Prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek  
Direktorica Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo

## FOREWORD

Looking back at the work carried out by the National Institute of Biology in 2011, let me shed some light on the activities of the Institute and highlight some of its special achievements and lines of action. I find it important due to the fact that the significance and mission of the National Institute of Biology need to be stressed as was the case many a time in the past. Recession has had a deep impact on science, education and culture; consequently, politically biased doubts arise as to whether the existence of independent public research institutes is justified at all.

It is therefore my great pleasure to say that 2011 was the very best year for the NIB in all of its 52 years of existence. It was marked by success in our research, development, professional and pedagogical activities. And most of all, it was a financial success which outranked that of all previous years! It would certainly allow us to expand other activities if this trend persisted. However, the prospects for 2012 and the subsequent years seem quite ominous. The years to come will see further reduction in possibilities of financing scientific projects by the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS), which actually happened already in the past year. We tried to compensate for it by increasing international research and other types of contracts. This is an indicator of high international renown of our researchers on the one hand and of the commitment of NIB's researchers to contribute to the solution to economic and especially social problems on the other. The latter is the core of our mission and of the mission of other institutes, since they transfer their scientific efforts to the professional sphere and to solving topical problems of our country. The NIB plays

an active and successful part in the field of environment related problems, from increasing needs for sustainable agriculture, such as the problem of safe food, to the environment, such as the issues of clean waters, maintenance and development of the littoral area and, last but not least, problems of climatic changes reflected in changed biodiversity.

Unfortunately, many other ministries including the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport are not aware of or do not recognise the importance of public research institutes and especially the fact that without genuine science there would be no sound profession capable of dealing with the problems of society. On the other hand, some individuals are of the opinion

that professional activities and monitoring of natural phenomena - which are part of our commitment to the EU and which should guide the politics in these fields - are something self-evident requiring no special financing! Of course, they forget that even the ministry covering our field fails to do it to a sufficient extent.

Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek  
Director of the National Institute of Biology

## POMEMBNI MEJNIKI V RAZVOJU INŠTITUTA

### 29. april 1960

Sprejet je bil Akt o ustanovitvi Inštituta za biologijo na Oddelku za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani, v prostorih na Aškerčevi 12 v Ljubljani.

### 1969

Ustanovljena je bila Morska biološka postaja, ki je do leta 1980 delovala v prostorih stare družinske vile v Portorožu.

### 1975

Inštitut se je preoblikoval v enovito delovno organizacijo.

### 1980

Morska biološka postaja se je preselila v preurejene prostore tovarne Salvetti na obali pred Piranom.

### 1988

Ljubljanski del inštituta se je preselil v prostore na Karlovški 19 v Ljubljani.

### 25. marec 1994

Sprejet je bil Sklep o ustanovitvi javnega raziskovalnega zavoda Inštitut za biologijo, pod katerega sta se kot ustanovitelja podpisala Vlada RS in Univerza v Ljubljani.

### 1995 - 1998

Ljubljanski del inštituta se je postopoma selil v novo zgradbo Biološkega središča na Večni poti 111 v Ljubljani.

### 17. januar 1998

Inštitut se je preimenoval v Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo ali skrajšano NIB, ki ga je ustanovila Vlada RS.

### 2004 - 2006

Morska biološka postaja se je postopoma selila v novo zgradbo, zgrajeno na mestu stare.

## DOSEDANJI DIREKTORJI

### Prof. dr. Hubert Pehani

(Trebnje, 1.11.1900 - 24.2.1995) je bil prvi direktor Inštituta za biologijo in sicer od ustanovitve 29.4.1960 do leta 1966.

### Prof. dr. Miran Vardjan

(Lož, 1.5.1919 – 15.10.2005) je Inštitut za biologijo vodil od 1966 do 1968.

### Prof. dr. Franc Sušnik

(Prevalje, 28.12.1930 - 12.9.1996) je bil na čelu Inštituta za biologijo Univerze v Ljubljani med letoma 1968 in 1976.

### Prof. dr. Matija Gogala

(Ljubljana, 11.2.1937) je bil direktor Inštituta za biologijo Univerze v Ljubljani od 1976 do 1979.

### Dr. Milan Lovka

(Ljubljana, 12.2.1946) je Inštitut za biologijo vodil od 1979 do 1984.

### Mag. Mitja Grosman

(Ljubljana, 5.1.1951) je Inštitut vodil od leta 1984 do 1988.

### Prof. dr. Andrej Čokl

(Ljubljana, 16.6.1947) je bil direktor Inštituta za biologijo od leta 1988 do 1996.

### Prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek

(Ljubljana, 1.3.1947) vodi inštitut od leta 1996 dalje.

## KEY MILESTONES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTE

### April 29, 1960 - Adoption of the Regulation on Establishment of the Institute of Biology at the Biology Department of the Biotechnical Faculty of University of Ljubljana, located at Aškerčeva 12 in Ljubljana.

### 1969

Establishment of the Marine Biological Station, which operated in an old family villa in Portorož until 1980.

### 1975

The Institute was reorganised to a joint working organisation.

### 1980

The Marine Biological Station was reallocated to refurbished premises of the Salvetti factory on the coast near Piran.

### 1988

The Ljubljana part of the Institute moved to premises on Karlovška 19 in Ljubljana.

### March 25, 1994

Adoption of the Decision on Establishment of the Public Research Institution the Institute of Biology, jointly established by the Government of the RS and the University of Ljubljana.

### 1995 - 1998

The Ljubljana part of the Institute gradually moved to the new building of the Biological Centre on Večna pot 111 in Ljubljana.

### January 17, 1998

The Institute was renamed the National Institute of Biology, short the NIB, established by the Government of the RS.

### 2004

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## PREVIOUS DIRECTORS

### Prof. Dr. Hubert Pehani

(Trebnje, 1 November 1900 – 24 February 1995) was the first director of the Institute of Biology since its establishment on 29 April 1960 until 1966.

### Prof. Dr. Miran Vardjan

(Lož, 1 May 1919 – 15 October 2005) was head of the Institute of Biology from 1966 to 1968.

### Prof. Dr. Franc Sušnik

(Prevalje, 28 December 1930 – 12 September 1996) was the head of the Institute of Biology of the University of Ljubljana between 1968 and 1976.

### Prof. Dr. Matija Gogala

(Ljubljana, 11 February 1937) was head of the Institute of Biology of the University of Ljubljana from 1976 to 1979.

### Dr. Milan Lovka

(Ljubljana, 12 February 1946) was head of the Institute of Biology from 1979 to 1984.

### Mitja Grosman, MSc

(Ljubljana, 5 January 1951) was head of the Institute from 1984 to 1988.

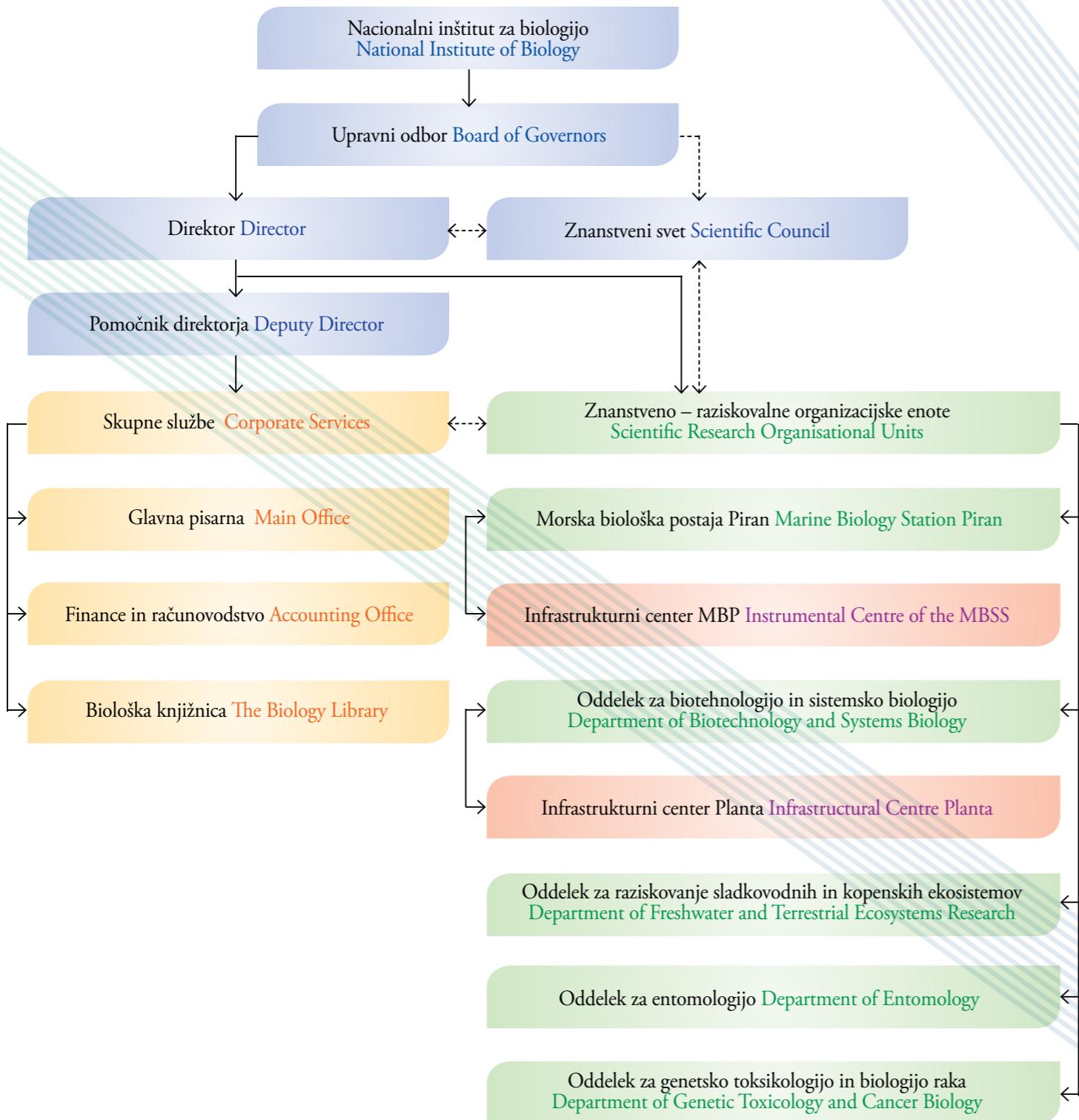
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(Ljubljana, 16 June 1947) was director of the Institute of Biology from 1988 to 1996.

### Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek

(Ljubljana, 1 March 1947) is the director of the National Institute of Biology since the year 1996.

## ORGANIZACIJSKA SHEMA ORGANIZATION SCHEME

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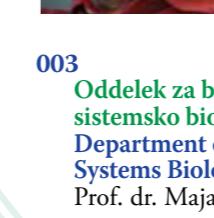
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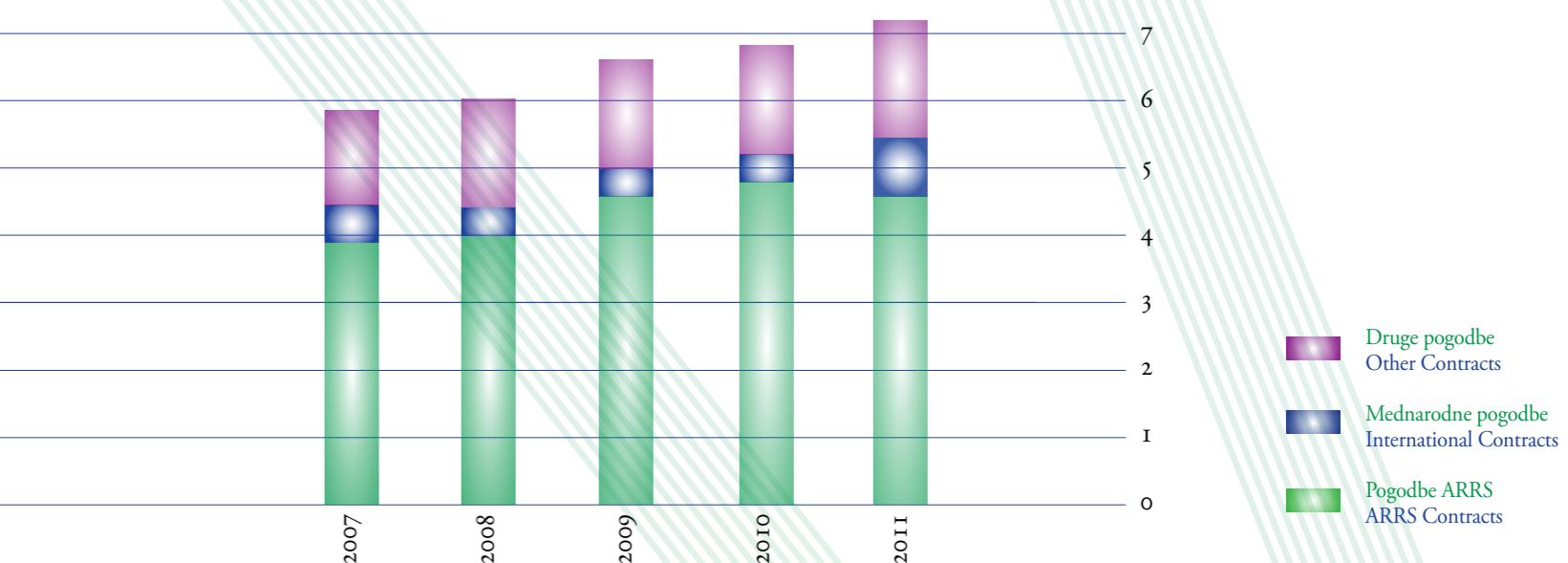
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Slovenia*  
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družba d.d.



## STRUKTURA FINANCIRANJA FINANCING STRUCTURE

Vrsta financiranja Type of Financing	v EUR					Indeks Index 11/10	2011 Struktura Structure
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Pogodbe ARRS <sup>1</sup> ARRS Contracts <sup>1</sup>	3.904.903	4.014.495	4.654.896	4.705.303	4.449.760	95	61
Mednarodne pogodbe International Contracts	570.118	379.406	298.877	277.285	1.073.662	387	15
Druge pogodbe Other Contracts	1.423.144	1.618.070	1.764.208	1.835.134	1.784.468	97	24
<b>Skupaj Total</b>	<b>5.898.165</b>	<b>6.011.971</b>	<b>6.717.981</b>	<b>6.817.722</b>	<b>7.307.890</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Javna agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost RS = Slovenian Research Agency



**OSNOVNA RAZISKOVALNA  
DEJAVNOST**  
**MAIN RESEARCH  
ACTIVITIES**

**PROGRAMI ARRS  
ARRS PROGRAMS**

**MBP P1-0237**  
Raziskave obalnega morja  
*Coastal Marine Research*  
Prof. dr. Alenka Malej

**EKO P1-0255**  
Združbe, odnosi in komunikacije  
v ekosistemih  
*Communities, Relations and  
Communications in the Ecosystems*  
Prof. dr. Anton Brancelj

**FITO P4-0165**  
Rastlinska fiziologija in bioteknologija  
*Plant Physiology and Biotechnology*  
Prof. dr. Maja Ravníkar

**GEN P1-0245**  
Ekotoksikologija, toksikološka genomika  
in karcinogeneza  
*Ecotoxicology, Toxicogenomics and  
Carcinogenesis*

Prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek

**MBP P1-0143**  
Kroženje snovi v okolju, snovna bilanca in  
modeliranje okoljskih procesov in ocena  
tveganja (skupaj z IJS / joint with IJS)  
*Cycling of Substances in the Environment,  
Mass Balances, Modelling of Environmental  
Processes and Risk Assessment*

Prof. dr. Jadran Faganeli

**ŠTEVILO PROJEKTOV  
NUMBER OF PROJECTS**

Vrsta pogodb Type of contract	2010	2011
ARRS	22	32
Mednarodne International	19	30
Gospodarstvo in druga javna služba The economy and other public service	70	70
Skupaj Total	110	110

**MEDNARODNO SODELOVANJE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

Multilateralno mednarodno sodelovanje Multilateral international cooperation	Število projektov Number of projects	Število projektov Number of projects
	2010	2011
6. Okvirni program 6 <sup>th</sup> Framework Programme	3	2
7. Okvirni program 7 <sup>th</sup> Framework Programme	5	9
Strukturni skladi Structural and Cohesion EU funds	2	5
Druge Other (UNEP, IOI, IRMM, ...)	9	16
Skupaj Total	19	30

**BILATERALNO SODELOVANJE BILATERAL COOPERATION**

Bilateralno sodelovanje Bilateral cooperation	Število projektov Number of projects	Število projektov Number of projects
	2010	2011
Avstrija Austria Republic	1	1
Brazilija Brazil	2	4
Republika Češka Czech Republic	2	1
Črna gora Montenegro	2	2
Francija France	5	3
Hrvaška Croatia	4	2
Italija Italy	0	1
Japonska Japan	0	1
Kitajska China	0	1
Madžarska Hungary	1	1
Poljska Poland	2	2
Rusija Russia	1	1
Turčija Turkey	0	1
ZDA USA	3	2
Skupaj Total	23	24

## EVROPSKI PROJEKTI EU PROJECTS

### 6. OKVIRNI PROGRAM EU 6<sup>TH</sup> FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

1. A Pan-European Infrastructure for Ocean and Marine Data Management (SEADATANET); 6.OP; 1.4.2006 - 31.3.2011 (nosilec/PI: V. Malačič)
2. Southern European Seas: Assessing and Modelling Ecosystem Changes (SEASAME); 6. OP; 1.11.2006 - 30.4.2011 (nosilka/PI: A. Malej)

### 7. OKVIRNI PROGRAM EU 7<sup>TH</sup> FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

1. Development of a New Diagnostic Tool Using DNA Barcoding to Identify Quarantine Organisms in Support of Plant Health (QBOL); 7.OP; 21.3.2009 - 20.3.2012, (nosilka/PI: M. Ravnikar)
2. Development and Pre-operational Validation of Upgraded Gmes marine Core Services and Capabilities (MyOCEAN); 7.OP; 1.1.2009 - 31.3.2012 (nosilec/PI: V. Malačič)
3. CO2 in Trieste Gulf (MARIE CURIE IRG); 7.OP; 1.6.2009 – 1.7.2011 (nosilca/PI: V. Malačič / D. Turk)
4. A Pan-European Species-directories Infrastructure (PESI); 7.OP; 1.5.2008 - 30.4.2011 (nosilec/PI: D. Tome)
5. Quarantine Pest Detection for Use by National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) and Inspection Services (Q-DETECT); 7.OP; 1.3.2010 - 28.2.2013 (nosilca/PI: M. Ravnikar, A. Čokl)
6. Cost-Effective Hand-Held Device for Rapid In-Field Detection of Flavescence Doree Phytoplasma in Grapevines (VITISENS); 7. OP; 1.2.2011 – 31.1.2013 (nosilka/PI: M. Ravnikar)

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**National**
7. Rationally Designed Aquatic Receptors Integrated in Label-free Biosensor Platforms for Remote Surveillance of Toxins and Pollutants (RADAR); 7.OP; 1.1.2011 – 31.12.2014 (nosilka/PI: V. Turk)
  8. Fate and Effects of Cytostatic Pharmaceuticals in the Environment and the Identification of Biomarkers For an Improved Risk Assessment on Environmental Exposure (CytoThreat); 7.OP; 1.1.2011 – 31.12.2014 (nosilka/PI: K. Gruden)
  9. Pan-European Infrastructure for Ocean and Marine Data Management (Seadatanet II); 7.OP; 1.10.2011 – 30.9.2015 (nosilec/PI: B. Čermelj)

### PROJEKTI FINANCIRANI IZ STRUKTURNIH SKLADOV STRUCTURAL AND COHESION EU FUNDS

#### Mednarodni International

1. Sustainable Instruments for Lakes Management in the Alpine Space (SIL-MAS), ESSR – Alpine Space, 1.9.2009 – 31.8.2012 (nosilec/PI: A. Brancelj)
2. Water Management Strategies Against Water Scarcity in the Alps, (Alp-Water-Scarce); ESSR – Alpine Space, 1.10.2008 - 30.9.2011 (nosilec/PI: A. Brancelj)
3. Določanje novih biomarkerjev možganskih tumorjev - gliomov za diagnozo in kot nove tarče zdravljenja (GLIOMA) / Identification of New Glioma Biomarkers as Potential Diagnostic and Therapeutic Targets (GLIOMA); Program čezmejnega sodelovanja Slovenija – Italija; 1.11.2011 – 31.10.2014 (nosilka/PI: T. Lah Turnšek)

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**National**
4. Kompetenčni center za biotehnoški razvoj in inovacije – KC BRIN / Competency Centre for Biotechnological Development and Innovation - CCB-DI; 15.12.2010 - 31.12.2013 (nosilka/PI: K. Gruden)
  5. Center odličnosti za biosenzoriko, instrumentacijo in procesno kontrolu (CO BIK); ustanovljen 3.12.2009 / Centre of Excellence for Biosensors, Instrumentation and Process Control, established 3.12.2009

## DRUGI MEDNARODNI PROJEKTI OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

#### ERA - NET projekti ERA-NET Projects

1. INREMOS-SYSTHER, Orodja sistemske biologije pri raziskavah celične terapije in zdravil / Systems Biology Tools Development for Cell Therapy and Drug Development (SYSTER); ERA-NET, 1.11.,2006 – 28.2.2012 (nosilka/PI: T. Lah)
2. Development od Screening Methods for GMOs (GMOseek), ERA-NET, 1.6.2009 – 30.5.2011 (nosilec/PI: D. Morisset)
3. Targeted Precision Biocontrol and Pollination Enhancement in Organic Cropping Systems (BICOPOLL); ERA-NET, 1.11.2011 - 31.10.2014 (nosilec/PI: A. Čokl)
4. Marine Debris Removal and Preventing Further Litter Entry (Marine Clean); ECO\_INNOVATION; 1.11.2011- 31.10.2014 (nosilka/PI: J. France)
5. Validation Studies, EC, DG Joint Research Centre Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, I - 21027 Ispra , ITALY, 1.1.2011 - 31.12.2011 (nosilka/PI: J. Žel)
6. Stability Studies, EC, Joint research centre, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM), Geel, BELGIUM, 1.1.2011 - 31.12.2011 (nosilka/PI: J. Žel)
7. Proficiency Testing for Detection of Potato Brown, FARMA BIH, 2011 (nosilka/PI: T. Drešo)

#### COST projekti COST Projects

8. COST 864, Zdravje pečarjev: kombiniranje tradicionalnih in naprednih postopkov zdravstvenega varstva pri gojenju pečarjev / Combining Traditional and Advanced Strategies for Plant Protection in Pome Fruit Growing
9. COST 873, Bakterijske bolezni koščičarjev in lupinarjev / Bacterial Diseases of Stone Fruits and Nuts
10. COST 929, Evropska mreža za okoljsko in prehrabeno virologijo / European Network for Environmental and Food Virology
11. COST FA 0807, Integrirano upravljanje fitoplazemskih epidemij pri različnih kmetijsko pomembnih rastlinah / Integrated Management of Phytoplasma Epidemics in Different Crop Systems
12. COST FA0804,Molekularno kmetijstvo: rastline kot proizvodna platforma za proteine visoke vrednosti / Molecular Farming: Plants as a Production Platform for High Value Proteins
13. COST FA0806, Kontrola rastlinskih virusov z uporabo RNA cepiv: novi ne-transgeni pristopi / Plant virus control employing RNA-based vaccines: A Novel Non-Transgenic Strategy
14. COST FA0603, Rastlinska proteomika v Evropi / Plant Proteomics in Europe (EUPP)
15. COST FA0605, Signalizacijska kontrola tolerance na abiotski stres in produkcija protistresnih snovi v rastlinah / The Signalling Control of Abiotic Stress Tolerance and Production of Stress Protective Compounds in Plants

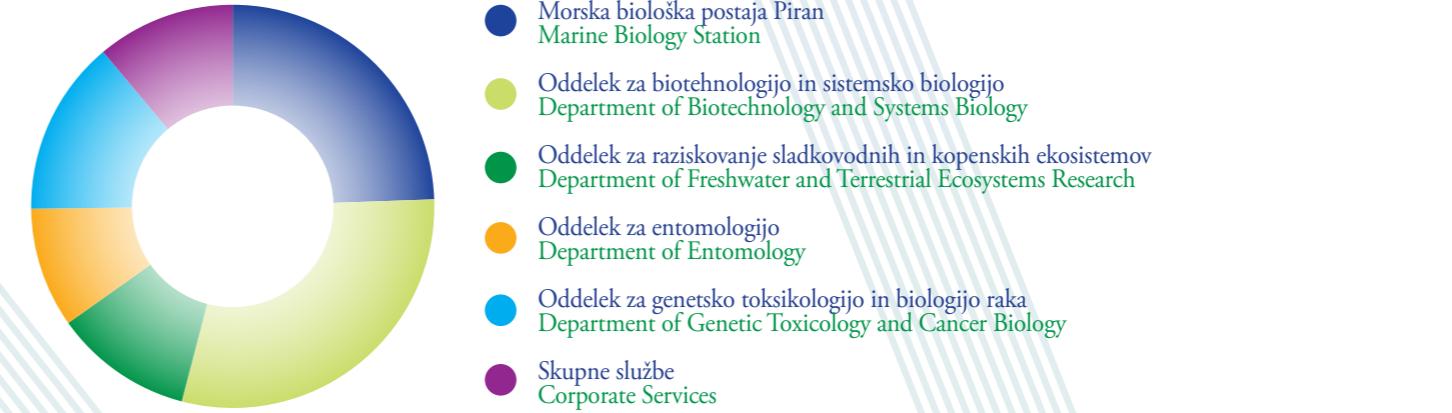
## ŠTIPENDIJE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. The Influence of Management Intensification of Agricultural Systems on White Stork Populations; UKF Grant; 23.5.2011 – 23.11.2011 (nosilec/PI: D. Tome)

**ŠTEVILLO IN SESTAVA SODELAVCEV PO ENOTAH  
NUMBER AND STRUCTURE OF STAFF BY UNITS**

	Raziskovalci Scientific Staff	Mladi raziskovalci Young Researchers	Tehnični sodelavci Tehnicians	Administracija Administration	Skupaj Total
Morska biološka postaja Piran Marine Biology Station	20	7	6	0	33
Oddelek za raziskovanje sladkovodnih in kopenskih ekosistemov Department of Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems Research	7	4	4	0	15
Oddelek za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology	21	9	9	1	40
Oddelek za entomologijo Department of Entomology	8	5	0	0	13
Oddelek za genetsko toksikologijo in biologijo raka Department of Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology	10	5	4	0	19
Skupne službe Corporate Services	0	0	0	15	15
<b>Skupaj Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>135</b>

**ŠTEVILLO SODELAVCEV PO ENOTAH NA DAN 31.12.2011  
NUMBER OF STAFF BY UNITS ON 31.12.2011**



**IZOBRAZBENA STRUKTURA  
ZAPOSLENIH  
EMPLOYEES LEVEL OF  
EDUCATION**

**IZOBRAZBENA STRUKTURA NA DAN 31.12.2011  
EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE ON 31.12.2011**



Na dan 31.12.2011 je bilo na Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo zaposlenih 135 sodelavcev, od tega 65 doktorjev znanosti, 6 magistrov, 52 z visoko izobrazbo, 4 z zaključeno višjo šolo ter 8 s srednješolsko izobrazbo. Število zaposlenih se je glede na stanje 31.12.2010 povečalo za 5,5 %.

*On 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2011, we recorded 135 employees with the following degree of education: Ph.D. (65), Master degree (6), Bachelor degree (52), Vocational College (4), Secondary School (8). Number of employees increased by 5,5 % compared to the previous year.*

**DOKTORATI V LETU 2011**  
**DOCTORAL THESES IN**  
**YEAR 2011**

**BOGUNOVIĆ, Branko.**  
Morski tokovi na vhodu v Tržaški zaliv  
= Water fluxes at the entrance to the Gulf of Trieste.

Mentorja: Anton Brancelj in Tatjana Simčič.

**ČEPIN, Urška.**  
Genetska raznolikost in določanje virusa pahljačavosti listov vinske trte (GFLV) = Genetic variability and detection of grapevine fanleaf virus (GFLV).  
Mentorica: Metka Filipič.

**DE GROOT, Maarten.**  
Razpoznavanje, proženje in lokalizacija pri hemipterih s pomočjo vibracijskih signalov = Recognition, search initiation and localization in hemipteran insects mediated by vibrational signals.  
Mentor: Andrej Čokl.

**MAVRIČ, Borut.**  
Favnistična in ekološka analiza makroobentoških združb mehkega dna in opredelitev ekološkega stanja slovenskega obalnega morja = Faunistic and ecological analysis of soft-bottom macrozoobenthic community and assessment of ecological quality status of Slovenian coastal sea.  
Mentor: Lovrenc Lipej.

**NIKOLIĆ, Petra.**  
Vzorci izražanja genov v listih vinske trte, okužene s fitoplazmo, povezano s počrnelostjo lesa = Gene expression patterns in grapevine leaves infected with phytoplasma associated with bois noir disease.  
Mentorica: Marina Dermastia, somentorica: Kristina Gruden.

**PAJK, Franja.**

Ocena temperaturne občutljivosti različnih vrst iz rodu Daphnia = Estimation of thermal sensitivity of different species within the genus Daphnia.

Mentorja: Anton Brancelj in Tatjana Simčič.

**PETKOVIĆ, Jana.**  
Mechanisms of toxicity and genotoxicity of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles = Mechanizmi toksičnega in genotoksičnega delovanja nanodelcev TiO<sub>2</sub>.  
Mentorica: Metka Filipič.

**ROTTER, Ana.**  
Razvoj in implementacija orodij sistemsko biologije: primer analize podatkov v rastlinski fiziologiji = Development and implementation of system biology tools: a case study of plant physiology data.  
Mentorica: Kristina Gruden.

**STOPAR, Katja.**  
Genetska diferenciacija klobučjaških meduz z analizo genetskih markerjev iz mitohondrijske in jedrne DNA = Genetic differentiation of scyphozoan jellyfish revealed by analysis of mitochondrial and nuclear genetic markers.  
Mentorica: Andreja Ramšak.

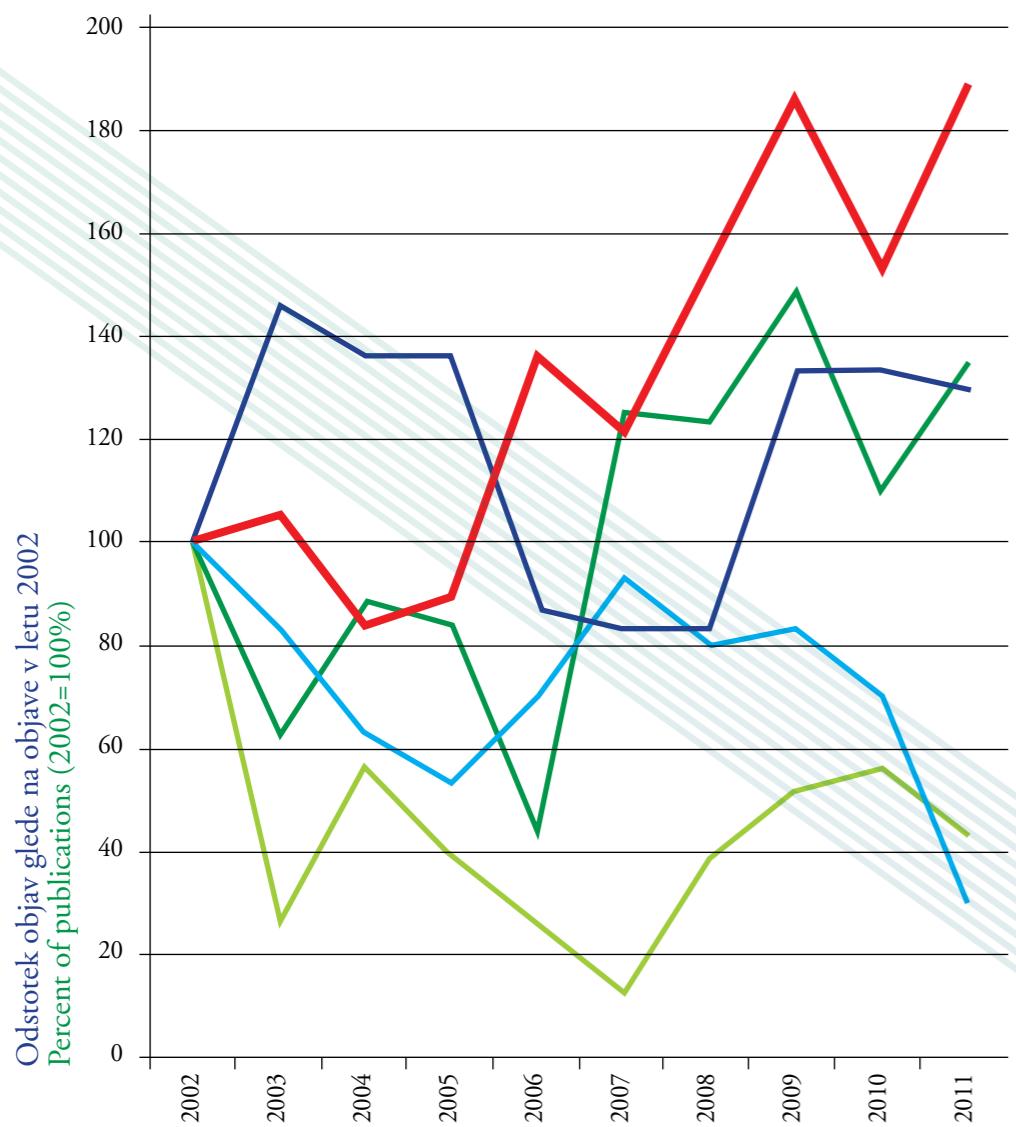
**TINTA, Tinkara.**  
Struktura in funkcija bakterijske združbe v Tržaškem zalivu z aplikativnimi študijami = Bacterial community structure and function in the Gulf of Trieste with some application studies.  
Mentorica: Valentina Turk.

**PREGLED OBJAVLJENIH DEL ZA LETA 2002 - 2011**  
**OVERVIEW OF PUBLISHED PAPERS FOR YEARS 2002 - 2011**

ZVRST DOKUMENTA TYPE OF DOCUMENT	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	skupaj total
znanstveni članki z IF scientific papers with IF	38	40	32	34	52	46	58	71	58	72	501
znanstveni članki brez IF other scientific papers	30	25	19	16	21	28	24	25	21	9	218
strokovni in poljudni članki professional and popular articles	51	32	45	43	22	64	63	76	56	69	521
objavljeni prispevki s kongresov published conference papers	30	44	41	41	26	25	25	40	40	39	351
povzetki s kongresov published conference paper abstracts	100	88	72	97	108	140	115	161	145	159	1185
poglavlja v knjigah book chapters	23	6	13	9	6	3	9	12	13	10	104
knjige books		2	2	2	5	5	5	1	3	4	29
poročila reports	31	29	37	35	31	23	31	30	30	27	304
doktorska dela dissertation theses	2	5	6	2	7	6	3	4	7	8	50
magistrska dela master's theses	2	2	1	1		2				1	9
patenti patents				2	1				2	4	9
razno other	40	33	42	59	37	53	76	73	93	128	634
<b>skupaj total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>3915</b>

Prispevki soavtorjev iz različnih oddelkov NIB so šteti enkrat  
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## PREDAVANJA NA SEDEŽU INŠTITUTA INSTITUTE COLLOQUIA

- Prof. dr. Anton Brancelj, Oddelek za raziskovanje sladkovodnih in kopenskih ekosistemov, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo: »Limnologi(ja) na strehi sveta / Limnology on the Roof of the World«; 3.3.2011
- Prof. dr. Tom Riley, University of Western Australia: »Alternativne terapije za zdravljenje načeljivih bolezni / Alternative Therapies for Infectious Diseases«; 26.5.2011
- Prof. dr. Thorsten Assmann, Institute of Ecology, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany: »Vpliv globalnih sprememb na biologijo kreščev: pogled na gorske neleteče vrste / Global Change Biology of Ground Beetles: Insights from Wingless Species in Mountains«; 30.5.2011
- Dr. Marco Pirotta, Life Technologies: »Naslednja generacija sekveniranja za vsak laboratorij: Semiconductor Ion Torrent PGM™ in SOLiD™ / Next-Generation Sequencing for any Lab: Semiconductor Ion Torrent PGM™ and SOLiD™ Sequencing«; 9.6.2011
- Dr. Claude Meisch, National Natural History Museum of Luxembourg: »Raki dvoklopni (Ostracoda, Crustacea): filogenetski razvoj in modeli razmnoževanja (spolno razmnoževanje, partenogeneza in »starodavni nespolniki«) / Crustacea Ostracoda: Their Phylogeny and Modes of Reproduction (Sexual Versus Parthenogenesis, Ancient Asexuals)«; 21.7.2011

- Prof. dr. Henning Ulrich, Departamento de Bioquímica, Instituto de Química, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil: »Aptameri in ribosomski priklopni: struktura, funkcija in klinična uporaba / Aptamers and Riboswitches: Structure, Functions and Clinical Applications«; 6.9.2011
- Dr. Rok Lenarčič, Oddelek za bioteknologijo in sistemsko biologijo, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo: »Segregacija kromosomov med sporulacijo bakterije *Bacillus subtilis* / Chromosome Segregation in *Bacillus subtilis* During Sporulation«; 15.9.2011
- Dr. Saša Novak, Odsek za nanostrukturne materiale, Institut Jožef Stefan: »Titanov oksid: znanec z različimi obrazci / Titanium Oxide: an Acquaintance with Different Faces«; 29.9.2011
- Dr. István Nagy, z Madžarskega centra za nove generacije sekvenciranja: »Uporaba tehnologije nove generacije sekvenciranja (NGS) za študije izražanja genov: Smo že dovolj daleč? / Application of Next Generation Sequencing Technology to Gene Expression Studies. Are we there yet?«; 30.9.2011
- Tomaž Jevšnik, Ocean Orchids d.o.o.: »Potencial hortikulture pod stekлом v Sloveniji / The Potential of Under-glass Horticulture in Slovenia«; 6.10.2011
- Dr. Miguel Borges, EMBRAPA institut v Braziliji: »EMBRAPA- največji inštitut na področju kmetijstva, njegova dejavnost, vloga in poslanstvo / EMBRAPA – the Largest Institute in the Field of Agriculture, its Activities, Role and Mission«; 7.10.2011
- Prof. dr. Andrej Čokl, dr. Meta Virant-Doberlet, dr. Nataša Sritih, dr. Alenka Žunič, dr. Maja Zorović in Danilo Bevk, sodelavci Oddelka za entomologijo na Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo: »Predstavitev raznolikosti raziskava na področju žuželk / Presentation of the diversity of entomological research«; 27.10.2011
- Dr. Jana Žel, dr. Mojca Milavec, dr. Dany Morisset, dr. Damien Plan, dr. Guy Van den Eede in dr. Kristina Gruden: »Kako zanesljivo določamo GSO? / How to Reliably Test for GMOs?«; 9.12.2011
- Martin Strel, poklicni maratonski plavalec in večkratni svetovni rekorder: »Svetovni veletoki in kvaliteta voda / The World's Major Rivers and Water Quality«; 15.12.2011

## PREDAVANJA NA MBP PIRAN COLLOQUIA AT MBS PIRAN

- Izr. prof. dr. Lovrenc Lipej (MBP-NIB): »Circalittoral Biocenoses and Precoralligenous Formations in Slovenia«; 15.04.2011
- Prof. dr. Antonio Stefanon, (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Department of Environmental Science, Venezia, Italy): »Circalittoral Biocenoses and Precoralligenous Formations in Slovenia«; 15.04.2011
- Prof. dr. Sandra Casellato, (University of Padova, Department of Biology, Padova, Italy): »The Northern Adriatic Coralligenous in the Gulf of Venice«; 15.04.2011
- Dr. Daniele Curiel, (SELC Soc. Coop., Marghera, Venezia, Italy): »The Tegnue of the Gulf of Venice: role of bioindica-

tors«, 15.04.2011

- Dr. Annalisa Falace, (University of Trieste, Department of Life Sciences, Trieste, Italy): »The Phytobenthos of the Rocky Outcrops in the Northern Adriatic«, Morska biološka postaja, NIB, Piran, 15.04.2011
- Dr. Diego Borme, (OGS National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics, Sgonico (TS), Italy): »Pietro and Bardelli Rocky Outcrops: a Preliminary Study«, 15.04.2011
- Dr. Diego Borme, (OGS National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics, Sgonico (TS), Italy): »Precoralligenous Epibenthic Community Settled on Artificial Reefs in the Gulf of Trieste (Northern Adriatic Sea): a Three Years Study«, 15.04.2011
- Dr. Andre Carrara Morandini (University of Sao Paolo): »Cnidarian Research at University of São Paulo (Brazil), with Emphasis on Scyphomedusae«, 29.07.2011

- Dr. Petar Kružić (Laboratory for Marine Biology, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb): »Ecology of Stony Corals in the Adriatic«, 16.10.2011
- Dr. Miroslav Gačić (Istituto nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale): »Impact of Decadal Inversions of the Ionian Circulation on Thermohaline and Biogeochemical Properties of Adjacent Basins«, 19.12.2011

## NAGRADE IN PRIZNANJA AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### Dr. Ana Rotter:

Štipendija nacionalnega programa Za ženske v znanosti 2011, ki jo podeljujejo L'Oreal Slovenija, Slovenska nacionalna komisija za UNESCO in Slovenska znanstvena fundacija, februar 2011.

### Dr. Ana Rotter:

*National Scholarship Program for Women in Science 2011, awarded by L'Oreal Slovenia, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO and the Slovenian Science Foundation, February 2011.*

### Marko Petek s sodelavci:

Rektorjeve nagrade za naj-inovacijsko Univerze v Ljubljani za poslovni načrt za podjetje, ki se ukvarja s prodajo multifunkcionalnih magnetnih nanodelcev za aplikacije v biomedicini, decembra 2011.

### Marko Petek with co-workers:

*Rector Prize for the best innovation of the University of Ljubljana for a business plan for the company, which sells multifunctional magnetic nanoparticles for applications in biomedicine, December 2011.*

### Dr. Jana Petković:

Krkina nagrada za posebne dosežke 2011.

### Dr. Jana Petković:

*Krka Prize for outstanding achievements in 2011.*

### Dr. Jana Petković:

Nagrada Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo za izjemno doktorsko delo na področju raziskovalne dejavnosti inštituta, november 2011.

### Dr. Jana Petković:

*The award of the National Institute of Biology for an extraordinary doctoral thesis in the field of research activities of the Institute, November 2011.*

### Prof. dr. Alenka Malej,

Velika nagrada Miroslava Zeia za raziskovalno delo ved o življenju in okolju, Ljubljana, november 2011.

### Prof. Dr. Alenka Malej:

*Grand Award of Miroslav Zei for research work in the field of life and environmental sciences, November 2011.*

### Dr. Mateja Grego, Janez Forte:

»Med morjem in kopnim«; priznanje Prometej znanosti za odličnost v komuniciranju Morski biološki postaji NIB Piran za kratki dokumentarni film (<http://vimeo.com/29424010>), decembra 2011.

### Dr. Mateja Grego, Janez Forte:

*“Between the land and the sea”, Prometheus Award for excellence in science communication for a short documentary film created at the Marine Biology Station Piran NIB (<http://vimeo.com/29424010>), December 2011.*



Svečana podelitev nagrad in priznanj Miroslava Zeia, 7.11.2011.  
Solemn awards ceremony of Miroslav Zei, 7.11.2011.



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Prof. dr. Alenka Malej, dobitnica velike nagrade Miroslava Zeia.  
Grand Award of Miroslava Zei was received by Prof. Dr. Alenka Malej.



Prof. dr. Jure Piškur, dobitnik nagrade Miroslava Zeia.  
Award of Miroslava Zei was received by Prof. Dr. Jure Piškur.



Doc. dr. Rade Injac, dobitnik nagrade Miroslava Zeia.  
Award of Miroslava Zei was received by Assist. Prof. Dr. Rade Injac.

## Pomembni dogodki

### SVEČANA PODELITEV NAGRAD IN PRIZNANJ NACIONALNEGA INŠTITUTA ZA BIOLOGIJO

V Biološkem središču na Večni poti 111 v Ljubljani, je v ponedeljek, 7. novembra 2011, potekala že druga svečana podelitev nagrad in priznanj Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo, poimenovanih po prof. dr. Miroslavu Zeiu, ki je bil med ustanovitelji inštituta. Lani je Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo (NIB) obeležil 50-letnico svojega delovanja in ob tej priložnosti prvič v zgodovini NIB-a podelil nagrade in priznanja prof. dr. Miroslava Zeia, posameznikom za njihove izjemne dosežke na področju osnovnih in uporabnih raziskav s področja ved o življjenju ter uresničevanja vizij in poslanstva NIB.

Svečane podelitve se je udeležil tudi minister za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, mag. Dejan Židan, ki je v svojem slavnostnem nagovoru izpostavil globalen pomen virov hrane in še posebej varne hrane, predvsem zaradi naraščajoče naseljenosti našega planeta. Varna hrana je tudi eden izmed pomembnih področij pri katerih NIB sodeluje z ministrtvom za prehrano. Pod širokim pojmom zdrava hrana se skriva mnogo aktivnosti. Vsem so poznani izpostavljeni primeri gensko spremenjenih organizmov (GSO), kjer NIB pospešeno razvija znanje in tehnologije, kako odkrivati neželene GSO, pomaga MKGP pri pripravi ukrepov in smernic za sobivanje in kontrolo hrane.

Na svečani podelitvi so bile podeljene naslednje nagrade NIB:

**Veliko nagrado Miroslava Zeia za raziskovalno delo na področju ved o življenu in okolju** je prejela prof. dr. Alenka Malej.

*Prof. dr. Alenka Malej je vodilna raziskovalka na področju ekologije obalnih voda in morske biologije, ki ga je uspešno umestila v evropski in sredozemski prostor. Njena osnovna raziskovalna dejavnost je vezana na morski plankton z usmerjenostjo na ekologijo in biologijo želatinoznega planktona. Izsledke svojih znanstvenih raziskav je objavila v znanstvenih člankih, ki so bili citirani več kot 700-krat. Kot vodja Morske biološke postaje Piran Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo je več kot dvajset let koordinirala multidisciplinarno delo skupine in vodila kar 23 mednarodnih projektov s področja raziskav in monitoringu morja. Je dolgoletna nacionalna*

še naprej pomagajo pri kriznih in perečih vprašanjih v državi kot je predvsem nedavno grozča epidemija trsne rumenice, pomori čebel, hrušev ožig itd., ki groze tudi slovenskemu gospodarstvu.

## Important Events

### SOLEMN AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY

On Monday, November 7, 2011, a second solemn awards ceremony of the National Institute of Biology was held at the Biological Centre on Večna pot 111 in Ljubljana. The awards are named after Prof. Dr. Miroslav Zei, who was among the founders of the Institute. Last year, the National Institute of Biology (NIB) celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for the first time in its history gave awards of Prof. Dr. Miroslav Zei to individuals for their extraordinary achievements in fundamental and applicable research in the field of life sciences and in the field of realising the vision and mission of NIB.

The solemn ceremony was also attended by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Dejan Židan, MSc. In his solemn address, he exposed the global importance of food sources and especially safe food especially due to the increasing population of our planet. Safe food is also one of important fields, in which NIB co-operates with the Ministry of Food. The term healthy food has many underlying activities. The cases of genetically modified organisms (GMO) are widely known and NIB is very active in developing know-how and technologies used in detecting undesired GMOs, helps the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food in preparing measures and directives for co-existence and food control. A not less important aspect of healthy food is care for drinking water, which extends from knowing eco-systems, from which it originates, through discovering poisons, mutagens and various microorganisms harmful to humans and plants, to developing the methods of cleaning. New commercial ways and climatic changes can cause a quick introduction of new pathogens and destroy the balance in ecosystems. The

Minister thanked the associates of NIB for their co-operation in the past and asked them for further assistance in critical and acute issues in the country, like the threatening epidemic of grapevine yellows, mass bee deaths, fireblight etc., which present a threat to Slovene economy as well.

NIB awarded the following awards:

**Grand Award of Miroslav Zei for research work in the field of life and environmental sciences** was received by Prof. Dr. Alenka Malej.

*Prof. Dr. Alenka Malej is head researcher in the field of ecology of littoral waters and sea biology. Her basic research activity concerns sea plankton with orientation to ecology and biology of gelatinous plankton. The results of her scientific studies were published in scientific articles that were quoted more than 700 times. As Head of the Marine Biology Station Piran of the National Institute of Biology she has co-ordinated multidisciplinary work of the group for over twenty years and managed as many as 23 international projects in the field of sea research and monitoring.*

koordinatorka programa *Mediterranean Action Plan* pri Okoljskem programu Združenih Narodov in predsednica Nacionalnega odbora medvladne oceanografske komisije pri UNESCO. Od leta 1985 je bila članica številnih koordinacijskih odborov za zaščito in opazovanje jadranskega in sredozemskega morja in bila leta 2010 imenovana v eksperimentno skupino za pripravo paragrafa 180 za resolucijo Generalne skupščine OZN o oceanih in pomorskom pravu. Bila je gostujuča raziskovalka in profesorica na številnih uglednih morskih inštitucijah in mednarodnih šolah. Kot vabljena predavateljica ali organizatorka je sodelovala na številnih mednarodnih znanstvenih srečanjih. Odločilno je prispevala k podpisu sporazuma o sodelovanju med Nacionalnim inštitutom za biologijo in vodilno francosko raziskovalno in medicinsko univerzo - Univerzo Pierre et Marie Curie. Za svoj prispevek k podpisu sporazuma je prejela medaljo omenjene univerze. Profesorica Malejeva je za svoje znanstveno raziskovalno delo leta 1989 skupaj s sodelavcema dr. Jadranom Faganelijem in dr. Nedo Fanuko prejela nagrado sklada Borisa Kidriča, katere naslednje so Zoisove nagrade za znanstvene dosežke.

Nagrado Miroslava Zeia za izjemne dosežke na področju raziskovalne dejavnosti inštituta sta prejela prof. dr. Jurij Piškur in doc. dr. Rade Injac.

Glavna raziskovalna področja prof. dr. Jurija Piškura, rednega profesorja molekularne genetike na Oddelku za biologijo, Univerze v Lendum na Švedskem pokrivajo metabolizem prekurzorjev nukleinskih kislin, gensko združevanje, primerjalno genomiko in molekularno evolucijo kvasovk. Prof. Piškur je v zadnjih 5 letih objavil 46 člankov, od skupno več kot 120-ih, med katerimi so tudi objave v najuglednejših znanstvenih revijah. Več njegovih odkritij je bilo patentiranih, je soavtor treh knjig in soustanovitelj treh spin-off biotehno-

loških podjetij. Posebno priznanje njegovim raziskovalnim dosežkom predstavlja njegova izvolitev leta 2005 v Kraljevo fiziografsko društvo v Lundu, eno od švedskih kraljevih akademij. Kljub temu, da profesor Piškur že več kot 25 let živi in znanstveno deluje v tujini, ves čas vzdržuje strokovne in osebne stike z domovino. Od leta 2010 tako deluje v Odboru za znanost pri Svetu za Slovence po svetu kot posvetovalno telo Vlade RS. Od leta 2009 pa sodeluje z laboratorijem za mikrobiologijo Morske biološke postaje Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo na področju raziskav morskih mikroorganizmov pri adaptacijah na spremenjene okoljske dejavnike.

**Docentu dr. Radetu Injacu** je uspelo z inovativnim znanstvenim pristopom in uporabo najsodobnejših farmakoloških in analiznih metod dokazati potencialno uporabo fulerenola kot organoprotektiva pri terapiji rakavih obolenj z doksorubicinom. S svojim delom je postavil temelje za številne nadaljnje raziskave farmakološke uporabnosti fulerenolov ter narediti pomemben korak k implementaciji tovrstnih učinkov v klinično prakso. O znanstveni odličnosti njegovih raziskav priča 34 znanstvenih člankov v zadnjih petih letih, ki so bili že več 240-krat citirani. Njegovo poznavanje farmacevtske tehnologije se odraža v štirih mednarodnih patentnih prijavah.

Nagrado Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo za izjemno doktorsko delo na področju raziskovalne dejavnosti inštituta je prejela dr. Jana Petković.

V letošnjem letu je Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo prvič podelil tudi nagrado za izjemno doktorsko delo, zagovarjano v preteklem študijskem letu, prejela pa jo je dr. Jana Petković. Izselki izbrane doktorske naloge Jane Petković, z naslovom *Mehanizmi toksičnega in genotoksičnega delovanja nanodelcev titanovega oksida*, so bili objavljeni v 5 znanstvenih člankih in poglavju v knjigi, izdani

pri mednarodni založbi. Na treh člankih in poglavju je bila prva avtorica. Dva članka sta bila objavljena v najprestižnejših revijah s področja. Za svoje doktorsko delo je Jana Petković prejela tudi letošnjo Krkino nagrado. Na prireditvi so bili svečano imenovani tudi vsi mladi sodelavci NIB, ki so v obdobju od 1. januarja 2010 do 30. septembra 2011 pridobili doktorske nazive:

Dr. Irena Bertoncelj, dr. Branko Bogunović, dr. Urška Čepin, dr. Maarten De Groot, dr. Duška Delić, dr. Mateja Grego, dr. Saša Kenig, dr. Urška Koce, dr. Polona Kogovšek, dr. Borut Mavrič, dr. Petra Nikolić, dr. Franja Pajk, dr. Jana Petković, dr. Manca Pirc, dr. Anja Pucer, dr. Tomaž Rijavec, dr. Ana Rotter in dr. Alenka Žunič.



Dr. Jana Petković, dobitnica Nagrade NIB za izjemno doktorsko delo.  
Award of NIB for an extraordinary doctoral thesis was received by Dr. Jana Petković.

Minister za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, mag. Dejan Židan.  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Dejan Židan, MSc.

Svečano imenovanje novih doktorjev znanosti.  
At the ceremony the new doctors of science were presented.

*She has been a national co-ordinator of the programme Mediterranean Action Plan at the Environmental Programme of the United Nations for years and the President of the National Committee of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Since 1985, she has been member of numerous co-ordinating committees for the protection and monitoring of the Adriatic and Mediterranean Sea and was appointed to an expert group in 2010 for the preparation of paragraph 180 for the resolution of the General Assembly of UNO on oceans and maritime law. She was a visiting researcher and teacher at respectful maritime institutions and international schools. She participated in numerous international scientific meetings as invited lecturer or organiser. She had a decisive role in signing a co-operation agreement between the National Institute of Biology and the leading French research and medical university Pierre et Marie Curie. She was awarded a medal of the mentioned university for her contribution to the signing of the agreement. Together with her colleagues Dr. Jadran Faganeli and Dr. Neda Fanuko, Professor Malejeva received an award of the Boris Kidrič fund.*

*The prize of Miroslav Zei for extraordinary achievements in the field of research activity of the institute was given to Prof. Dr. Jurij Piškur and Assist. Prof. Dr. Rade Injac.*

*The main research fields of Prof. Dr. Jurij Piškur, full professor of molecular genetics at the Department of Biology at the University of Lund in Sweden cover metabolism of nucleic acid precursors, genetic treatment, comparative genomics and molecular evolution of yeasts. In the past 5 years Prof. Piškur published 46 articles out of a total of more than 120, among which also publications in the most respected scientific journals. Some of his discoveries were patented, he is co-author of three books and co-founder of three spin-off biotechnological companies. A special acknowledgement of his research achievements is his 2005 election to the Royal Fisiographic Society in Lund, one of the Swedish royal academies. Although Professor Piškur has lived and scientifically worked abroad for over 25 years, he has maintained professional and personal*

*contacts with his home country. Since 2010, he has been active in the Committee for Science of the Council for Slovenes Abroad as a consulting body of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. Since 2009, he has been co-operating with the laboratory for microbiology of the Maritime Biology Station of the National Institute of Biology in the field of research of maritime microorganisms in adapting to modified environmental factors.*

*With his innovative scientific approach and use of the latest pharmacological and analysis methods Assist. Prof. Dr. Rade Injac managed to prove a potential use of fulerenol as an organ-protective agent in the therapy of cancer diseases with doxycarbazine. His work has set foundations for numerous further research of pharmacological applicability of fulerenols and made an important step towards implementation of active ingredients of this type in medical practice. His scientific research is excellent, which is shown in 34 scientific articles in the past five years, which have been quoted more than 240 times. His knowledge of pharmaceutical technology is reflected in four international patent applications.*



Srečanje mladih raziskovalcev in njihovih mentorjev Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo in Oddelka za biologijo Biotehniške Fakultete UL.

Meeting of young researchers and their mentors from the National Institute of Biology and the Department of Biology at the Biotechnical Faculty UL.

## V BIOLOŠKEM SREDIŠČU POTEKALO SREČANJE MLADIH RAZISKOVALK IN RAZISKOVALCEV TER NJIHOVIH MENTORJEV IZ NIB IN OBBF

V Biološkem središču v Ljubljani, je 7. marca 2011, dan pred praznikom ob dnevu žena, potekalo prvo skupno srečanje mladih raziskovalk in raziskovalcev ter njihovih mentoric in mentorjev iz Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo in Oddelka za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani.

Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo in Oddelki za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani imata že v svojem poslanstvu navedeno, da je ustvarjanje novega temeljnega znanja na področju biologije in sorodnih naravoslovnih ter okoljskih ved in prenašanje tega znanja v uporabo za izboljšanje kvalitete življenja, za podporo okoljskim politikam in za razvoj znanosti,



Mladi raziskovalci Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo in Oddelka za biologijo Biotehniške Fakultete UL.  
Young researchers of the National Institute of Biology and the Department of Biology at the Biotechnical Faculty UL.



Prof. dr. Gregor Anderluh, prodekan Oddelka za biologijo BF in prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, direktorica NIB.  
Prof. Dr. Gregor Anderluh, Vice Dean of the Department of Biology and Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, Director NIB.

eden izmed temeljev njunega delovanja. Raziskovanje in izobraževanje na področju ved o življenju in naravi nalaga obema institucijama veliko odgovornost, da ustvarjata strokovne in znanstvene podlage in krepično klimo za trajno harmonično sožitje med človekom in naravo.

Tako sta obe instituciji ponosni, da lahko med svojimi vrstami pozdravita vsako leto več mladih raziskovalk in raziskovalcev. Na Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo se izobražuje že 38 mladih raziskovalk in raziskovalcev, od katerih se jih 33 izobražuje v skladu s pogodbo z Javno agencijo za raziskovalno dejavnost, 5 pa jih prihaja iz gospodarstva. Na Oddelku za biologijo se podiplomsko izobražuje 22 mladih raziskovalk in raziskovalcev.

V nadaljevanju so nam svoje raziskovalno delo s kratkim predavanjem predstavili mladi raziskovalci, ki so v zadnjem letu svojega podoktorskega študija.

Z namenom, da bi se mladi raziskovalci obeh institucij, ki delujeta pod skupno streho Biološkega središča, med seboj bolje spoznali, predstavili svoje raziskovalno delo ter navezali stike za bodoča projektna in pedagoška sodelovanja, je 7. marca 2011 potekalo srečanje mladih raziskovalk in raziskovalcev ter njihovih mentorjev.

The award of the National Institute of Biology for an extraordinary doctoral thesis in the field of research activities of the Institute was given to Dr. Jana Petković.

*For the first time in the history, the National Institute of Biology awarded a prize for an extraordinary doctoral thesis defended in the past academic year. This year's award was given to Dr. Jana Petković. The results of her doctoral thesis with the title *Mechanisms of Toxic and Genotoxic Activity of Titanium Oxide Nanoparticles* were published in five scientific articles and a chapter in a book published by an international publishing house. She was the first author of three articles and the mentioned chapter. Two articles were published in the most eminent journals from this field. Jana Petković was also awarded a Krka Prize for her doctoral thesis.*

At the ceremony, all young researchers of NIB who obtained PhD titles in the period from January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 were presented:

*Dr. Irena Bertoncelj, Dr. Branko Bogunović, Dr. Urška Čepin, Dr. Maarten De Groot, Dr. Duška Delić, Dr. Mateja Grego, Dr. Saša Kenig, Dr. Urška Koce, Dr. Polona Kogovšek, Dr. Borut Mavrič, Dr. Petra Nikolić, Dr. Franja Pajk, Dr. Jana Petković, Dr. Manca Pirc, Dr. Anja Pucer, Dr. Tomaž Rijavec, Dr. Ana Rotter and Dr. Alenka Žunič.*

Both institutions are proud of the fact to be able to welcome an increasing number of young researchers every year. 38 young researchers study at the National Institute of Biology; 33 of them study in accordance with the contract concluded with the Slovenian Research Agency, 5 of them work in the economy sector. 22 young researchers at the Department of Biology are post-graduate students.

## MEETING OF YOUNG RESEARCHES AND THEIR MENTORS FROM NIB AND DBFB AT THE BIOLOGY CENTRE

On 7 March 2011, just one day prior to the day dedicated to women, the first joint meeting of young researchers and their mentors from the National Institute of Biology and the Department of Biology at the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana took place at the Biology Centre in Ljubljana.

The creation of new fundamental knowledge in the field of biology and similar nature- and environment-related sciences and facilitating this knowledge in order to improve the quality of life, to support environmental policies and to provide the development of science present the core mission of the National Institute of Biology and the Department of Biology at the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana. Research and education in the field of sciences related to life and nature put great responsibility on both institutions in order to create professional and scientific foundations and strengthen the social climate for permanent harmonic symbiosis between the man and nature.

With the main aim to enable young researchers from both institutions, which operate within the scope of the Biology Centre, to get to know each other better, present their research work and make contacts for future project and pedagogical cooperation, the meeting of young researchers and their mentors took place on 7 March 2011.

The event was solemnly opened by Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, Director of NIB, and Prof. Dr. Gregor Anderluh, Vice Dean of the Department of Biology at the Biotechnical Faculty. They presented the 2000 Young Researchers Project, which is one of the science policy instruments of the Slovenian Research Agency. The programme has been successfully in progress since 1985 and has significantly contributed to stimulating research, promoting the participation of younger researchers in research groups at the institutes, promoting pedagogical work at universities and stimulating the increase in the number of highly qualified medical practitioners – researchers at clinics and also increasing the HR potential for the requirements of other public and private sectors carriers.

At the meeting, young researchers who are in their final year of postdoctoral study, presented their research work by giving short lectures.

Iz Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo so se nam predstavili:

- **Maarten de Groot:** *Being a young researcher in Slovenia - a Dutch perspective.* Mentorica: dr. Meta Virant Doberlet.
- **Tjaša Kogovšek:** *Trophic ecology of klobučnjaskih meduz v obalnem morju.* Mentorica: prof. dr. Alenka Malej
- **Petra Nikolič:** *Skrivnostni svet fitoplazem.* Mentorica: prof. dr. Marina Dermastia.
- **Franja Pajk:** *Thermal sensitivity of water fleas.* Mentorica: dr. Tatjana Simčič.
- **Jana Petković:** *Snack with TiO<sub>2</sub> - the decision is yours.* Mentorica: prof. dr. Metka Filipič.

Iz Oddelka za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani so se nam predstavili:

- **Domen Jaklič:** *Antimicrobial activity of larval excretions/secretions of the blowfly, Lucilia sericata.* Mentorica: prof. dr. Nina Gunde Cimerman.
- **Špela Mechora:** *Vsebnost selenia v vodnih rastlinah.* Mentorica: dr. Mateja Germ.
- **Rok Tkavc:** *Mikrofone združbe solinskega raka Artemia sp. in izbranih solinskib mikrobnih preprog.* Mentorica: prof. dr. Nina Gunde Cimerman.
- **Ana Zovko:** *Biological activities of synthetic analogues of poly-APS.* Mentor: prof. dr. Tom Turk.

Predstavili sta se tudi nagrjenki in dobitnici štipendije programa »za Ženske v znanosti« za leto 2011, ki jo podeljujejo L'Oréal Slovenija, Slovenska nacionalna komisija za UNESCO in Slovenska znanstvena fundacija.

To sta bili mladi raziskovalki:

- Biserka Bakrač iz Oddelka za biologijo s predavanjem: *Specifična vezava ekvinatoksin II, citolitičnega proteina iz morske vetrnice Actinia equina, na sfingomyelin.* Mentor: prof. dr. Gregor Anderluh in
- Ana Rotter iz NIB, ki se nam je predstavila s predavanjem: *Systems biology at NIB-FITO: what and how we have learned.* Njena mentorica je prof. dr. Kristina Gruden.

## NJ. EKSC. G. SUN RONGMIN, AMBASADOR LJUDSKE REPUBLIKE KITAJSKE IN ATAŠEJKA NA KITAJSKEM VELEPOSLANIŠTVU GA. ZHANG YUYUE OBISKALA NIB

Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo je v petek 25. februarja 2011, na povabilo direktorce NIB prof. dr. Tamare Lah Turnšek, obiskal Njegova ekselencia gospod SUN Rongmin, ambasador Ljudske Republike Kitajske in atašeka na Kitajskem veleposlaništvu gospa Zhang Yuyue.

Srečanje, ki so se ga poleg direktorce in kitajskih gostov udeležili tudi vodje enot Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo, je bilo namenjeno predstavitvi raziskovalnega dela NIB, njegove vpetosti v mednarodni prostor in obstoječa dolgoletna sodelovanja s kitajskimi znanstveniki in ustanovami. Sodelovanje med obema državama na področju naravoslovnih in okoljskih znanosti poteka že nekaj let, v obliki izvajanja bilateralnih projektov, ki so sofinancirani s strani Javne agencije za raziskovalno dejavnost, katerega rezultati so skupni znanstveni članki, izmenjave uveljavljenih raziskovalcev in študentov, ter strokovno izobraževanje. Udeleženci srečanja pa so bili enotni, da si v prihodnosti želijo tovrstno znanstveno sodelovanje še okrepliti in razširiti na druga področja delovanja NIBa ter predvsem spodbujati izmenjavo doktorandov med obema državama.



Njegova ekselencia gospod Sun Rongmin, ambasador Ljudske Republike Kitajske in prof. dr. Tamare Lah Turnšek.

His Excellency Mr. Sun Rongmin, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China and Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, Director NIB.

Njegova ekselencia gospod Sun Rongmin, ambasador Ljudske Republike Kitajske in atašeka na Kitajskem veleposlaništvu gospa Zhang Yuyue.

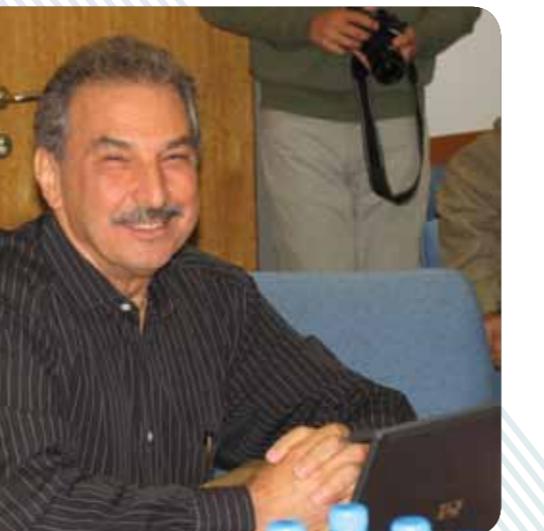
His Excellency Mr. Sun Rongmin, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China and Mrs. Zhang Yuyue, the China Embassy Attaché.

Srečanje Njegove ekselence gospoda Sun Rongmina z direktorico in vodji oddelkov NIB.

Meeting His Excellency Mr. Sun Rongmin with Director and Heads of the Departments of the NIB.

This year, two young researchers and award winners who have been granted the scholarship within the “For Women in Science” programme, provided by L'Oréal Slovenia, the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO and the Slovenian Science Foundation, also presented their work:

- Maarten de Groot: *Being a young researcher in Slovenia - a Dutch perspective.* Mentor: Dr. Meta Virant Doberlet.
- Tjaša Kogovšek: *Trophic ecology of jellyfish in the coastal waters.* Mentor: Prof. Dr. Nina Gunde Cimerman.
- Špela Mechora: *Selenium content in water plants.* Mentor: Dr. Mateja Germ
- Rok Tkavc: *Microbial populations of brine shrimp, Artemia sp., and selected brine microbial mats.* Mentor: Prof. Dr. Nina Gunde Cimerman.
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Obisk Njene ekscelence gospe Débora Vainer Barenboim, veleposlanice Brazilije.  
Visit of Her Excellency Mrs. Débora Vainer Barenboim, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

## NIB JE OBISKALA NJE. EKSC. GOSPA DÉBORA VAINER BARENBOIM, VELEPOSLANICA BRAZILIJE

V petek, 7. oktobra 2011 je na Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo potekalo predavanje dr. Miguela Borgesa z EMBRAPA instituta v Braziliji: »EMBRAPA- največji inštitut na področju kmetijstva, njegova dejavnost, vloga in poslanstvo«, ki se ga je udeležila tudi Njena ekscelenca gospa Débora Vainer Barenboim, veleposlanica Brazilije s sodelavko gospo Carolino Fonseca.

Na predavanju je dr. Miguel Borges, vodja Oddelka za genetske resurse in biotehnologijo na Embrapa inštitutu in svetovno priznani raziskovalec na tem področju, predstavil institut EMBRAPA, ki je s svojimi več kot 8000 raziskovalci največji kmetijski institut na svetu, s svojo dejavnostjo pa je prisoten ne samo v Braziliji, ampak v celotni Južni Ameriki in v velikem delu Afrike. Embrapa inštitut in posebej skupina, ki jo vodi dr. Miguel Borges je izrazito odprta za

Predavanje dr. Miguela Borgesa z EMBRAPA instituta v Braziliji.  
Lecture of Dr. Miguel Borges from the Institute EMBRAPA in Brazil.

Dr. Miguel Borges z EMBRAPA instituta v Braziliji.  
Dr. Miguel Borges from the Institute EMBRAPA in Brazil.

sodelovanje in ponuja veliko možnosti za navezavo stikov. Oddelek za entomologijo Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo z njimi sodeluje že vrsto let.

Pomen inštituta Embrapa za Brazilijo in v svetu je izpostavila tudi Njena ekscelenca gospa Débora Vainer Barenboim, veleposlanica Brazilije in pohvalila sodelovanje Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo z brazilskimi znanstvenimi ustanovami ter izrazilila podporo pri nadaljnjih aktivnostih našega inštituta na področju bilateralnega projektnega sodelovanja.

## HIS EXCELLENCY MR. SUN RONGMIN, AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MRS. ZHANG YUYUE, THE CHINA EMBASSY ATTACHE VISITED NIB

His Excellency Mr. Sun Rongmin, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China and Mrs. Zhang Yuyue, the China Embassy Attaché visited the National institute of biology (NIB), on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2011, upon the invitation of the Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, Director of the NIB.

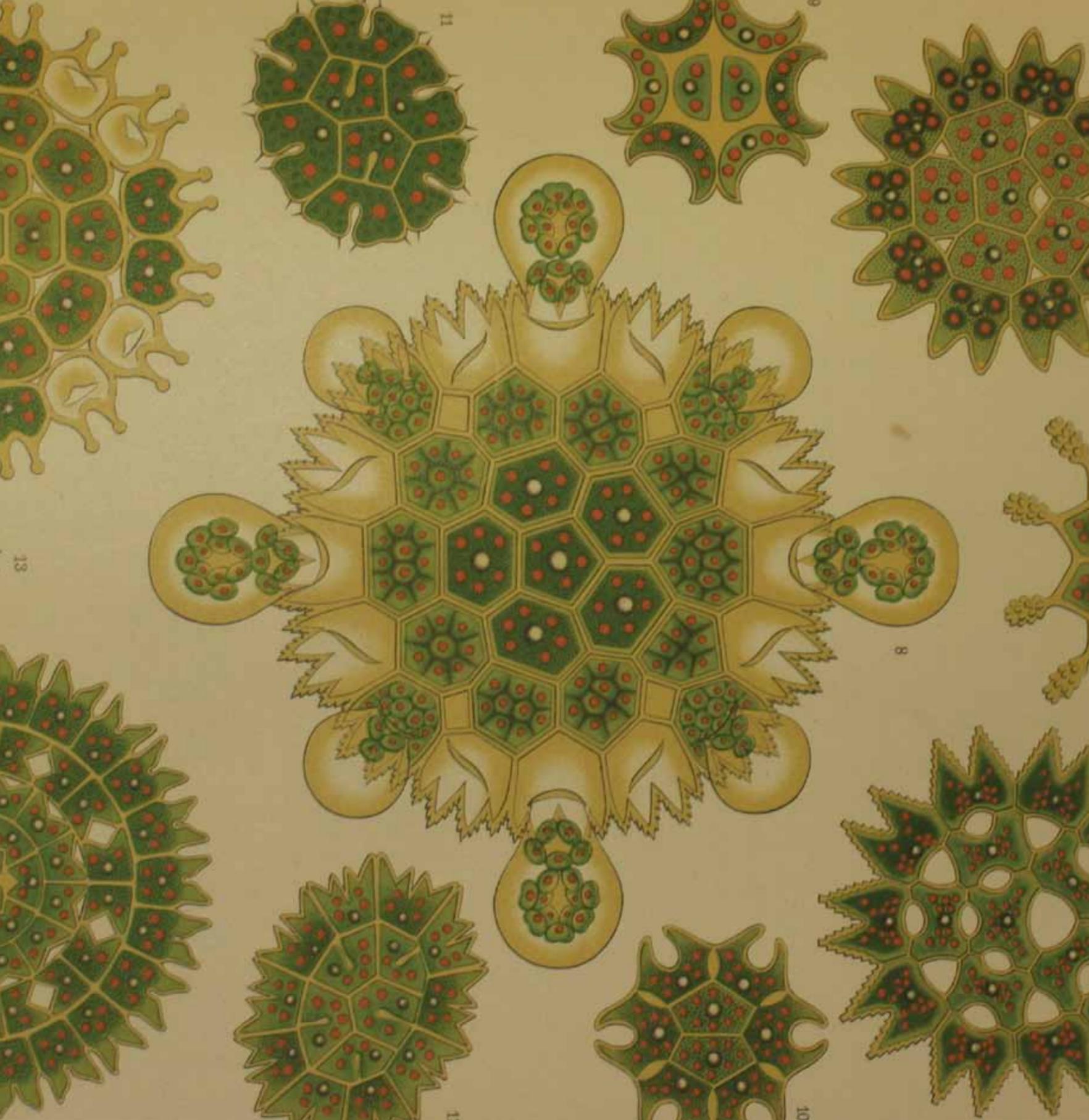
The meeting was, besides the Director and the Guests from the China Embassy attended also the Heads of the Units of the National Institute of Biology, was devoted to the presentations of research of the NIB scientists, their integration in the international area and to the presentation of the existing long term cooperation with the Chinese scientists and institutions. Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the People's Republic of China in the field of natural and environmental sciences has been already running for several years. Some bilateral projects, financed by the Slovenian Research Agency have already been implemented. The results of those cooperation are joint scientific papers, exchange of established researchers and students, and professional training. Participants of the meeting agreed that this kind of scientific cooperation between the two countries are important and support their further strengthening. They agreed to consolidate science cooperation also in other fields of NIB's activities in the future and to especially promote the exchange of young researchers between the two countries.

## NIB VISITED HER EXCELLENCY MRS. DÉBORA VAINER BARENBOIM, AMBASSADOR OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

On Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 was on the National Institute of Biology held the lecture "EMBRAPA – the largest institute in the field of agriculture, its activities, role and mission" of Dr. Miguel Borges from the Institute EMBRAPA in Brazil. The lecture was also participated by Her Excellency Mrs. Débora Vainer Barenboim, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Mrs. Carolina Fonseca.

In the lecture Dr. Miguel Borges, Head of genetic resource and biotechnology on the Institute EMBRAPA and an internationally well known researcher in this field, presented the Institute EMBRAPA, which is with its more than 8000 researchers, the largest agricultural institute in the world. With its activity is present not only in Brazil but throughout Latin America and in much of Africa. The Institute Embrapa, and particularly the group led by Dr. Miguel Borges is very open for collaboration and offers many opportunities for contact. Department of Entomology of the National Institute of Biology cooperates with them for many years.

Her Excellency Mrs. Débora Vainer Barenboim, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil also highlighted the importance of the Institute Embrapa in Brazil and abroad, and praised the cooperation of the National Institute of Biology with the Brazilian scientific institutions and expressed support for further activities of our institute in the field of bilateral cooperation project.



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Ribja uš na črnoboki babici  
Fish lice on a longstriped blenny



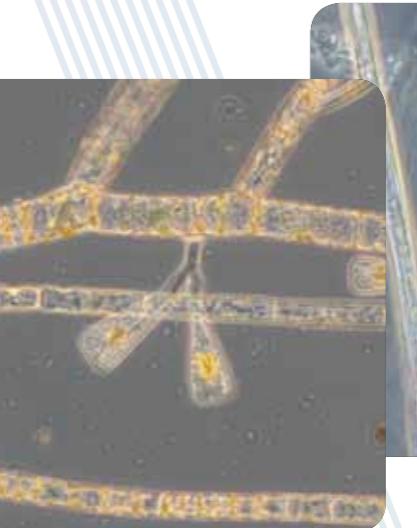
Oceanografska boja Vida  
Oceanographic buoy Vida



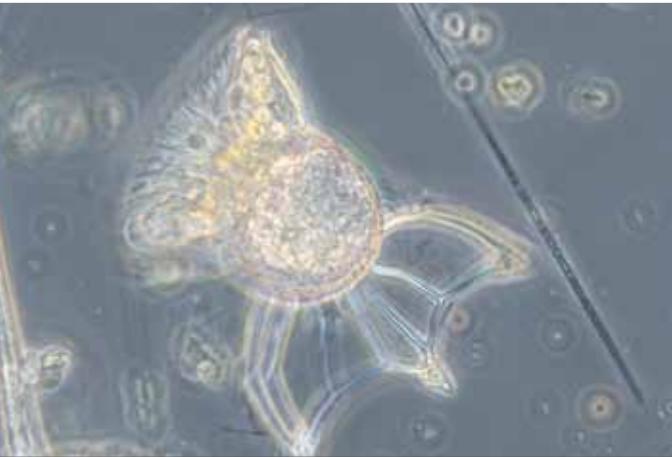
Polipi uhatega klobučnjaka (*Aurelia aurita*)  
Moon jellyfish polyps (*Aurelia aurita*)



Kristal solnega cveta (vrstični elektronski mikroskop, SEM)  
Salt flower crystal (scanning electron microscope, SEM)



Nitasta rjava alga z epifitsko kremensko algo  
Filamentous algae with epiphytic diatom



Oklepni bičkar *Omithocercus magnificus*  
Dinoflagellate *Omithocercus magnificus*

## Raziskovalna dejavnost

Morska biološka postaja (MBP) je kot osrednja enota za te vsebine v slovenskem prostoru v 2011 nadaljevala s temeljnimi in uporabnimi multidisciplinarnimi raziskavami polzaprtih in priobalnih morskih sistemov. Raziskave so vključevalne analize značilnosti mikrobnih združb, primarne produkcije in planktona, bentoških združb in habitatnih tipov, genomike izbranih organizmov, fotokemičnih procesov ter biokemijskih procesov kroženja ogljika, študije populacijske dinamike meduz ter cirkulacije obalnih morij. V 2011 smo pričeli z delom na dveh novih evropskih projektih ter na nacionalnem aplikativnem projektu. Nadaljevali smo z raziskavami ter razvojem metod za izvajanje bodočega monitoringa v skladu z evropsko zakonodajo ter z izvajanjem nacionalnega monitoringa. Neprekinjeno so potekale meritve meteoroloških, oceanografskih in bioloških parametrov (morski opazovalni sistem), dopolnjena z opazovanji in numeričnimi simulacijami oceanografskih razmer v Koprskem zalivu.

### Raziskovalni program P1-0237 »Raziskave obalnega morja«

L. 2011 smo nadaljevali z intenzivnim terenskim delom na morju, predvsem v Tržaškem zalivu, v manjši meri pa tudi južnem Jadranu. Ob oceanografski boji, kjer nam senzorji na boji zagotavljajo kontinuirano spremljanje tokov in nekaterih oceanografskih in meteoroloških parametrov, redno, dvakrat mesečno, analiziramo značilnosti planktona (avtotrofni in heterotrofni mikrobeni plankton, mikro- in mesozooplankton); poleg tega smo v 24-urnem ciklusu ugotavljali spremenljivost izbranih planktonskih parametrov.

V letu 2011 smo zaključili dvoletni ciklus meritve fotosinteznih lastnosti fitoplanktona in primarne produkcije ter raziskavo sezonske dinamike bakterijske združbe in dominantnih filogenetskih skupin. Ob oceanografski boji smo v sodelovanju z Univerzo na Dunaju izvedli in situ poskuse z bentoškimi komorami, katerih cilj so bile raziskave

odziva bentoških organizmov na nizke koncentracije kisika. V 24-urnem ciklusu smo analizirali oceanografske značilnosti Koprskega zaliva in opravili meritve tokov z gibanjočim plovilom. V Luki Koper so mesečno potekale meritve in analiza populacijske dinamike polipov uhatega klobučnjaka.

Nadaljevalo se je terensko delo za opredelitev bentoških habitatnih tipov z uporabo potapljaških opazovalnih metod, razvili smo novo nedestruktivno metodo za oceano stanja cirkalitorala z uporabo posebnih sani in video kamere. Nadaljevali smo tudi raziskave prostorske porazdelitve in vsebnosti izbranih onesnažil v morju. Zaključili smo meritve in vzorčenja v kristalizacijskih bazenih Sečoveljskih solin in opredelili biološke in kemične sestavine solinskega blata in petole.

Nadaljevali smo z laboratorijskimi ter *in situ* poskusi za opredelitev eko-fizioloških značilnosti fitoplanktona, za oceno vplivov organske snovi odmrlih meduz na mikrobeno združbo ter za razjasnitve vplivov pogojev okolja in vrst hrane na polipe uhatega klobučnjaka. Razvili smo novo metodo

## Research Activity

In 2011 the Marine biology Station (MBP) continued with basic and applied multidisciplinary research of semi-closed and coastal marine systems; MBP is a central research institution for these kinds of studies in Slovenia.

The studies that were carried out comprised: analysis of characteristics of microbial communities, primary production and plankton, benthic communities and habitats, genomics of selected organisms, photochemical processes as well as biochemical processes of a carbon cycle, studies on the population dynamics of jellyfish, and the circulation of the coastal sea.

In 2011 we started working on two new European Union research projects, and on one national Slovene applied science project. We have continued with research and with developing methods for performing the future monitoring in accordance with the European legislation and with the Slovenian national monitoring program.

On a continuous basis, we carried out the observations of meteorological, oceanographical, and biological parameters (marine observing system), supplemented with observations and numerical simulations of the oceanographic conditions in the Koper Bay.

### Research Programme P1-0237 »Coastal Marine Research«

In 2011 we have continued with our intense field work on the sea, mostly in the Trieste Bay, and to a lesser degree in the South Adriatic Sea. At the oceanographic buoy that is equipped with sensors which assure continuous monitoring of currents as well as some other oceanographic and meteorological parameters we analyse on the regular basis (two times a month) the properties of plankton (autotrophic and heterotrophic microbial plankton, and micro- and zooplankton); besides these analyses we also performed a 24-hour cycle estimate of the variability of the specific plankton parameters.



Spuščanje kamere na "podvodnih saneh"  
Video camera mounted on underwater skis



Sortiranje zbranega materiala  
Sorting the collected material



Pavja babica (*Salarias pavo*)  
Peacock blenny (*Salarias pavo*)

barvanja harpaktikoidnih kopepodov, ki obarva le žive organizme. Na naravnih vzorcih fitoplanktona in izoliranih celicah treh potencialno toksičnih vrst roda *Dinophysis*, so bile v sodelovanje z Veterinarsko fakulteto v okviru CRP projekta (01V41085) opravljene prve analize lipofilnih toksinov z LC-MS metodo.

Eksperimentalno terensko in laboratorijsko delo smo nadgrajevali z modeliranjem. Začeli smo razvijati metode podatkovnega rendarjenja, prilagojene prostorskim in časovnim značilnostim oceanografskih podatkov. Osredotočili smo se na Lagrangejevo sledenje namišljenih delcev v hitrostnih poljih, ki so rezultat oceanografskih meritev ter numeričnega modeliranja. S pomočjo povezovalnih pravil smo konstruirali več-nivojske usmerjene grafe z različno gradacijo v prostoru in času.

Analizirali smo sezonska nihanja mikrobnih združbe in na osnovi denaturacijske gradientne gelske elektroforeze in 16S rRNA klonskih knjižnic razvrstili bakterijske združbe v 'zimsko' in 'poletno' skupino.

Testirali smo hipotezo ali imata meroplanktonski vrsti *Aurelia aurita* in *Rhizostoma pulmo* enak filogeografski vzorec v evropskih morjih. Z analizo mrež haplotipov smo dokazali, da se vrsti razlikujeta v filogeografskih vzorcih in da med nekaterimi kriptičnimi vrstami uhatega klobučnjaka ni genskega pretoka (*Aurelia* sp. 8 in *Aurelia* sp. 5 iz Jadranskega morja ter med populacijami v Baltiku, Severnem in Črnomorju). Za *R. pulmo* nismo našli signala, ki bi nakazoval genetsko strukturiranost populacij v Sredozemskem morju.

Ovrednotili smo stanje obrežne ribje združbe in uporabili ustnake kot indikatorske vrste, ker so z obrežno vegetacijo povezane na več nivojih (prehranjevalni, gnezditveni in bivalni aspekt). Nadgradili smo indeks za oceno stanja morskih travnikov kolenčaste cimodoceje v obalnem pasu ter indeks za oceno hidromorfološke spremenjenosti kamnitega obalnega pasu.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

V letu 2011 smo zaključili obsežno analizo časovnih serij biomas in sestave fitoplanktona in zooplanktona ter pomembnejših podpornih fizikalno-kemičnih parametrov. Usmerili smo se v prepoznavanje velikih sprememb v zadnjih dveh desetletjih (1989-2009), ki jih v primeru statistične značilnosti zaznavamo kot spremembo režima v ekosistemu ('regime shift'). Taka sprememba je bila v Tržaškem zalivu opažena v obdobju 2002/2003 na več nivojih: na abiotiskih dejavnikih ekosistema in v pelaški združbi.

We have continued our field work focused on the determination of the benthic habitat types, using diving observation techniques; we have developed a new non-destructive method for the assessment of the circalittoral zone using a specially adapted sled carrying a video recorder. We have also continued with the research of the spatial distribution and content of selected pollutant in the sea. We have completed the measurements and sampling in the salt crystallization basins in Sečovlje salt pans, and have determined the biological and chemical components of the salt pan mud and the petola.

We have continued with laboratory and *in situ* experiments for determination of the eco-physiological properties of plankton, for assessment of the impact of organic matter from dead jellyfish on the microbial community, and for clarification of the impact of environmental conditions and food types on the common jellyfish polyps. We have developed a new method for staining the *harpacticoid copepods* which enables a selective staining of living organisms only. In collaboration with the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Ljubljana in frame of a joint CRP research project (01V41085), and using the LC-MS method, we have carried out the first analysis of the lipophilic toxins from natural samples of phytoplankton, and from the isolated cells of three potentially toxic species from the genus *Dinophysis*.

The experimental work has been complemented with the modelling. We have started developing the methods for data mining that are adapted to the spatial and temporal characteristics of the oceanographic data. We have focused on the virtual Lagrangian particles tracking in the velocity fields that are the result of real oceanographic measurements and the numerical modelling. Using

the connection rules we have constructed multi-level computational grids with different temporal and spatial gradation.

We have analyzed the seasonal fluctuations in microbial communities, and have grouped the bacterial associations into »winter« and »summer« group, based on denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis that can rapidly display the bacterial diversity contained in 16S rDNA clone libraries.

We have tested the hypothesis of whether the two meroplanktonic species *Aurelia aurita* in *Rhizostoma pulmo* have same phylogeographic patterns in the European seas. Using the haplotypes network method we have proved that the two species distinguish themselves in their phylogeographic patterns, and that there is no gene flow among some cryptic species of the common jellyfish (*Aurelia* sp. 8, and *Aurelia* sp. 5 from the Adriatic Sea, and among the populations in the Baltic Sea, North Sea, and the Black Sea). No genetic structure was detected in *R. pulmo* over the Mediterranean Sea.

We have continued with preparation, application, and testing of the methodologies for assessment of the ecological and environmental status as required by the European directives (EU Water Framework Directive, and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive). We have continued developing the index for status assessment of habitat types in the mediolittoral and infralittoral that is based on the analysis of three ecological factors as follows: vegetation cover, spatial heterogeneity, and coastal blennioid fish.

We have estimated the status of the coastal fish association, and we have used the blennioid fish species as indicator species because they are linked with the coastal vegetation at multiple levels (food, nesting, and

inhabiting aspects). We have upgraded the index for assessment of the status of the little Neptune sea grass beds in the shore area, as well as the index of assessment of hydromorphological alteration of the rocky shore area.

## Important Achievements in 2011

In 2011 we have completed an extensive analysis of the temporal series of biomass and the compositions of phytoplankton and zooplankton, as well as the most important physical and chemical parameters. We have focused on the identification of big changes in the last two decades (1989-2009) that in case of statistical significance we can detect as a regime shift in the ecosystem. Such shift has been observed in the Trieste Bay in the period of 2002/2003 at multiple levels: in the abiotic factors of the ecosystem, and in the pelagic associations.

The changes in the water regimes of the tributaries that flow into the Trieste Bay (the most important being the river Soča) have lead to the decreased concentrations of nutrient salts and consequently to the decrease in the phytoplankton biomass due to the changed ratios among the main groups of the phytoplankton and due to the decreased diatom algae bloom; in the latest period of time, also the mesozooplankton biomass had decreased significantly. These results have been reported at two international conferences, and a scientific publication has been prepared that was accepted in print and published in the year 2012.

Spremembe v vodnem režimu pritokov v Tržaški zaliv (najpomembnejši je reka Soča) so vodile do upada koncentracij hraničnih soli ter posledično do zmanjšanja fitoplanktonske biomase zaradi spremenjenih razmerij glavnih skupin fitoplanktona in upada diatomejskih cvetenj, v zadnjem obdobju je značilno upadla tudi mesozooplanktonska biomasa. Rezultate smo predstavili na dveh mednarodnih konferencah in pripravili članek, ki je bil sprejet v tisk ter natisnjen v letu 2012.

## Aplikativni dosežki

### OPREDELITEV OKOLJSKEGA STANJA MORJA IN ANALIZA PREVLADUJOČIH PRITISKOV IN VPLIVOV V SKLADU Z OKVIRNO DIREKTIVO O MORSKI STRATEGIJI

V projektni nalogi smo pripravili strokovne podlage za začetno presojo okoljskega stanja morja z elementi iz Tabel 1 in 2 Priloge III Okvirne direktive o morski strategiji (Člen 8). Vse države članice morajo o tem poročati v letu 2012. Znanstveno delo smo zato povezali s potrebami implementacije te pomembne direktive. Za oceno stanja morja smo testirali metode, ki so bile predlagane na nivoju Sredozemlja, nadgradili smo tiste, ki se niso izkazale za primerne za naše okolje ter nadaljevali z razvojem metod za tiste biološke elemente, kjer ni bilo do sedaj še nič razvitega.

Nadgradili smo tudi indeks za oceno stanja travnikov kolenčaste cimodoceje (*Cymodocea nodosa*) ter indeks za oceno hidromorfološke spremenjenosti kamnitega obalnega pasu. Razvili smo video-metodo s posebnimi sanmi, ki bo omogočila spremeljanje habitatnih tipov v cirkalitoralu, kjer smo našli

pet novih vrst alg za slovensko morje (*Hydrolithon boreale*, *Lithothamnion minervae*, *L. philippii*, *L. sonderi* in *Neogoniolithon brassica-florida*). Pri raziskavah ihtiofavne smo nadaljevali s proučevanjem redkih in ogroženih funkcionalnih skupin, kot so hrustančnice, pozornost smo namenili tudi albinizmu pri skatih.

Z rezultati naloge smo prispevali k razumevanju procesov in sprememb v slovenskem morju, kar je zelo pomembno za predvidevanje negativnih posledic in za pravočasno ukrepanje.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

V 2011 smo sodelovali z Ministrstvom za okolje in prostor, Ministrstvom za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano ter Inštitutom za vode, ki so uporabniki naših raziskav na področju biodiverzitete, zagotavljanja kakovosti morske hrane in določanja ekološkega stanja vodnih teles slovenskega morja. Redno teče tudi sodelovanje z Agencijo RS za okolje na področju spremeljanja kakovosti morja, vnosov onesnaženja s kopnega in obdelave podatkov z oceanografske boje VIDA. Nadaljevali smo sodelovanje z Nacionalno komisijo za UNESCO na področju opazovalnih sistemov ter prenosu znanosti v izobraževanje ter z Javnim podjetjem Okolje d.o.o. Piran pri monitoringu izpusta prečiščenih odplak v morje. Vzpostavili smo sodelovanje z upravljalcem solin v Sečovljah, sodelovali smo z naravnim parkom Strunjan.

## Raziskovalna infrastruktura

V 2011 smo nadaljevali z uporabo obstoječe raziskovalne infrastrukture za terensko delo, kamor sodita 11,5 m dolgo plovilo *Sagita* ter manjše, a okretnejše 7 metrsko plovilo *Karolina*. V 2011 smo izvedli nakup novega akustičnega merilnika tokov, ki je enostavno in inventivno pritrjen na plovilo *Sagita* ter meri tokove med gibanjem plovila. Z njim smo tudi izvedli prve 24-urne meritve v Koprskem zalivu. Na oceanografski boji *Vida* smo izpopolnili meritve koncentracije kisika in odpravili težave obrasti z bentoškimi algami, sicer pa smo uporabljali neprekrajene meritve oceanografskih, meteoroloških in ekoloških parametrov.

Uporabili smo sistem za meritve različnih parametrov v morskem sedimentu. V biološkem, mikrobiološkem, molekularno biološkem in kemijskem laboratoriju skupina razpolaga s potreben opremo, v l. 2011 smo pridobili nov HPLC (tekočinski kromatograf z visoko ločljivostjo) instrument za določevanje pigmentov fitoplanktona.



Rakovica na plaščarju  
Crab on a tunicate

Vzorčenje morskega klobuka (*Rhizostoma pulmo*)  
Sampling a barrel jellyfish (*Rhizostoma pulmo*)

Fotografiranje je neinvazivna metoda popisovanja  
Photography is a noninvasive describing method

## Application Accomplishments

### DETERMINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS OF THE SEA AND THE ANALYSIS OF THE PREVAILING PRESSURES AND IMPACTS, ACCORDING TO THE MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE.

In frame of project tasks we have prepared expert basis for the initial estimation of the environmental status of the sea with the elements in Tables 1 and 2 of the Appendix III of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (Article 8). All member states must issue a report about the environmental status of the sea in the year 2012. Therefore, we have adapted our scientific work in order to meet the requirements for the implementation of this directive. For the estimation of the status of the sea we have tested the methods that were suggested at the Mediterranean level, and we have upgraded those that proved to be suitable for our specific environment; we have continued developing the

methods for the biological elements that did not have any developed methods available.

We have upgraded the index for assessment of the status of the little Neptune sea grass (*Cymodocea nodosa*) beds in the shore area, as well as the index of assessment of hydro-morphological alteration of the rocky shore area. We have developed a video method using a specially adapted sled carrying a video recorder for the observation of the habitat types in the circa littoral where we discovered five algae species that are new findings in the Slovenian sea (*Hydrolithon boreale*, *Lithothamnion minervae*, *L. philippii*, *L. sonderi* in *Neogoniolithon brassica-florida*). We have continued with the studies of ichthyofauna by studying rare and endangered functional groups such as cartilaginous fish; we have focused our attention to phenomena such as the albinism in rays.

The results of our studies contributed to the understanding of processes and changes in the Slovenian sea, which are both important for predicting the negative consequences and for taking actions in a timely fashion.

## Collaboration with Various Users

In 2011 we have collaborated with the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and with the Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia, who are all employing our research studies in the areas of biodiversity, assurance of seafood quality, and determination of the ecological status of the water bodies of the Slovenian sea. On the regular basis we also collaborate with the Environment Agency of the Republic of Slovenia in the areas of monitoring the quality of the sea, land-based pollution, and the data analysis from the oceanographic buoy VIDA. We have continued our collaboration with the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO in the areas of observational systems and the transfer of science into education, and with the Public Enterprise Okolje d.o.o. Piran with the monitoring of sea quality near the treated sewage outfall. We have established collaboration with the management of



Dan odprtih vrat MBP: vzorčevalna rozeta  
Open day on MBS: sampling rosette

## Mednarodno sodelovanje

Skupina ima zelo aktivno in razvijano mednarodno sodelovanje. L. 2011 so raziskovalci programske skupine sodelovali pri izvajaju petih projektov okvirnih programov EU, sodelovali smo pri projektu COST. Poleg tega sta bila l. 2011 pridobljena še dva nova projekta 7. okvirnega programa EU, ki se začenjata v l. 2012. Mednarodno sodelovanje vključuje tudi program Agencije ZN za okolje (UNEP MAP – Sredozemski akcijski načrt), International Ocean Institute in sodelovanje pri CIESM (Sredozemski komisiji za znanstveno raziskovanje morja). Sodelovali smo tudi v šestih bilateralnih projektih (Brazilija, Črna Gora, Francija, Hrvaška, Rusija) ter projektu NSF-NCEAS ZDA. Raziskovalka programske skupine pa je sodelovala na transatlantski ekspediciji španskega ministrstva za znanost Malaspina.

## Izobraževalne dejavnosti in promocija znanosti

V letu 2011 so širje kandidati z uspešnim zagovorom disertacije zaključili doktorski študij pod mentorstvom članov programske skupine. Člani programske skupine so bili



Klobučnjaška meduza mesečinka (*Pelagia noctiluca*)  
Scyphomedusa mauve stinger (*Pelagia noctiluca*)

Sečovlje salt pans, and have collaborated with the Nature Park Strunjan.

## Research Infrastructure

In 2011 we have continued using the existing research infrastructure for our field work; this infrastructure comprises 11,5 m long research vessel Sagita and a smaller and more agile 7 meter long research vessel Karolina. In 2011 we have purchased a new acoustic sea current measuring device that is attached in a simple and inventive way to the ship Sagita in order to measure the sea currents while the ship is moving.

## International Collaboration

The research group has established a very active and widespread network of the international collaboration. In 2011 the researchers of the program group have been active in carrying out five research projects within the European framework programs, and have participated in a COST project. Additionally, we have been granted two new projects within the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program that will start in 2012. International collaboration also includes the program of the United Nations Environment programme (UNEP MAP – Mediterranean action plan), International Ocean Institute, and collaboration within CIESM (Mediterranean Science Commission for scientific marine research). We have also participated in six bilateral joint research projects (with Brazil, Croatia, France, Monte Negro, and Russia), and in the NSF-NCEAS project of the United States of America. Our female

research staff member has participated at the transatlantic expedition Malaspina that was organized by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.

The themes of the international collaborations are diverse and include marine observation systems, gelatinous plankton, development of sensors for detecting pollution and the pollution of the sea by littering. In 2011 an international analysis was conducted on the coraligenic formations in the Northern Adriatic Sea that was presented at the EMBS46 conference in Rovinj in September 2011. There were numerous other forms of collaboration carried out by the researchers of our program group with their colleagues abroad which is well reflected in joint scientific publications.

The researchers of our program group are active members in various international and national (governmental and/or professional) bodies; they have conducted numerous invited lectures at home as well as abroad.

## Educational Activities and the Promotion of Science

In 2011 four doctoral candidates have successfully defended their research theses as results of the completion of their doctoral degree studies under the supervision of the members of our program group. The members of the program group also mentored several postgraduate students abroad or have served as members on their research thesis committees (two doctoral candidates from Ireland and USA, respectively; master's degree candidate from the Netherlands and several others from Italy); additionally, seven bachelor degree students

have completed their research theses that were supervised by our program group members, and the candidates have graduated from different Slovenian universities in 2011.

To commemorate World Oceans Day, MBP organized an open door day at the MBP station and has successfully presented its activities through a number of workshops adapted for primary and secondary school children as well as for other interested visitors of all ages. The visitors could sign up for two out of total six available workshops: Life under the microscope; Diversity of marine organisms; Preparation for diving; Work on the marine research vessel; Interesting chemistry; and Photography workshop. Approximately 170 visitors, mostly school children of ages between six and seventeen, attended the lectures and workshops. A creative approach with the engagement of visitors is a contemporary and interactive manner of bringing the contents of the scientific research closer to the general public, especially to the young population still in school, because it informs and facilitates the process of their future educational and professional choices.

During the occasion we have recorded the events and have compiled them in a short film »Children at the Marine Biology Station Piran«. The visitors kept coming throughout the year: altogether in 2011 we had 663 visitors; 30 were pre-school children, 416 elementary school children, 130 students from abroad, and 55 adult visitors. Also commemorating the World Oceans Day we have organized a public lecture by Valentina Turk, Mikro morje (Micro Sea) in The House of Experiments in Ljubljana.

## Najpomembnejše objave v letu 2011

### KOMPETITIVNA ADSORPCIJA IN FOTORAZGRADNJA SALICILATA IN OKSALATA NA GETITU

Delo obravnava eno od možnih poti razgradnje organskih snovi v naravnem morskem okolju. Getit je prevladujoča oblika železovih mineralov v morskih sedimentih. Pod vplivom sončne svetlobe lahko v prisotnosti tega minerala nastajo hidroksilni radikali, ki so med najpomembnejšimi znanimi

Morski biološki postaji Piran». Prav tako so se vrstili obiski med letom: v letu 2011 nas je obiskalo 663 oseb, od tega 30 predšolskih otrok, 416 osnovnošolcev, 32 srednješolcev, 130 tujih študentov in 55 odraslih oseb. Poleg tega je bilo ob Svetovnem dnevu oceanov organizirano poljudno predavanje Mikromorje v Hiši eksperimentov v Ljubljani.

Lanskoletna tema ob Svetovnem dnevu oceanov je zaobljena v geslu 'Mladi-novi val sprememb'. Za to priložnost so sodelavci Morske biološke postaje Piran pripravili kratek film z naslovom »**Med morjem in kopnim**«. Film je bil postavljen na ogled ob svetovnem dnevu oceanov - v sredo, 8. junija 2011 - na internetne strani Vimeo in Youtube. Poslanstvo vključenih naravoslovnih ustvarjalcev je ozaveščanje najširše javnosti o čudesih, ki jih skriva naša mala Slovenija. V filmu je predstavljen naš obrežni – bibavični - pas med morjem in kopnim, ki je dostopen skoraj vsakemu otroku. Film je prejel Prometejevo nagrado za promocijo v znanosti. Na DVDju, ki nosi naslov »**Otrok in morje**« pa sta predstavljena oba filma (naklada 2200 DVD). Filma sta na ogled tudi na spletni strani Morske biološke postaje.

oksidanti. Za ta proces je nujna prisotnost organskih ligandov, ki z adsorpcijo na površino getita omogočijo fotoredukcijo Fe ionov. V tem delu so predstavljeni rezultati adsorpcije in nadaljnje fotorazgradnje dveh v naravnem okolju prisotnih karboksilnih kislin na mineral getit. To je prva stopnja procesa, ki lahko vodi do razgradnje drugih organskih snovi, tudi onesnažil, v naravnih vodah.

### RAZVOJ INDEKSOV ZA OCENO STANJA MORJA

V zadnjih letih je bilo razvitetih več multimetičnih indeksov, ki kombinirajo tako diverzitetne indekse, kot tudi indekse na podlagi indikatorskih organizmov, s katerimi naj bi dobili boljši vpogled v odziv bentoskih združb na gradiente obremenitev. Da bi razumeli vpliv različnih odzivov meril diverzitete na odziv multimetičnih indeksov, smo za več različnih mediteranskih ekosistemov z različno stopnjo vsebnosti organske snovi izračunali več različnih biotskih, tudi multimetičnih, indeksov. Pri diverzitetnih indeksih ni bilo enoznačnega odziva na vsebnost organske snovi, še posebej pri manjših vsebnostih, medtem ko smo med indeksi na podlagi indikatorskih organizmov in vsebnostjo organske snovi ugotovili precejšnjo korelacijo.

### RAZLIKOVANJE TAKSONOMSKIH SKUPIN MORSKIH ALG Z UPORABO SPEKTROSKOPIJE ZAKASNJENE FLUORESCENCE

Predstavili smo metodo in situ spremjanja sprememb v sestavi fitoplanktonske združbe v morskem okolju. Metoda temelji na spektrih zakasnjene fluorescence, ki smo jih analizirali s programsko opremo CHEMTAX, katera se običajno uporablja za določevanje fitoplanktonskih združb na osnovi vsebnosti barvil določenih s HPLC analizo.

Zakasnjena fluorescence (DF) se lahko meri le v živil celicah in z zakasnjeno fluorescence vzbujeni spektri so specifični za posamezne skupine fitoplanktona. Vzbujane spektre zakasnjene fluorescence (DFS) in s HPLC metodo določeno sestavo fitoplanktonskih barvil mešanic smo analizirali s programsko opremo CHEMTAX. Moč napovedovanja DFS-CHEMTAX metode je bila primerljiva s HPLC-CHEMTAX metodo.

Last year's theme of the World Oceans Day was depicted in a slogan 'The young - new wave of changes'. The members of the Marine Biology Station Piran have produced a short film for the occasion, titled »Between the land and the sea«. The film was available for viewing on a World Oceans Day, Wednesday, June 8 2011 at the internet site Vimeo on YouTube. A mission conveyed by the participating producers of the film was the awareness of the broadest public of the wonders hidden in our small country Slovenia. The film shows our coastal - tidal - area between the land and the sea that is accessible to almost every child. The film was awarded a Prometheus award for the promotion of science. We have issued and distributed a volume of 2200 DVDs titled »The child and the sea« that contain both films. The films can also be viewed through the Marine Biology Station website.

## Main Publications in 2011

### COMPETITIVE ADSORPTION AND PHOTODEGRADATION OF SALICYLATE AND OXALATE ON GOETHITE

The work targets one of the possible degradation pathways of organic compounds in the natural marine environment. Goethite is the prevailing species of iron minerals in marine sediments. The hydroxyl radicals, one of the most efficient oxidizing agents, are formed in the presence of this mineral under the influence of solar light. The presence of organic ligands, which enable the photoreduction of iron ions after the adsorption on the goethite surface, is necessary for this process. Results of the absorption on goethite and subsequent photodegradation of two naturally occurring carboxylic acids are

presented in this work. This is the first step of a process, which can lead to the degradation of other organic compounds, including pollutants, in the natural waters.

### RESPONSE OF DIFFERENT BIOTIC INDICES TO GRADIENTS OF ORGANIC ENRICHMENT IN MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL WATERS

In last few years various multimetric indexes that combine diversity indexes as well as indexes that are based on indicator organisms were developed to get an insight into how benthic communities react to the disturbance gradients. In order to understand the impact of various diversity measurements on the response of the multimetric indexes, we have calculated a number of different biotic as well as multimetric indexes for a set of different Mediterranean ecosystems with different ranges of the organic matter contents. While only equivocal response on the content of the organic matter was obtained when using diversity indexes, especially in case of small contents, a significant correlation was noted between the indexes based on the indicator organisms and the content of the organic matter.

### DIFFERENTIATION AMONG TAXONOMIC GROUPS OF MARINE ALGAE USING DELAYED FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

We have presented an *in situ* method for monitoring the changes in the composition of the phytoplankton association in the marine environment. The method is based on the delayed fluorescence spectra analysed using CHEMTAX software that is used for determining the phytoplankton communities based on their pigment contents measured by HPLC. The advantages of the Delayed fluorescence (DF) are that

it can be measured only in living cells, and the spectra induced by a delayed fluorescence are specific for the individual groups of phytoplankton. Using CHEMTAX software we have analysed induced delayed fluorescence spectra (DFS), and also the HPLC data on the composition of the phytoplankton pigment mixtures. The power of prediction in case of DFS-CHEMTAX method was comparable to the HPLC-CHEMTAX method.

## RAZISKOVALNI PROGRAM, KI GA FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE RESEARCH PROGRAM FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

- Raziskave obalnega morja / *Coastal marine research* (P1-0237), vodja programa / *the research programme leader* prof. dr. Alenka Malej.
- Kroženje snovi v okolju, snovna bilanca in modeliranje okoljskih procesov ter ocena tveganja / *Cycling of substances in the environment, mass balances, modelling of environmental processes and risks assessment* (P1-0143), vodja programa / *the research programme leader* prof. dr. Milena Horvat.

## RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI, KI JIH FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE RESEARCH PROJECTS FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

- Povezave med organsko snovjo in kovinami, s posebnim poudarkom na Hg, v obalnem morju (Tržaški zaliv) / Organic matter - metal interactions, with special reference to Hg, in coastal waters (Gulf of Trieste, northern Adriatic Sea) (J1-2136), nosilec projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Jadran Faganeli.
- Vpliv cirkulacije v široko odprtih zalivih in pomorskega prometa na transport sedimenta / *Influence of circulation and maritime traffic on sediment transport in wide open bays* (L2-4147), nosilec projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Vlado Malačič.
- Geni, ki pogojujejo aromatiko vina / *Genes behind aroma compounds in wine* - (J4-4300) nosilec projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Jure Piškur.

## MEDNARODNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Southern European Seas: Assessing and Modelling Ecosystem changes (SESAME, EU FP6, 2007-2011), nosilec projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Alenka Malej.
- A Pan-European infrastructure for ocean and marine data management (SeaDataNet, EU FP6, 2007-2011) nosilec projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Vlado Malačič.

- BI-HR/10-11-022: Planktonica trofična dinamika v obalnih vodah severnega in južnega Jadrana: primerjalna študija / Comparative research of plankton trophic dynamics of coastal waters of the northern and southern Adriatic (slovensko-hrvaško sodelovanje), nosilka projekta / *principal investigator* prof. dr. Vlado Malačič
- Rationally Designed Aquatic Receptors integrated in label-free biosensors platforms for remote surveillance of toxins and pollutants (RADAR, EU FP7, 2011-2013) nosilka projekta / *principal investigator* prof. dr. Alenka Malej.
- Marine debris removal and preventing further litter entry (MarineClean, EU CIP Eco-Innovation, 2011-2013) nosilka projekta / *principal investigator* dr. Janja Francé.
- Low dissolved oxygen events in the Northern Adriatic: *in situ* experimental insights into benthic responses before, during and post-anoxia, (The Austrian Science Fund P21542-B17, 2011-2013) nosilka / principal investigator dr. Alenka Malej.

## BILATERALNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI BILATERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- BI-US/11-12-044: Dejavniki kontrole mikrobnih in biogeokemijskih pretvorb živega srebra v porečju Soče in Tržaškem zalivu / Factors controlling microbial transformations and biogeochemistry of mercury in the Soca River System and the Gulf of Trieste (northern Adriatic) (slovensko-ameriško sodelovanje), nosilec projekta / *principal investigator* prof. dr. Alenka Malej.

## CILJNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI TARGET RESEARCH PROJECTS

- BI-ME/10-11-7: Dinamika vodnih mas v severnem in južnem Jadransku in razširjanje onesnažil ter odziv biomarkerjev / Dynamics of Northern and Southern Adriatic Sea in relation to pollutants spreading and response of biomarkers (slovensko-črnogorsko sodelovanje), nosilec projekta / *principal investigator* prof. dr. Vlado Malačič.
- CRP Konkurenčnost Slovenije 2006-2013: Virusna in mikrobiološka kontaminacija školjk ter prisotnost morskih biotoksinov v školjkah / Viral and microbiological contamination of bivalves and presence of marine biotoxins in bivalves (V4-1085), pridruženi / joint partners.
- BI-BR/10-12-005: Biofizikalni modeli in filogeografija ključnih vrst meduz (Cnidaria) v obalnih območjih Slovenije in Brazilije / Biophysical models and phylogeny of medusozoan (Cnidaria) keystone species in the shelf system of Slovenia and Brasil (slovensko-brazilsko sodelovanje), nosilka projekta / *principal investigator* prof. dr. Alenka Malej.
- CRP Konkurenčnost Slovenije 2006-2013: Raziskovanje bioloških in ekoloških značilnosti ter sezonske dinamike nekaterih gospodarsko pomembnih vrst rib v Portoroškem ribolovnem rezervatu / Determining biological and ecological characteristics and seasonal dynamics of certain commercially important fish species in the Portorož Fisheries Reserve (V4-1071), pridruženi / joint partners.
- CRP Konkurenčnost Slovenije 2006-2013: Neobiota Slovenije: Invazivne tujerodne vrste v Sloveniji ter vpliv na ohranjanje biotske raznovrstnosti in trajnostno rabo virov / *Neobiota of Slovenia: Invasive alien species and their impact on biodiversity and sustainable use of resources in Slovenia* (V1-1089), pridruženi / joint partners.

## RAZVOJNI PROJEKTI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Načrt upravljanja z morskim okoljem. Opredelitev okoljskega stanja morja in analiza prevladujočih prioritrov in vplivov v skladu z Okvirno direktivo o morski strategiji (Marine Strategy Framework Directive). 2. FAZA v letu 2011.(Inštitut za vode RS). Nosilka: dr. Martina Orlando Bonaca
- Program opredelitev ekološkega stanja morja v skladu z Vodno direktivo (2006/60/ES) v letih 2011/2012 (Inštitut za vode RS). Nosilka: dr. Janja Francé
- Spremljanje ekološkega in kemijskega stanja morja (Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka doc. dr. Patricija Mozetič
- Spremljanje kakovosti vode za življenje morskih školjk in morskih polžev (Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka doc. dr. Patricija Mozetič
- Program spremljanja kakovosti morja in vnosov onesnaženja s kopnega v skladu z Barcelonsko konvencijo (Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor, Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka prof. dr. Valentina Turk
- Izvajanje monitoringa toksičnega fitoplanktona (Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, Veterinarska uprava RS), nosilka doc. dr. Patricija Mozetič

## DRUGI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Raziskave in izobraževanje o morju ter razvoj in operacionalizacija opazovalnega sistema (UNESCO - IOC), nosilka prof. dr. Alenka Malej

## ORGANIZACIJA ZNANSTVENIH IN STROKOVNIH SREČANJ ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEETING

- Circalittoral biocoenoses and precoralligenous formations in Slovenia : [on] First Meeting on the coralligenous biocoenosis in the Northern Adriatic, MBS NIB, Piran, April 15th 2011.* LIPEJ, Lovrenc, ORLANDO-BONACA, Martina, MAVRIČ, Borut [COBISS.SI-ID 2370127]
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## OBISKI IN ŠTUDIJSKA IZPOLNJEVANJA NA TUJIH RAZISKOVALNIH INŠТИTUCIJAH VISITS AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AT INSTITUTIONS ABROAD

- Valentina Turk, Centre Suisse d'Electronique et de Microtechnique, Švica (24.-26.01.2011)
- Tinkara Tinta, Scripps Institution of Science, UC San Diego, USA (21.02-13.03.2011)
- Alenka Malej, Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Biosciencias, Brazilija (19.-25.03.2011)
- Valentina Turk, otok Mljet, Hrvaška v sodelovanju z Institutom za more in priobalje, Dubrovnik, Hrvaška (04.-07.04.2011)
- Alenka Malej, Tjaša Kogovšek, Generalni skupščini projekta SESAME, Atene (04.-08. 04.2011)
- Andreja Ramšak, Institut za biologijo mora Kotor (25.-30.04. 2011)
- Alenka Malej, Tjaša Kogovšek, Vlado Malačič, Université Marseille, Francija (16.-23.06.2011)
- Alenka Malej, Zasedanje MED POL UNEP-MAP, Rodos, Grčija (24.-28.05.2011)
- Patricia Mozetič, Malaspina 2010, sodelovanje na španski raziskovalni ekspediciji z BIO Hesperides, Cartagena de Indias (Kolumbija) - Cartagena (Španija) (15.06.-15.07.2011)
- Alenka Malej in TinkaraTinta, otok Mljet, Hrvaška v sodelovanju z Institutom za more in priobalje, Dubrovnik, Hrvaška (12.-14.09.2011)
- Alenka Malej, komisija za zagovor doktorata, University College of Cork, Irski (18.-21.09.2011)
- Alenka Malej, Valentina Turk, P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Russian Academy of Science, Moskva (02.-08.10.2011)
- Andreja Ramšak, Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Biosciencias (19.11.-08.12.2011)

## OBISKI IZ TUJINE VISITORS FROM ABROAD

- Tamara Shiganova in Alexander Mikaelyan, P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moskva, Rusija, 3.-10.07.2011
- Andre C. Morandini, Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Biosciencias, 25.07.-06.08.2011
- Lucilia S. Miranda, Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Biosciencias, 25.07.-06.08.2011
- Michael Stachowitzsch, 29.07-10.08.2011
- Bettina Riedel, 29.07-10.08.2011
- Ivo Gallmetzer, 29.07-10.08.2011
- Alexandra Haselmair: 29.07-10.08.2011
- Marita Blasník: 29.07-10.08.2011
- Dewi Langlet, Laboratoire des Bio-Indicateurs Actuels et Fossiles Université d'Angers - Département de Géologie, Angers, France, 29.07-10.08.2011
- Eduard Metzger, Laboratoire des Bio-Indicateurs Actuels et Fossiles Université d'Angers - Département de Géologie, Angers, France, 03.-10.08.2011
- Petar Kružić, Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Prirodoslovno matematički fakultet, 15.-16.09.2011 in 04.-26.11.2011
- Milena Mitrić, Institut za biologijo mora Kotor, 10.-25.10.2011
- Sara Backović, Institut za biologijo mora Kotor, 10.-25.10.2011
- Rodolfo Metalpa, International Atomic Energy Agency-Marine Environment Laboratories, Principality of Monaco, 24.-26. 11.2011

## ČLANSTVA V ODBORIH MEDNARODNIH ORGANIZACIJ, DELOVNIH TELES, EKSPERTNIH SKUPINAH

### MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL BOARDS AND EXPERT GROUPS

- Flander Putrle V., članica ekspertne skupine za »De-contamination of the Mediterranean Sea«, MIRA Project WF7
- Flander Putrle V., članica Management Committee za European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System (EMBOS)
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- Malačič V., član, Izvršilni odbor Slovenske zveze za geodezijo in geofiziko
- Malej A., članica, Bureau Central CIESM (Commission international pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Mer Méditerranée), Monaco
- Malej A., članica, Nacionalna komisija za UNESCO in predsednica NO IOC
- Malej A., nacionalna koordinatorica MED POL, Mediterranean Action Plan, Atene
- Malej A., WG Global Jellyfish Blooms, National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, NSF, ZDA
- Mozetič P., članica, Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (IOC-UNESCO)
- Mozetič P., članica, MedGIG for EU WFD
- Ramšak A., članica ekspertne skupine za biomonitoring vodnega okolja pri Ministrstvu za zdravje, Urad Republike Slovenije za kemikalije
- Turk V., članica, Upravni odbor Slovenskega mikrobiološkega društva (SMD)

## DRUGA DELA OTHER ACTIVITIES

- GREGO, Mateja. *Otrok in morje = A child and the sea.* Piran: National Institute of Biology, Marine Biology Station; Sv. Peter: Terra Viva, 2011. 1 video DVD, barve, zvok. ISBN 978-961-92543-7-0. [COBISS.SI-ID 257656832]
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Hidromedusa Aequorea  
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Ustno odprtino brizgačev (ali morskih kumar) obdaja venec lovki.  
Oral cavity of sea cucumbers is surrounded with tentacles

Ostriga poraščena s polipom uhatega klobučnjaka  
Oyster overgrown with moon jellyfish polyps



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Oceanografska boja »Vida« za meritve oceanografskih, meteoroloških in ekoloških parametrov.  
Oceanographic buoy »Vida« for measuring oceanographic, meteorological and ecological parameters.

Raziskovalno plovilo PI-3930 (Carolina Skiff DLV 258)  
Research vessel PI-3930 (Carolina Skiff DLV 258)



Vzorčenje vodnega stolpca  
Sampling of water column



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Vzorčenje planktona  
Phytoplankton sampling



Priprave na potop pri oceanografski boji »Vida«  
Preparations for a dive under oceanographic buoy »Vida«

## Infrastrukturna dejavnost

Instrumentalni center morske biološke postaje (IC MBP) deluje v okviru oddelka Morske biološke postaje v Piranu in je sestavni del infrastrukturnega programa NIB. Veliko infrastrukturno opremo IC MBP sta v letu 2011 sestavljeni Raziskovalno plovilo PI-800, »Sagita« ter Oceanografska boja s pripadajočo logistično in računalniško opremo.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

IC MBP je v letu 2011 pridobil plovilo »Carolina« (Carolina Skiff DLV 258) s katerim smo zamenjali dotrajano plovilo PI-50. S sodobnejšim plovilom nam je omogočen hitri izhod na morje v primeru potrebe. Zelo uporabno je pri delu v obrežnem pasu in v situacijah, ko pride do nenadnih pojavov (izlitja, lokalni pojavi

sluzenja ali cvetenja), ki so kratkega veka in jih je nemogoče načrtovati. Obenem služi kot podpora obsežnejšemu raziskovalnemu delu na morju.

Infrastruktura IC MBP je bila v letu 2011 vključena v pedagoško dejavnost, ki smo jo izvajali v sodelovanju z Univerzama v Ljubljani in Novi Gorici. Nudili smo podporo izobraževalnim programom organiziranim na Biotehniški fakulteti v Ljubljani, Fakulteti za znanosti o okolju v Novi Gorici in Fakulteti za pomorstvo in promet v Portorožu.

IC MBP je prav tako nudil podporo izvajjanju pedagoške dejavnosti za osnovne in srednje šole, saj je v tem obdobju MBP obiskalo več kot 20 organiziranih skupin dijakov in študentov.

Poleg promocijske in pedagoške dejavnosti je IC MBP deloval tudi kot mednarodni podatkovni center za Slovenijo v okviru mednarodnega oceanografskega inštituta (IOI), saj podpira:

- podatkovno bazo oceanografske postaje (senzorji na boji, zasidrani 2,7 km od piranske Punte; 365 dni x 48 vnosov dnevno; <http://buoy.mbs.org/>) ter
- podatkovno bazo fizikalno-kemijskih parametrov, 4.500 vnosov letno; intranet: [mbp-01/public/ewm](http://mbp-01/public/ewm), preko katereih se vključujemo v mednarodne metapodatkovne baze z oceanografskimi podatki (<http://www.sea-search.net/>).

## Research Activity

The Instrumental Centre of the Marine Biological station (IC MBS) is a part of the Marine Biology Station in Piran and a constituent part of the NIB infrastructure. In 2011, large infrastructural equipment of the IC MBS consisted of the Research vessel PI-800, "Sagita" and of the Oceanographic Buoy with logistic and computer equipment. Since its beginnings the centre activity is focused on supporting research programmes and projects related to sea research and to perform oceanographic and ecological measurements. The final goal of these activities is to keep the public informed.

## Important Achievements in 2011

By replacing the old PI-50 with the new 7.5 m long boat, IC MBS gained a new and fast vessel to use in cases of need for sudden interventions at sea. In cases like extensive mucous aggregate formation and occurrence of unusual marine organisms or phenomena and oil spills where rapid intervention is needed, the Carolina Skiff DLV 258 has already become irreplaceable. It also serves as support vessel to all more extensive research activities at sea.

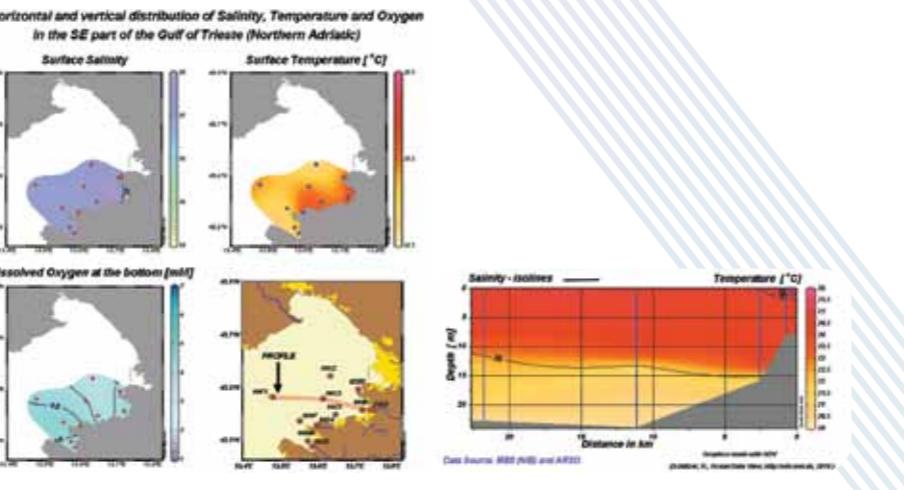
The infrastructure of the IC MBS was used also in educational activities realised in cooperation with the Universities of Ljubljana and Nova Gorica. It offers support to education programmes, organised at the Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana, the Faculty of Environmental Sciences in Nova Gorica and the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport in Portorož.

IC MBS also offers support to educational activities for elementary schools and grammar schools, over 20 organised groups of pupils and students namely visited the MBS in 2011.

In addition to its promotional and educational activities, IC MBS also acts as an international data centre for marine data in Slovenia (NODC), within the framework of the International Oceanographic Institute (IOI), offering support to:

- database of the Oceanographic station (sensors on the buoy, anchored 2,7 km from The Punta in Piran; 365 days x 48 entries a day'(<http://buoy.mbs.org/>) and
- database of physical-chemical parameters, 4500 entries a year; intranet: [mbp-01/public/ewm](http://mbp-01/public/ewm)), via which we are connected to international oceanographic meta-databases (<http://www.sea-search.net/>).

Raziskovalno plovilo PI-800 »Sagita«  
Research vessel PI-800 »Sagita«



V letu 2011 so veliko infrastrukturno opremo IC MBP NIB uporabljali naslednji mladi raziskovalci:

1. Valentina Pitacco, NIB, Morska biološka postaja, mentor: dr. Lovrenc Lipej
2. Maja Kos NIB, morska biološka postaja, mentorica: dr. Valentina Turk
3. Katja Klun, NIB, Morska biološka postaja, mentor: dr. Jadran Faganeli
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Oprema IC MBP se je uporabljala za izvajanje pedagoške dejavnosti pri različnih predmetih na šestih študijskih programih na treh univerzah.

Za poglobitev sodelovanja med infrastrukturno dejavnostjo na MBP in uporabniki storitev, se je IC MBP vključeval v proces osveščanja javnosti o potrebi po izmenjavi oceanografskih podatkov v mednarodnem prostoru (projekti SEADATANET 1, SEADATANET 2, MFSTEP, MYOCEAN) in še zlasti na lokalnem območju (Morska Biološka Postaja-Instituto nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale v Trstu) ter evidentiranja in predstavljanja znanstveno-tehnoloških zmogljivosti po celotnem Sredozemlju.

Večina dejavnosti v letu 2011 je bila povezana z nadgradnjo opreme in storitev, ki jih ponuja Oceanografska boja »Vida«. Navkljub postaviti nove boje v letu 2008 in namestitvi nove opreme, smo v tem obdobju reševali številne tehnične probleme. Ugotavljal smo nepravilnosti v delovanju merilnih instrumentov pod vodno gladino

In 2011 the large IC MBS infrastructure equipment was used by the following young researchers:

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In 2011 the IC MBS equipment was used for pedagogical activities in different courses within 3 Universities.

In order to develop better cooperation between the infrastructure activity of the MBS and the users of its services, IC MBS is participating in the process of raising public awareness on the need for this type of data, the need for exchange of data on the international (projects: SEADATANET 1 and SEADATANET 2, MFSTEP, MYOCEAN) and local (Maritime Biological Station - Instituto nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale in Trieste) level and the need for collecting evidence and present scientific-technological capacity in the entire Mediterranean.

The bulk of IC MBS's activities however were embodied in the upgrade of equipment and services offered by the oceanographic buoy »Vida«. Although the oceanographic buoy was newly setup in 2008, different technical problems were still to be resolved. Technical problems in equipment performance showed to be more acute than it was thought at the beginning, either below or above the sea surface. And yet most of them have been resolved in 2011. Additional attention was paid to current measurements in distinct layers of the water column. The measurements were crosschecked and compared with the measurements of additionally placed current meters borrowed by the Instituto nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale from Trieste. Problems regarding the dissolved oxygen measurements needed a special attention until we discovered the real cause of the problem. It was not the instrument malfunction, but the pure and simple bio-fouling. Tiny benthic micro algae were discovered under a microscope attached to the instrument membrane, which altered the measurements. The problem was solved by mounting a simple mechanical wiper. Nevertheless most of oceanographical, meteorological and ecological parameter measurements run continuously all over the year.

In the list of the new equipment there is also a new acoustic current meter (ADCP) designed for ship cruise use, bought in 2011. At MBS we already had experience with various instruments of this kind in the past, either standalone or vessel mounted, but this time we used a new approach to attach the ADCP to the hull of the research vessel. The idea of attaching it to the hull is not new, but it results from a continuous education and information of our technical staff. It also means an increase in ship velocity and stability of the instrument itself during the measurements and thus an important quality improve.

In 2008 the old oceanographic buoy hull was replaced with the new one made in stainless steel. The old hull was repainted and for three years waited for a new opportunity. At the beginning of April it was donated to the Institute of Marine Biology in Kotor, Montenegro. The research staff of the institute will use it as a research platform for various oceanographic instruments. This in a way widens up already good research cooperation between our two institutions.

Trup stare oceanografske boje, ki smo ga v letu 2008 zamenjali z novim, je kar tri leta sameval ob stavbi morske biološke postaje. V letu 2011 pa smo trup podarili inštitutu za biologijo morja v Kotorju (Črna Gora). Raziskovalcem tega inštituta bo odlično vzdrževani trup služil kot raziskovalna platforma za oceanografske instrumente, s tem pa smo še poglobili tudi sicer dobre odnose med našo in omenjeno črnogorsko raziskovalno institucijo.

Preko spletnih strani MBP je bil večji del aktivnosti MBP ažurno predstavljen domači in tuji javnosti. Uporabniki imajo dostop do trenutnih oceanografskih podatkov v skoraj realnem času. V razvoj infrastrukture in znanja aktivno vključujemo domače in tujne subjekte, kar je do sedaj v veliki meri pripomoglo k razvoju infrastrukture in znanja, v prihodnosti pa daje možnosti razvoja novih merilnih metod v ekotoksikologiji in oceanografiji obalnih voda. V izkoriščenost podatkov sta vključeni Fakulteta za matematiko in fiziko ter Fakulteta za pomorstvo in promet s pedagoškimi programi (diplomska dela). Podatki so v skoraj realnem času posredovani Agenciji za okolje RS.

## SEZNAM NEKATERIH PROJEKTOV, KI SO V LETU 2011 UPORABLJALI VELIKO OPREMO IC MBP

### RAZISKOVALNI PROGRAM, KI GA FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE

- Raziskave obalnega morja / *Coastal marine research* (P1-0237), vodja programa / *the research programme leader* prof. dr. Alenka Malej.
- Kroženje snovi v okolju, snovna bilanca in modeliranje okoljskih procesov ter ocena tveganja / *Cycling of substances in the environment, mass balances, modelling of environmental processes and risks assessment* (P1-0143), vodja programa / *the research programme leader* prof. dr. Milena Horvat.

### RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI, KI JIH FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE

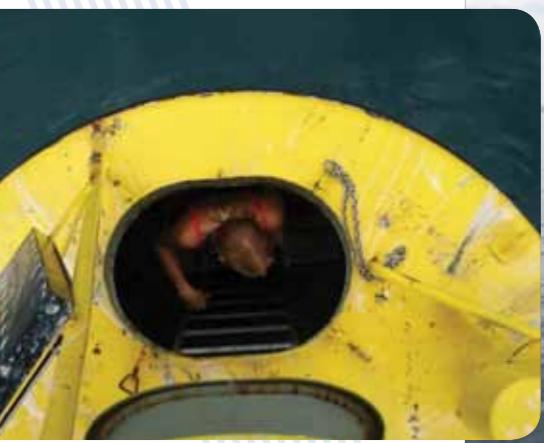
- Povezave med organsko snovo in kovinami, s posebnim poudarkom na Hg, v obalnem morju (Tržaški zaliv) / *Organic matter - metal interactions, with special reference to Hg, in coastal waters (Gulf of Trieste, northern Adriatic Sea)* (J1-2136), nosilec projekta/*principal investigator* prof. dr. Jadran Faganeli.
- Vpliv cirkulacije v široko odprtih zalivih in pomorskega prometa na transport sedimenta / *Influence of circulation and maritime traffic on sediment transport in wide open bays* (L2-4147), nosilec projekta/*principal investigator* prof. dr. Vlado Malačič.

### RAZVOJNI PROJEKTI

- Spremljanje ekološkega in kemijskega stanja morja (Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor, Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka doc. dr. Patricija Mozetič.
- Spremljanje kakovosti vode za življenje morskih školjk in morskih polžev (Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor, Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka doc. dr. Patricija Mozetič.
- Spremljanje kakovosti morja in vnosov onesnaženja s kopnega v skladu z Barcelonsko konvencijo (Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor, Agencija RS za okolje), nosilka izr. prof dr. Valentina Turk.



Oceanografska boja »Vida« za meritve oceanografskih, meteoroloških in ekoloških parametrov.  
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Terensko delo in podvodno vzorčenje  
Field-work and underwater sampling

## RESEARCH PROGRAMS FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN AGENCIES THAT WERE USING IC MBP LARGE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN 2011

### RESEARCH PROGRAM FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

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- Vpliv cirkulacije v široko odprtih zalivih in pomorskega prometa na transport sedimenta / *Influence of circulation and maritime traffic on sediment transport in wide open bays* (L2-4147), nosilec projekta/*principal investigator* prof. dr. Vlado Malačič.

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- Monitoring of the quality of the sea water, brackish waters and shellfish waters in the year 2005, Responsible: Dr. Patricija Mozetič.
- Monitoring for the Assessment and Control of Pollution from Land Base Sources (Barcelona convention), Responsible: Dr. Valentina Turk.



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Odkritje tujerodne vrste potočnega raka Rdečeškarjevca (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) v termalni mrtvici Topla na Prilipah

First record of alien species of redclaw (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) in thermal oxbow Topla in Prilipe



Varstveno pomembna vrsta vodnega hrošča *Graphoderus bilineatus*

Water beetle *Graphoderus bilineatus* – species important for conservation



Meritve okoljskih dejavnikov na ustju kraškega izvira Lipnik v Radovni

Measurements of environmental characteristics of the spring Lipnik in Radovna



Vzorčenje podzemne favne na prodiščih Soče pri Bovcu

Sampling of groundwater fauna in the Soča River near Bovec



Jelševci (*Astacus astacus*) iz Bloščice na Bloku

The European crayfish (*Astacus astacus*) from the stream Bloščica at Bloke



Opazovanje ptic na Ljubljanskem Barju

Bird watching in the Ljubljana Moor

## Raziskovalna dejavnost

Na oddelku za raziskovanje sladkovodnih in kopenskih ekosistemov raziskujemo procese v okolju tako iz bazičnega kot tudi aplikativnega vidika. V raziskavah, ki jih izvajamo na področju kopenskih ekosistemov, se posvečamo izbranim vrstam, vlogi le-teh v prehranjevalnih spletih ter vplivu klimatskih sprememb na organizme ter njihovo življenjsko okolje. Vrste, ki jim posvečamo največ pozornosti so ptice in različne skupine nevretenčarjev. Na področju ekologije ptic proučujemo vplive sprememb v okolju na populacije, medvrstne odnose, ter odnose med pticami in človekom. Proučujemo tudi ekologijo ter vrstno specifično dinamiko hroščev v podzemnih – jamskih ekosistemih.

V okviru raziskav vodnih ekosistemov preučujemo povezave med ekološkimi lastnostmi kraških razpoklinskih in medzrninskih vodonosnikov, pojavljanjem podzemnih vrst, predvsem nižjih rakov ter posrednimi in neposrednimi vplivi človeka. Raziskave

vodnih ekosistemov zajemajo tudi visoko-gorske in predalpske ekosisteme (jezera) ter tekoče vode. V laboratoriju z meritvami fiziološkega odziva organizmov poučujemo tudi fiziološke ter ekofiziološke prilagoditve avtohtonih in tujerodnih vrst na različne fizikalne dejavnike (npr. temperatura). Pri slednjih smo še posebej osredotočeni na tujerodne vrste potočnih rakov in njihov vpliv na domorodne vrste.

**V okviru programa P1-0255 (Združbe, odnosi in komunikacije),** ki ga izvajamo skupaj s skupino ENTOMO in vsebuje 6 sklopov so potekale raziskave v naslednjih štirih sklopih:

### 3. SKLOP: OKOLJE-ORGANIZEM

- vpliv klimatskih sprememb na časovno in prostorsko dinamiko populacije gozdnih ptic in bele štoklje
- spremljanje meteoroloških pogojev in sestave jamske vodne favne v curkih v eksperimentalni jami
- določanje prilagojenosti različnih vrst rakov na spremembe dejavnikov v okolju, predvsem temperature s pomočjo merjenja dihanja in aktivnosti ETS

- spremljanje fizikalno kemijskih lastnosti vode in pojavljanja podzemne vodne favne v kraških izvirovih na stičišču saturirane in nesaturirane cone

### 4. SKLOP: INTERSPECIFIČNI ODNOSSI

- interspecifični odnosi v naravnih gozdnih in travniških združbah, ki povezujejo med seboj različne trofične nivoje
- odnosi med tujerodnimi in domorodnimi vrstami s podobnimi ekološkimi nišami

### 5. SKLOP: BIODIVERZITETA

- raziskave podzemne favne v medzrninskem vodonosniku na območju črpališča pitne vode za Ljubljano (Brest) v sodelovanju s podjetjem VO-KA
- revizija seznama vrst hroščev evropskega varstvenega pomena v Sloveniji, katerih populacije so podlagi za razglasevanje Natura 2000 območij
- sodelovanje v mednarodni raziskavi razširjenosti in bionomije rogača (*Lucanus cervus*) v Evropi, ki je evropska varstveno pomembna vrsta

## Research Activity

The main research focus at the Department of Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems Research are ecological processes, from both basic and applicative aspects. The studies of terrestrial ecosystems are focused on selected species, their role in the food webs and the impact of climate change on organisms and their environment. Species within our research scope are mainly the birds and various invertebrates. Within the ecology of birds we study the effects of environmental change on populations and interspecific relationships between birds and humans. We are also studying the ecology and species specific dynamics of the beetles inhabiting the subterranean cave ecosystems.

Within aquatic research we study the linkages between ecological characteristics of karstic fractured and porous aquifers, occurrence of groundwater species, particularly crustaceans and direct and indirect human impacts. Research on aquatic ecosystems includes also mountain and

alpine ecosystems (lakes) and running waters. Moreover we study physiological and ecophysiological adaptations of native and exotic species on different physical factors (e.g. temperature) under controlled laboratory conditions. We are particularly focused on non-native species of crayfish and their impact on native species.

Within research program **P1-0255 (Communities, relations and communications)**, which is carried out together with the ENTOMO research group and contains 6 main topics the research was conducted within the following four topics:

### 3. TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT-ORGANISM

- The impact of climate change on the temporal and spatial population dynamics of forest birds and white stork

- Monitoring of meteorological conditions and the composition of cave fauna in the water drips in the experimental karstic cave

- Determining the adaptability of various species of crustaceans to changes in environmental factors, especially temperature by measuring respiration and ETS activity

- Monitoring of physical and chemical properties of water and the occurrence of ground water fauna in the karst springs at the contact of saturated and unsaturated zone

### 4. TOPIC: INTERSPECIFIC RELATIONS

- Interspecific relationships in the natural forest and grassland communities that link different trophic levels
- Relations between invasive and native species with similar ecological niches

### 5. TOPIC: BIODIVERSITY

- Surveys of groundwater fauna in the porous aquifer near Ljubljana (Brest) in the cooperation with the company VO-KA
- Reviewing the species list of beetles of European conservation importance in Slovenia, which are the basis for the Natura 2000 sites



Oprema za obročanje ptic  
Equipment for the bird ringing

Raziskave gnezditvene ekologije kožice (*Strix uralensis*) na Krimu  
A study on nesting ecology of the Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) in the Krim mountain

Raziskave intersticijske favne v litoralnem delu Bohinjskega jezera  
Investigation of interstitial fauna in the lithoral of Lake Bohinj

- zbiranje podatkov o prisotnosti do sedaj slabo raziskane skupine rakov dvoklopnikov (Ostracoda) na območju Slovenije ter priprava preliminarnega seznama vrst

## 6. SKLOP: INTEGRALNE RAZISKAVE V EKOSISTEMIH – VPLIV ČLOVEKA NA OKOLJE

- interakcija človeka z okoljem v travniškem in mestnem okolju, ter vplivi na biodiverziteto
- razvoj prostorskega modela za oceno in napovedovanje rabe habitatov zaradi klimatskih sprememb (modelna vrsta bela štorklja)
- raziskave na področju invazivnih tujerodnih vrst v vodnih ekosistemih, še posebej invazivnih tropskih vrst v termalnih vodnih telesih
- primerjalna ekološka raziskava procesov razgradnje snovi na dveh alpskih poplavnih ravnicah z različnimi klimatskimi razmerami in intenziteto antropogenih pritiskov
- ocena pretoka energije in kroženje snovi v različnih tipih jezer, ki se razlikujejo

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

V letu 2011 smo zaključili sodelovanje v mednarodnem projektu **Alp Water Scarce (Pomanjanje vode v Alpah)**. Izdelan je bil pregled ranljivosti vodnih teles na območju Alp. Uspešno je bil zaključen tudi podoktorski projekt **Ekološka klasifikacija vodnih sistemov na območju Julijskih Alp in Karavank in ocena ranljivosti zaradi vpliva podnebnih sprememb**. Raziskava je pokazala, da so vodonosniki v tem prostoru izredno ranljivi ter da so nižji raki (Copepoda, Ostracoda) primerni indikatorji hidrogeomorfoloških in ekoloških lastnosti vodonosnikov. Rezultati raziskave prispevajo k boljšemu poznavanju vpliva človekove dejavnosti in podnebnih sprememb na alpske kraške vodonosnike ter so

lahko podlaga za načrtovanje upravljanja z vodnimi viri na raziskovanem območju. V okviru mednarodnega projekta **SILMAS (Mehanizmi za trajnostno upravljanje alpskih jezer)** je potekalo izobraževanje prebivalcev in obiskovalcev Bohinjskega pojezerja ter identifikacija vplivov človekove prisotnosti na jezerske ekosisteme. V letu 2011 smo izvedli tri delavnice na temo trajnostne rabe jezerskega in objezerskega prostora.

Nadaljevali smo z dolgoročnim projektom **Monitoring varstveno pomembnih vrst hroščev v okviru evropskega omrežja Natura 2000**, kjer smo opravili raziskave varstveno pomembnih, a na evropskem nivoju ekološko zelo slabo poznanih vrst. Gre za razvoj novih metod vzorčenja in principov spremljanja populacijske dinamike specifičnih in metodološko zahtevnih vrst. Pripravili smo seznam tujerodnih vrst ptic, hroščev in rakov v Sloveniji v okviru projekta **Neobiota Slovenije: Invazivne tujerodne vrste v Sloveniji ter vpliv na ohranjanje biotske raznovrstnosti in trajnostno rabo virov** v sodelovanju z Oddelkom za

- Participation in international studies of distribution and bionomics of stag Beetele (*Lucanus cervus*) in Europe, which is a European species of conservation importance
- Gathering the data on the presence of so far poorly studied crustacean group (Ostracoda) in Slovenia and the preparation of the preliminary list of species

## 6. TOPIC: COMPLEX AND INTEGRAL RESEARCH OF ECOSYSTEMS - THE IMPACT OF HUMANS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

- Human interactions with the environment in the meadows and urban areas, and impacts on biodiversity
- Development of spatial model to estimate and predict the habitat use due to climate change (modelling species white stork)
- Research on invasive alien species in aquatic ecosystems, especially tropical invasive species in the thermal water bodies
- A comparative ecological study of degradation processes of materials in two alpine floodplains with different climatic conditions and intensity of anthropogenic pressures
- Evaluation of energy flow and circulation of matter in different types of lakes, which vary in depth, trophic status and intensity of exposure to anthropogenic impact

## Important Achievements in 2011

In 2011, we completed the international project **Alp Water Scarce**. An overview of the vulnerability of the water bodies was provided for the whole Alpine area. A postdoctoral project **Ecological classification of water systems in the Julian Alps and Karavanke and vulnerability assessment of the impact of climate change** concluded as well. Research has shown that the aquifers in this area are extremely vulnerable and that the crustaceans (Copepoda, Ostracoda) are suitable indicators of hydrogeomorphological and ecological characteristics of the aquifers. The research results contribute to the better understanding of the impact of human activities and climate change on alpine karst aquifers and can be a basis for future water resources management. Within the international project **SILMAS (Sustainable Instruments of Lake Management in the Alpine space)** the educational activities within the Bohinj lake area and identification of the impacts of human presence on the lake ecosystem were carried out. In 2011, we conducted three workshops on the sustainable use of lake and lakeshore area.

We continued a long-term project **Monitoring of conservation priority species of beetles in the Natura 2000 network**, where we conducted surveys of important species by means of conservation priority which are ecologically poorly known in European region. The development of new sampling methods and principles of monitoring population dynamics of specialists and methodologically demanding species was carried out. We have prepared a list of non-native species of birds, beetles and crabs in Slovenia in the framework of the

project **Neobiota Slovenia: Invasive alien species in Slovenia and their impact on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of resources** in cooperation with the Department of Biology, Biotechnical Faculty. The list should be a reference for further studies, it will also include examples of types of impacts on ecosystems, economic activities and made suggestions for limiting introduction and spread of alien species. Together with the Forestry Institute of Slovenia we started to implement the conservation status of the project **Indicators of conservation status and measures to ensure the favorable conservation status of species and habitats in forests of Natura 2000**. This is the first project, which will aim to develop models that will be possible to determine the impact and size of permissible intervention in forest area, in the way that conservation status of populations of indicator species would not be threatened. The project involves modeling of selected indicator species (beetles, birds) and habitat types and experimental works in which they will determine the size of the influence of individual forest-cultivation measures on the populations of these species.

In the project **Invasion of alien species of crayfish and their impact on native species in Slovenia**, we have dealt with the problem of the impact of invasive crayfish species on the domestic species. Effects and interactions were studied from several angles: the ecological (comparison of habitat selection of species), physiological (measuring the metabolic activity of species in the temperature and humidity gradient) and pathological aspects (identifying wild populations infected with crayfish plague *Aphanomyces astaci*), where we cooperated with the Veterinary Faculty. The expected result of the project is to assess the degree of

biologijo Biotehniške fakultete. Seznam naj bi bil referenca za nadaljnje študije, saj bo vključeval tudi primere vplivov vrst na ekosisteme, gospodarske dejavnosti in podal predloge za omejevanje vnosov in širjenja tujerodnih vrst. Skupaj z Gozdarskim inštitutom Slovenije smo začeli izvajati projekt **Kazalci ohranitvenega stanja in ukrepi za zagotavljanje ugodnega stanja ohranjenosti vrst in habitatnih tipov v gozdovih Natura 2000**. Gre za prvi projekt, pri katerem se bo skušalo razviti modele, s katerimi bo mogoče določati vplive in dopustno velikost posegov v gozdn prostor, pri čemer ohranitveno stanje populacij indikatorski vrst ne bi bilo ogroženo. Projekt vključuje modeliranje razširjenosti izbranih indikatorskih vrst (hrošči, ptice) in habitatnih tipov ter eksperimentalni del, v katerem se bo določalo velikost vpliva posameznih gozdno-gojetvenih ukrepov na populacije teh vrst.

V okviru projekta **Invazivnost tujerodnih vrst potočnih rakov ter njihov vpliv na avtohtone vrste v Sloveniji** smo se ukvarjali s problematiko vpliva invazivnih vrst potočnih rakov na domače vrste. Vplivi in interakcije smo preučujevali iz več zornih kotov: ekološkega (primerjava izbora habitatov med vrstami), fiziološkega (merjenje metabolne aktivnosti vrst v temperaturnem in vlažnostnem gradientu) in patološkega vidika (ugotavljanje okuženosti divjih populacij potočnih rakov z račjo kugo *Aphanomyces astaci*), kjer sodelujemo z Veterinarsko fakulteto. Pričakovani rezultat projekta je ocena stopnje ogroženosti celinskih voda zaradi naseljevanja tujerodnih vrst v Sloveniji in s tem tudi gospodarske škode ter posledic za biodiverziteto. Razvili smo **novo metodo za določanje celotne metabolne aktivnosti pri potočnih rakih** na osnovi izmerjene aktivnosti ETS na nogi. Model smo testirali na različnih vrstah rakov (*A. astacus*, *A. torrentium*, *A. pallipes*, *P. leniusculus*, *O. limosus*, *C. quadricarinatus*) in ugotovili, da se napovedi iz modela ne razlikujejo značilno od izmerjenih vrednosti. Izdelan model nam tako lahko služi za oceno metabolne aktivnosti pri različno velikih osebkah različnih vrst potočnih rakov, ne da bi jih bilo treba žrtvovati.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

Storitve, ki jih nudimo uporabnikom so inventarizacije bioloških elementov, presojje vplivov na okolje ter ekološke analize pri reševanju aktualnih okoljskih problemov. V letu 2011 smo za **Mestno občino Ljubljana (MOL)** popisali ptice v Ljubljani in neposredni okolici po metodi atlasa razširjenosti vrst. Evidentirali smo vrstno pestrost ptic gnezdk in prezimovalk v odvisnosti od stopnje in oblike urbanizacije. Raziskave sodijo na področje urbane ekologije in bodo v pomoč pri izdelavi načrtov nadaljnega razvoja mesta (sodelujoči: D. Tome, U. Koce). Za **Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor (MOP)** smo nadaljevali monitoring hroščev v sklopu Natura 2000 omrežja, ki ga zahteva evropska Direktiva o habitatih 92/43/EEC (sodelujoči: A. Vrezec, Š. Ambrožič, A. Kapla). Nadalje smo za **Zavod RS za varstvo narave (ZRSVN)** izvajali monitoring gnezdenja sova na Jelovici (sodelujoči: A. Vrezec). Sodelovali smo tudi s komunalnim podjetjem **VO-KA v Ljubljani**, za katere smo izvedli raziskave prisotnosti podzemne vodne favne na območju črpališča Brest.

### GODPODARSKA UPORABNOST RAZISKAV/POSEBEN POMEN ZA DRŽAVO IN POLITIKE

Del raziskav, ki jih izvaja raziskovalna skupina spadajo v t.i. podporne aktivnosti pri različnih odločitvah pri poseghih v prostor,

ki se navezujejo zlasti na okoljske direkitive v povezavi z celinski površinskimi in podzemnimi vodami in kopenskimi okolji (travniki, pašniki, gozdovi). Raziskave so uporabne za gospodarske dejavnosti, kot so vodarstvo, kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo, veterina, turizem in tudi naravovarstvene aktivnosti. Raziskave obsegajo inventarizacije bioloških elementov ali pa vplive človekovih posegov na izbrane habitate. Inventarizacije vključujejo popise izbranih rastlinskih in živalskih vrst, njihov populacijski status in tudi stopnjo ogroženosti oz. njihov indikatorski pomen za stanje v okolju. Za podporo strokovnim odločitvam se uporablja tudi fizikalne in kemijske analize površinskih ali podzemnih vod, zlasti z vidika organskega onesnaževanja in prisotnosti najpomembnejših spojin v vodi. Za podporo rezultatom se izvajajo ekofiziološke meritve, ki s pomočjo merjenja encimske aktivnosti in meritve porabe kisika ocenjujejo stres organizmov zaradi strupenih ali škodljivih snovi v vodi ali v zraku. Metoda je primerna tudi za raziskave o temperaturnih obremenitvah organizmov oz. o njihovi toleranci do temperaturnega stanja v okolju. S temi raziskavami lahko ugotavljamo posledice klimatskih sprememb na domače vrste rastlin in živali, kot tudi na invazivnost tujerodnih vrst, tako v vodi kot tudi na kopnem. Ugotavljanje temperaturnega optima posameznih vrst oz. njihovo odpornost na visoke/nizke temperature lahko pomembno prispevajo k ohranjanju domačih vrst kot tudi za kontrolo tujerodnih vrst, zlasti v kontroliranih oz. zaprtih prostorih ali pa pri določanju temperaturnih rezimov pri izpustih toplotno obremenjenih vod (hladilne vode) v naravne vodotoke.



Zgodnja stopnja razvoja male uharice (*Asio otus*)  
Early stage in the development of Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)



*Austropotamobius sp.* - endemit Kolpe s pritoki, najden šele leta 2005  
*Austropotamobius sp.* - endemic species from the river Kolpa and its tributaries found in 2005



Redni monitoring visokogorskih jezer  
Regular monitoring of high alpine lakes

threat to inland waters due to occurrence of alien species in Slovenia, and thus the economic damage and the consequences for biodiversity. Moreover, we have developed a **new method for determining the overall metabolic activity in crabs** on the basis of the measured ETS activity in the leg. This research was within the field of urban ecology and it will help for better city planning (involved: D. Tome, U. Koce). We continued to monitor bettles within the Natura 2000 network for the **Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP)**, as requires the European Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (involved A. Vrezec, Š. Ambrožič, A. Kapla). Furthermore, we carried out monitoring of nesting owls on Jelovica for the **Institute for Nature Conservation (IRSN)** (A. Vrezec). We also cooperated with the municipal company **VO-KA** in Ljubljana, where we conducted surveys of aquatic fauna in the groundwater wells of porous aquifer near Brest.

## Collaboration with Various Users

Services that we provide for end-users are the inventory of biological elements, environmental impact assessment and environmental analysis to address current environmental problems. In 2011, we surveyed

### ECONOMICAL APPLICABILITY OF THE RESEARCH/ SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE STATE AND POLICY

Part of our research includes the support activities for various decisions regarding land use and spatial planning, in order to follow the European environmental directives and national laws coping with the management of inland surface water, groundwater and terrestrial environments (meadows, pastures, forests). Our research can be support for sustainable approaches within economic activities such as water use, agriculture, forestry, veterinary science, tourism and conservation actions. Our expertise includes inventory of the biological elements and identification of the effects of human interventions on ecosystems. Inventory is composed of inventory of selected plant and animal species, their population status, threat and importance for the ecosystem functioning. We are carrying out physical and chemical analysis of surface or ground waters, particularly in terms of organic pollution. Ecophysiological measurements



Gnezdinice za spremjanje biologije gnezdenja ptic  
Artificial nest to study nesting biology of birds



Priprave na terensko vzorčenje na visokogorskih jezerih  
Preparation for the field sampling of high alpine lakes



Raziskave bentosa in hiporeika v reki Bači pri Tolminu  
A study of benthic and hyporheic fauna in the Bača River near Tolmin

Poleg zgoraj navedenih aktivnosti člani skupine EKO sodelujejo tudi pri različnih izobraževalnih aktivnostih izven organiziranega študija. V to so vključena razna posvetovanja, okrogle mize z uporabniki, predavanja za zainteresirano javnost. Vsebine predavanj obsegajo ekološke in naravarstvene teme, prvenstveno povezane z vodami, pticami ali hrošči.

Z obstoječo opremo in znanjem lahko opravljamo:

- pobiranje vzorcev sedimenta in živalstva v različnih vodnih okoljih (kraške jame, prodišča, vodnjaki, jezera)
- analize kakovosti vode
- meritve pretokov vode
- meritve koncentracij kisika, pH in prevodnosti v vodi
- strupenost/škodljivost določenih kemikalij v vodi ali v zraku, ki vplivajo na vedenje/dihanje organizmov
- izvajanje monitoringa na izbranih skupinah vodnih in kopenskih organizmov (raki, ptice, hrošči, dvoživke)
- svetovanja pri posegih v okolje z vidika omilitvenih ukrepov

## Raziskovalna infrastruktura

### POMEMBNI INŠTRUMENTI IN OPREMA

- terenski digitalni profesionalni snemalnik zvoka (Marantz PMD660).
- parabolični občutljivi mikrofon Telinga.
- Ionski kromatograf IC Metrohm Compact 761 Compact 2x.
- Plinski kromatograf z masnim detektorjem Agilent 6890N – 6890N z avtomatskim podajalnikom vzorcev 7683B.
- Sušilnik S-50.
- Tehnica Sartorius BP210.
- Tehnica Sartorius ME-5.
- Spektrofotometer Lambda 25.
- Merilec kisika OXY 4-mini (Presens)
- ADC Flow meter, OTT
- Sonde za merjenje kisika in prevodnosti WTW 340i.
- Hladilnik Liebherr premium.
- Mikroskopa Olympus (BH2 & BX50)
- Lupi Olympus (SZH & SZX12)
- Program ArcGIS9

## Mednarodno sodelovanje

**Z Univerzo v Zagrebu (Hrvaška)** smo sodelovali pri razvoju prostorskih modelov rabe habitata na primeru bele štoklje

Z raziskovalci z **EAWAG-a (Švica)** smo razvili nove, funkcionalne indikatorje za ocene ekosistemsko integritete. Kot modelen ekosistem so služile alpske poplavne ravnice, ki so heterogen in dinamičen sistem, hkrati pa tudi pod močnim pritiskom človekovih dejavnosti. Raziskava je vključevala kombinacijo terenske primerjalne študije dveh rečnih sistemov (Soča, Slovenija in Urbach, Švica) ter kontroliranih laboratorijskih poskusov.

by measuring enzyme activity and oxygen consumption under controlled laboratory conditions enable us to estimate the stress due to toxic substances or thermal stress. With these studies we can compare ecological tolerance of domestic and invasive alien species. Knowledge about temperature optimum and species resistance to high or low temperatures can significantly contribute to the conservation of native species, as well as can help to control non-native species.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities we are also involved in various educational activities. This includes consulting, round tables with the users, lectures for the public. Content of courses is primarily related to groundwater, bird or beetle ecology.

With the existing equipment and knowledge we can:

- Collect samples of sediment and fauna in different aquatic environments (caves, wells, lakes)
- Analyse water quality
- Measure flow and discharge
- Measure oxygen concentrations, pH and conductivity in the water
- Estimate toxicity/dangers of certain chemical compounds in the water or in the air affecting the behavior or respiration of organisms
- Monitor selected groups of aquatic and terrestrial populations (plankton, crustaceans, birds, beetles, amphibians)
- Consult which mitigation measures are the most efficient projects

## Research Infrastructure

### IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

- Field professional digital sound recorder (Marantz PMD660)
- Sensitive parabolic microphone Telinga
- Ion Chromatograph Compact IC Metrohm 761 Compact 2x
- Gas chromatograph with mass detector and outsampler Agilent 6890N - 6890N-7683B
- Oven S-50
- Microbalance Sartorius BP210
- Microbalance Sartorius ME-5
- Spectrophotometer Lambda 25
- Oxygen meter OXY 4-mini (Presens)
- ADC Flow meter, OTT
- Probes to measure oxygen and conductivity WTW 340i
- Freezer Liebherr Premium
- Olympus microscope (BH2 & BX50)
- Compound microscope Olympus (SZH & SZX12)

## International Collaboration

With the **University of Zagreb (Croatia)** we are developing spatial models for habitat use with white stork as a model species.

With the researchers from **EAWAG's (Switzerland)**, we developed new functional indicators for assessing ecosystem integrity. We have used alpine floodplains as a model ecosystem, since they are extremely heterogeneous and dynamic system, and at the same time under intense human pressure. The study included a combination of comparative field study of two river systems

(Soča, Slovenia and Urbach, Switzerland) and laboratory experiments.

In 2011 we completed the bilateral scientific cooperation between Slovenia and the Republic of Poland, where we studied with the researchers from **the University of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (Poland)** the role of specific groups of organisms in the mineralization processes in different types of shallow lakes. We found out that the depth of the lakes and their trophic status and the presence of macrophytes affect the mineralization process and the circulation of matter and energy flow in the ecosystem.

## Educational Activities and Promotion of Science

In our research group we take care for flow of knowledge to laic public, for promotion of science and its popularization. In 2011, we published more than 25 popular science articles in the most popular media, such as attachments of the daily Delo (Polet, Znanost) and in the popular ornithological journal Svet ptic. In addition, we contributed to the TV broadcasts on national television TV Slovenia (1 program, Biotopes: invasive animals by: A. Vrezec, M. Jaklič) and, on Pop TV (Show Trenja - Birds are falling from the sky, the authors: T. Trilar, D. Tome, B. Turk, B. Liem). We were also involved in a radio show on Radio Slovenia (2nd program, Val 202, Polonica, by A. Vrezec) and Radio Koper (Ecological emitting, A. Brancelj). In 2011, Dr. Davorin Tome and Al Vrezec with co-authors published a textbook Evolution, biodiversity and ecology, and behavior of animals, biotechnology and microbiology, human and natural resources, biological basis of healthy life that are intended for high school high school program.

V letu 2011 se je zaključilo bilateralno znanstvenoraziskovalno sodelovanje med Republiko Slovenijo in Republiko Poljsko, kjer smo z raziskovalci z **Univerze Nicolaus Copernicus v Tórunu (Poljska)** raziskovali vlogo posameznih skupin organizmov v procesih mineralizacije v različnih tipih plitvih jezer. Ugotovili smo, da globina jezer, njihovo trofično stanje in prisotnost makrofitov vplivajo na mineralizacijske procese ter kroženje snovi in pretok energije v ekosistemu.

## Izobraževalne dejavnosti in promocija znanosti

V raziskovalni skupini skrbimo za prenos strokovnega znanja v laično javnost, promocijo znanosti ter njeno popularizacijo. V letu 2011 smo objavili več kot 25 pojavljajočih se v raziskovalnih projektih v najbolj branih medijih, kot denimo priloge dnevnega časopisa Delo (Znanost, Polet) ter v poljudno ornitološki reviji Svet ptic. Poleg tega smo se predstavili v TV oddajah na nacionalni televiziji TV Slovenija (1. Program, Oddaja Biotopi: invazivne živali, avtorja: A. Vrezec, M. Jaklič) in komercialni Pop TV (Oddaja Preverjeno - Ptice padajo z neba, avtorji: T. Trilar, D. Tome, B. Turk, B. Kryšufek). V oddaji, katere namen je osveščati javnost o problemu invazij tujerodnih vrst v naravnih ekosistemih smo predstavili prve izsledke raziskav projekta, v katerem se ukvarjamo s problematiko tujerodnih vrst potočnih rakov v Sloveniji. Kot primer smo prikazali novo odkrito populacijo tujerodnega avstralskega raka rdečeškarjevca *Cherax quadricarinatus* v termalni mrtvici Topla. Vključeni smo bili tudi v radijske oddaje na Radiu Slovenija (2. program, Val 202, Polonice, avtor A. Vrezec) ter Radiu Koper (Ekološka oddaja, avtor A. Brancelj).

V letu 2011 sta dr. Davorin Tome in dr. Al Vrezec z soavtorji izdala učbenika *Evolucija, biotska pestrost in ekologija*, ter *Vedenje živali, Biotehnologija in mikrobiologija, Človek in naravni viri, Biološke osnove zdravega življenja* ki sta namenjena gimnaziskemu srednješolskemu programu.

## Najpomembnejše objave v 2011

TOME, Davorin. Post-fledging survival and dynamics of dispersal in Long-eared Owls *Asio otus*. *Bird study*, 2011, vol. 58, no. 2, str. 193-199. [COBISS.SI-ID 2373455]

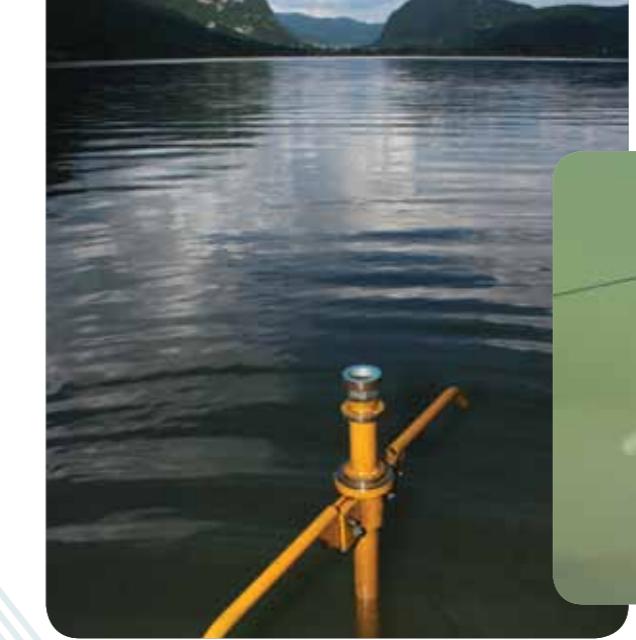
S pomočjo radijskih oddajnikov smo določili smrtnost med speljanimi mladiči male uharice. Ugotovili smo, da je bistveno večja kot se je smatralo do sedaj.

MORI, Nataša, SIMČIČ, Tatjana, LUKANČIČ, Simon, BRANCELJ, Anton. The effect of in-stream gravel extraction in a pre-alpine gravel-bed river on hyporheic invertebrate community. *Hydrobiologia* (Den Haag), 2011, vol. 667, no. 1, str. 15-30. [COBISS.SI-ID 2354255]

V raziskavi smo opazovali kako odvzemanje gramoza iz rečne struge vpliva na vodne nevretenčarje, na aktivnost biofilma, ter na kvaliteto vode, ki se pretaka skozi produ. Število in vrstna pestrost nevretenčarjev se je zelo znižala takoj po odvzemu. Sestava združbe se je povrnila v prvotno stanje šele po 5-7 mesecih. V raziskavi se je pokazal škodljiv vpliv povečane količine finega sedimenta v produ na gostoto in vrstno pestrost nevretenčarjev ter na aktivnost biofilma.

HARVEY, Deborah J., VREZEC, Al. Bionomics and distribution of the stag beetle, *Lucanus cervus* (L.) across Europe. *Insect conserv. divers. (Print)*, 2011, vol. 4, iss. 1, str. 23-38. [COBISS.SI-ID 2338639]

Članek obravnava razširjenost in bionomijo rogača (*Lucanus cervus*), vrsto evropskega varstvenega pomena. Gre za ključno referenco za nadaljnje raziskave te vrste v Evropi, ki je razkrilo močne populacije v južnem delu Evrope, tudi v Sloveniji, in pospešeno izumiranje vrste v severnem delu Evrope, zlasti v zahodni Evropi.



Oprema za vzorčenje intersticijeske favne  
Equipment for sampling of interstitial fauna



Tujerodni tropski rak Rdečeškarjevec (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) prvič  
odkrit v Sloveniji in v Evropi  
The first tropical alien crayfish species in European waters: the  
redclaw *Cherax quadricarinatus*



Vzorčenje favne v povirnih delih vodotokov s Hessovim vzorčevalnikom  
Sampling of headwater benthic fauna with Hess sampler

## Main Publications in 2011

TOME, Davorin. Post-fledging survival and dynamics of dispersal in Long-eared Owls *Asio otus*. *Bird study*, 2011, vol. 58, no. 2, str. 193-199. [COBISS.SI-ID 2373455]

Mortality in postfledging period was determined in Long-eared Owls using radio-transmitters. We found it to be much higher as previously thought.

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In this study we observed how in-stream gravel extraction affects hyporheic invertebrate community, biofilm activity and water quality. Invertebrate densities and taxonomic richness recovered relatively fast,

while the community composition recovered 5-7 months after the impact. The negative impact of fine sediments (<0.1 mm) on biofilm activity and hyporheic invertebrate density and taxonomic richness was strongly confirmed in this study.

HARVEY, Deborah J., VREZEC, Al. Bionomics and distribution of the stag beetle, *Lucanus cervus* (L.) across Europe. *Insect conserv. divers. (Print)*, 2011, vol. 4, iss. 1, str. 23-38. [COBISS.SI-ID 2338639]

This original article analyses the distribution and bionomics of stag beetle (*Lucanus cervus*) across Europe. The results demonstrated a strong population in the southern Europe, also Slovenia and decline of European north population, especially in western Europe.



**Meritev kisika v plitvem hiporeiku reke Soče pri Bovcu**  
Measurements of oxygen concentrations in the shallow hyporheic zone of the Soča River near Bovec



**Najdba jamskega brzca *Typhlotrechus bilimeki* v Veliki Pasici pri Igju**  
Record of cave beetle *Typhlotrechus bilimeki* in the cave Velika Pasica near Ig



**Vzorčenje jamske vodne favne v Veliki Pasici pri Igju**  
Sampling of aquatic cave fauna in the cave Velika Pasica near Ig

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### RESEARCH PROJECTS FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

- Invazivnost tujerodnih vrst potočnih rakov ter njihov vpliv na avtohtone vrste v Sloveniji (L1-2169); nosilec projekta: prof. dr. Anton Brancelj *Invasive potential of alien crayfish species and their effects on native species in Slovenia (L1-2169); principal investigator: prof. dr. Anton Brancelj*
- Ekološka klasifikacija vodnih sistemov na območju Julijskih Alp in Karavank in ocena ranljivosti zaradi vpliva podnebnih sprememb (Z1-2213); nosilka projekta: dr. Nataša Mori *Ecological classification of water systems in Julian Alps and Karavanke belt and the vulnerability assessment due to climate change impacts (Z1-2213); principal investigator: dr. Nataša Mori*

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## MEDNARODNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI

### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Toplotna adaptacija ektotermnih organizmov: povezava med življenjsko strategijo, fiziologijo, vedenjem in genetiko; Evropska znanstvena fundacija (2006 - 2011); vodja projekta: Wolf Blackhorn *Thermal adaptation in ectotherms: Linking life history, physiology, behaviour and genetics; European Scientific Fundation (2006 - 2011); project leader: Wolf Blackhorn*

## BILATERALNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI

### BILATERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Bilateralna Slovenija - Črna Gora: Razvoj orodij monitoringa ptic za opredelitev in trajnostno rabo velikih območij izjemnega naravovarstvenega pomena (BI-ME/10-11-11); (2010-2011); vodja projekta: doc. dr. Damijan Denac *Bilateral Slovenia - Montenegro: Development of waterfowl monitoring tools for the establishment and sustainable use of outstanding large scale nature-conservation areas (BI-ME/10-11-11); (2010-2011); project manager: doc. dr. Damijan Denac*

## CILJNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI

### TARGET RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Konkurenčnost Slovenije 2006 - 2013: Neobiota Slovenije: Invazivne tujerodne vrste v Sloveniji ter vpliv na ohranjanje biotske raznovrstnosti in trajnostno rabo virov (V1-1089); (NIB - doc. dr. Al Vrezec), pridruženi partnerji *Competitiveness of Slovenia 2006 - 2013: Slovenian Neobiota: Invasive alien species in Slovenia and the impact on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of resources (V1-1089)* (NIB - doc. dr. Al Vrezec), joint partners
- Zagotovimo si hrano za jutri: Kazalci ohranitvenega stanja in ukrepi za zagotavljanje ugodnega stanja ohranjenosti vrst in habitatnih tipov v gozdovih Natura 2000 (V4-1143), (NIB - doc. dr. Al Vrezec), pridruženi partnerji *Providing the food for tomorrow: Indicators of conservation status and measures to ensure the favorable conservation status of species and habitats in forests of Natura 2000 (V4-1143)*, (NIB - doc. dr. Al Vrezec), joint partners

## RAZVOJNI PROJEKTI

### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Dodatne raziskave kvalifikacijskih vrst Natura 2000 ter spremljanje stanja populacij izbranih ciljnih vrst hroščev v letih 2010 in 2011 (financer: Ministrstvo RS za okolje in prostor, pogodba št. 2511-10-250017) (nosilec: doc. dr. Al Vrezec). *Additional studies of species qualified in Natura 2000 and monitoring of selected populations of target species of beetles in 2010 and 2011 (financier: Ministry RS for spatial planning and environment, contract no. 2511-10-250017)* (project manager: doc. dr. Al Vrezec)
- Bilateralna Slovenija - Brazilija: Vplivi klimatskih sprememb na življenjske procese vodnih živali (BI-BR/11-13-00); (2011-13); vodja projekta: prof. dr. Anton Brancelj *Bilateral Slovenia - Brazil: Effects of climate changes to animals in temporary water bodies (BI-BR/11-13-00); (2011-13); project manager: prof. dr. Anton Brancelj*
- Bilateralna Slovenija - Japonska: The functional role of hyporheic zone in different river ecosystems: a comparative study (JP/11-13-008); (2011-2013); vodja projekta: dr. Nataša Mori *Bilateral Slovenia - Japan: The functional role of hyporheic zone in different river ecosystems: a comparative study (BI-JP/11-13-008); (2011-13); project manager: dr. Nataša Mori*

## DRUGI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI

### OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

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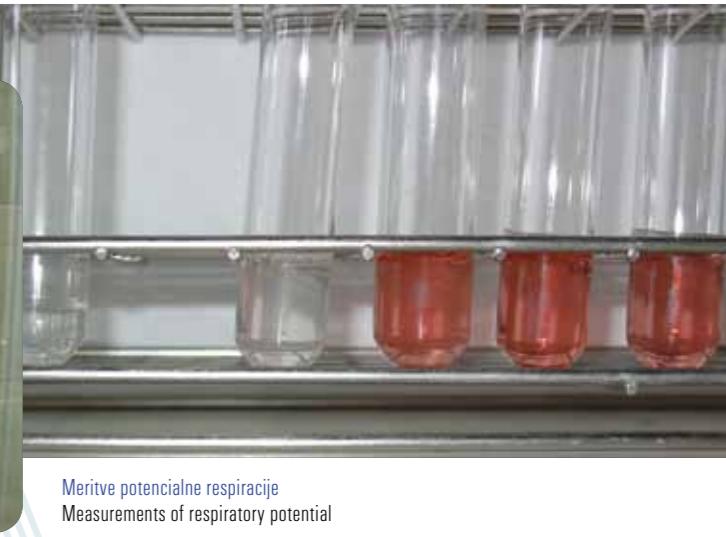
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## Raziskovalna dejavnost

Oddelek za entomologijo v skladu s svojo vizijo in dolgoročno usmeritvijo raziskuje življenje žuželk na različnih nivojih. Temeljne raziskave so osredotočene na vedenje povezano z znotrajvrstno in medvrstno komunikacijo, na študij živčne osnove le-tega, populacijsko genetiko in na vpliv bolezni na vedenje in fiziologijo žuželk. Predmet raziskav so ekonomsko pomembne vrste žuželk kot so čebele, rastlinske stenice, škržatki in hrošči ter vrste, ki so značilne za ekstremna okolja kot so na primer jamske kobilice, ki žive v slovenskem podzemljtu. V okviru študija komunikacije sodelavci skupine proučujejo mehanske in kemične signale, njih oddajanje, zaznavanje, informacijsko vrednost in prenos preko medija. Vsi ti podatki služijo razumevanju delovanja živčnih mrež, ki jih sodelavci skupine raziskujejo na nivoju posameznih celic od receptorjev do integracijskih centrov v možganih. Genetsko variabilnost raziskovalci skupine proučujejo znotraj populacij, pri

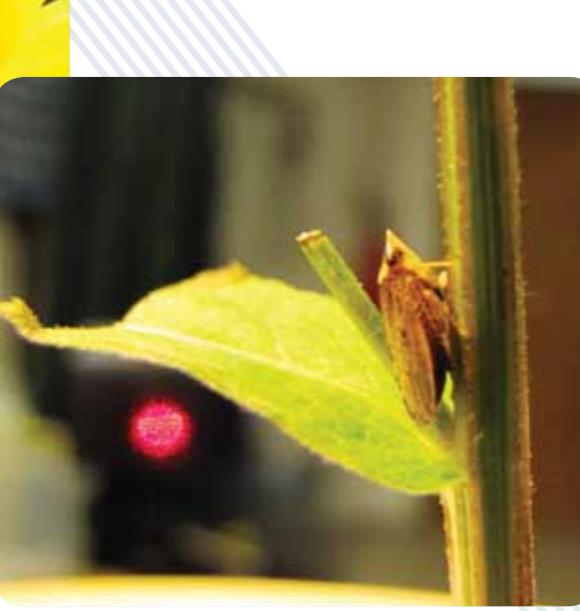
Kranjska čebela *Apis mellifera carnica*.

Carniolan honeybee *Apis mellifera carnica*.



Antenacija med samico in samcem zelene smrdljivke (*Nezara viridula*).  
Antennation between female and male of the green stink bug (*Nezara viridula*).

Snemanje vibracijskih signalov škržatka iz rodu *Aphrodes*.  
Recording of vibrational signals of a leafhopper from the genus *Aphrodes*.



Jamska kobilica *Troglophilus neglectus* se v jamah skriva poleti preko dneva, pozimi pa tam preživi diapavzo.  
The cave cricket *Troglophilus neglectus* hides in caves during daytime in the summer and hibernates there in the winter.



Vibracijski internevron v trebušnjači jamske kobilice, obarvan s fluorescentnim barvilmom.  
Vibratory interneuron in the ventral nerve chord of a cave cricket, filled with fluorescent dye.



Azijski kožliček *Anoplophora glabripennis*.  
Asian longhorn beetle *Anoplophora glabripennis*.



## Research Activity

At the Department of Entomology various aspects of insect biology are investigated in the scope of the long-term research program. Basic research is focused on the behaviour related to intra- and interspecific communication, the neuronal basis of behaviour, population genetics and the impact of diseases on the behaviour and physiology. The investigated animals include economically important species like honey bees, plant bugs, planthoppers, leafhoppers and beetles, as well as species living in extreme habitats like the cave cricket, which inhabits Slovenian karst. In the frame of communication studies we investigated the composition of mechanical and chemical signals, properties of their emission and the informational value, characteristics of transmission in the natural media, as well as their reception and perception. All these data help to understand the function of the neural networks at the level of individual neurons, from the receptor organs to the

higher centers in the ventral cord and the brain. The studies of genetic variability were focused on the population structure and differentiation, evolutionary relationships, genetic flow, dispersion, and patterns of introgression and hybridisation. Based on the behavioural and molecular methods, trophic interactions were studied among the invertebrate predators and their prey. In the last years the scope of the research has broadened significantly to include studies of biology of honeybees, which are focused mainly on the impact of diseases and pesticides on the behaviour and the underlying physiology. The applied research, based on the findings of basic studies, is related to the impact of pesticides on the behaviour and the function of immune system of selected species, biological control and to application of laser technology into biological studies. In 2011 we have expanded our investigations also to the field of quarantine pest control management. Important novelty of the group research are studies in the field of chemical ecology. Together with the Department of Entomology of the University of California Riverside (USA) the group tests in the frame

of the bilateral project the efficiency of chemical substances that attract different Coleoptera species into the pheromone traps.

Research activities of the Department of Entomology are divided into the topics presented below; (a) Insect behaviour and communication (b) Neurobiology, (c) Genetic and molecular investigations (d) Bee research, (e) Bioacoustic methods for pest management and (f) Chemical ecology and pheromone traps.

### A) INSECT BEHAVIOUR AND COMMUNICATION

In the year 2011 the research group proceeded to investigate vibrational communication of different Hemiptera species like the bugs *Nezara viridula* (L.), *Eushistus heros* Fabricius, *Chinavia ubica* (Rolston), *Chinavia impicticornis* (Stal), *Palomena prasina* (L.), *Holcostethus abbreviatus* Uhler in *Podisus nigrispinus* (Dallas) (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae), and pri škržatkah iz rodu *Aphrodes* (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae), svetlecem škržatku *Hyalesthes obsoletus* Signoret in ameriškem škržatku *Scaphoideus titanus* Ball. Pomemben del raziskav na področju vedenja predstavljajo tudi študije prehranevalnih interakcij med



Vzorčenje poskusnih živali – stenic vrste *Nezara viridula*.  
Collecting experimental animals – green stinkbugs of the species *Nezara viridula*.



Muha goseničarka *Trichopoda pennipes* zajeda na zeleni smrdljivki.  
Tachinid fly *Trichopoda pennipes* is a parasite of the southern green stinkbug.



Dnevni ulov stenic.  
Daily catch of stinkbugs.

nevretenčarskimi plenilci (pajki) in žuželčjim plenom (škržatki), ki so zasnovane na komunikaciji preko podlage. Pri stenicah in škržatkih smo proučevali preference samcev in samic do napevov partnerjev lastne vrste, prožilce njihovih vibracijskih napevov in vpliv šuma iz okolja na prepoznavanje partnerja, raziskovali smo mehanske lastnosti rastlin kot medijev za prevajanje vibracijskih signalov, ter testirali hipotezo, da pajki izkoriščajo vibracijsko komunikacijo škržatkov kot del strategije lovljenja plena. Na modelu roparske stenice *P. nigrispinus* in plena vrste *N. viridula* smo proučevali medsebojno odzivnost na vibracijske komunikacijske signale obeh vrst. Pri vrsti *E. heros* smo dokazali poleg vibracijske tudi zvočno komunikacijo in ugotovili, da samci spremenijo frekvenčno in amplitudno modulacijo signalov kadar je le-ta prekrit s signalom samice. Za detekcijo in registracijo vibracijskih odzivov testiranih živali smo uporabljali lasersko vibrometrijo. V letu 2011 smo poglobili svojo raziskovalno dejavnost na področju kemične komunikacije.

Skupina je nadaljevala z raziskovanjem vpliva vibracijske komunikacije na vedenje povezano z iskanjem partnerja na rastlini. Ugotavljal smo sposobnost samcev vrste *N. viridula* in *A. makarovi* za prepoznavanje in razločevanje pozivnih napevov samic z različnimi časovnimi in amplitudnimi karakteristikami ter pozivnih napevov samic drugih vrst. To smo ugotavljali tako, da smo vpliv sintetičnega feromona samcev v različnih koncentracijah. Izvedli smo obsežne poizkuse s pari samec-samica, z namenom ugotoviti kateri spol pogosteje začne vibracijsko komunikacijo in s katerim napevom. Pri vrsti *N. viridula* smo ugotovili, da napeve samice zamaskirajo signali, ki so daljši oz. je njihova jakost večja od normalnega napeva samice. To se kaže tako, da samci, ki jim hkrati predvajamo kombinacijo takih signalov, dalj časa porabijo za iskanje vira preferenčnega signala na rastlini.

Pravljali smo vedenjske poizkuse na zeleni smrdljivki (*Nezara viridula*), s katerimi smo želeli ugotoviti prožilce vibracijskih napevov pri obeh spolih. Poizkuse smo izvajali na naravnih gostiteljskih rastlinah stenic, ki predstavljajo podlago za njihovo vibracijsko komunikacijo, in signale registrirali z laserskim

vibrometrom. V vsakem sklopu poizkusov smo se osredotočili na drugo modaliteto dražljajev, pri čemer smo izključili vse ostale. Večino poizkusov smo zato opravili pri rdeči svetlobi, ki je žuželke ne zaznajo. Posamezno smo testirali optične, kemične in vibracijske dražljaje pri obeh spolih. Preizkušali smo vpliv sintetičnega feromona samcev v različnih koncentracijah. Izvedli smo obsežne poizkuse s pari samec-samica, z namenom ugotoviti kateri spol pogosteje začne vibracijsko komunikacijo in s katerim napevom. Pri analizi smo iskali vzorce pojavitve različnih napevov in ugotavljali razlike v času, potrebnem za njihovo sprožitev pri različnih modalitetah dražljajev ter pogostost spontanega petja.

The group proceeded with investigation of leafhoppers in genus *Aphrodes*. We found that in *A. makarovi*, the duration of female reply in a duet is influenced by the duration of male call to which she was responding, while longer female signal enabled the male to faster localize the female on the plant. Male searching behaviour was highly specific and they searched only for the source of those vibrational signals that corresponded to the natural parameters of female replies. We investigated the abilities of females of four species in this genus to recognize the vibrational calls of conspecific males. Results showed that female discriminate well between males from different species. We discovered a male call that differs from other previously described species-specific male signals and some female recognize only this type of male call. This acoustic biotype is

widespread in S in W Slovenia. In 2011 we started also investigations on behaviour of the leafhopper species *Aphrodes makarovi*.

In cooperation with Instituto Agrario San Michele in Italy we investigated vibrational communication of the leafhopper *Scaphoideus titanus* which is the main vector of grapevine disease Flavescence dorée. Important element of vibrational communication in *S. titanus* is well developed intra-sexual competition. While the male-female duet is essential for successful localization of female, it is easily disrupted by alternative tactics like disruptive signals emitted by rival male. Rival males use alternative tactics, such as disruptive vibrational signals to break up a duet what consequently results in significantly reduced number of copulations. Mating disruption is possible also by playback of disruptive signals. Experiments in vineyards demonstrated that disturbance signals reproduced over the wire with fixed plant are transmitted over longer distances and that their amplitude is high enough to prevent stable duetting between the male and the female. Investigations of the leafhopper *S. titanus* vibrational signals transmission also demonstrated that vibratory signals can be transmitted from one leaf to another also when there is no physical contact between them. The male and the female were duetting also when the distance between the leaves was 6 cm.

Razširili smo bioakustične raziskave škržatkov iz rodu *Aphrodes*. Ugotovili smo, da je v duetu pri vrsti *A. makarovi* dolžina odgovora samice pogojena z dolžino samčevega vibracijskega signala ter da daljši odgovor samice samcu omogoča, da jo na rastlini hitreje najde. Iskalno vedenje samca je bilo zelo specifično, saj so iskali samo vir tistih vibracijskih signalov, ki ustrezajo naravnim parametrom odgovorov samice. Raziskovali smo tudi preference samic štirih vrst škržatkov iz rodu *Aphrodes* do napevov samcev iste vrste. Rezultati so pokazali, da samice dobro prepoznavajo napeve samcev. Odkrili smo tudi napev samca, ki ne ustreza nobenemu do sedaj poznanemu napevu ter da nekatere samice prepozna samo ta napev. Ta akustično ločen biotip je splošno razširjen v J in Z Sloveniji. V letu 2011 smo pričeli tudi z raziskavami rivalnega vedenja pri škržatku vrste *Aphrodes makarovi*. V sodelovanju s Kmetijskim inštitutom v S. Michele-ju v Italiji smo raziskali vibracijsko komunikacijo ameriškega škržatka vrste *Schaphoideus titanus*, ki je glavni prenašalec fitoplazme, ki povzroča zlato trsno rumenico, eno najbolj nevarnih bolezni vinske trte. Pomemben element vibracijske komunikacije tega škržatka je močna tekmovanost (kompeticija) med samci, ki je izražena v obliki alternativnih taktik. Z omenjenimi taktikami, kot so na primer motilni vibracijski signali, rivalni samec prekine duet med samcem in samico. Vibracijski duet med samcem in samico je nujen, da samec lahko lokalizira samico ter za uspešno parjenje, vendar je hkrati samec tako tudi izpostavljen rivalnim taktikam in ga rivalni samec z motilnimi signali brez težav prekine. Posledica teh prekinitev je bilo zmanjšano število uspešnih parjenj. Parjenje je možno prekiniti rudi s predvajanjem motilnih vibracijskih signalov. Poskusi v vinogradu so pokazali, da se predvajani motilni signali preko žice, na katero je navezana

vinska trta prenašajo na daljše razdalje in da je amplituda teh signalov dovolj visoka, da bi lahko preprečila vzpostavitev stabilnega dueta med samcem in samico. Raziskave prenosa vibracijskih signalov ameriškega škržatka so tudi pokazale, da se vibracijski signali lahko prenesejo z lista na list vinske trte tudi v primeru, ko ni fizičnega kontakta med rastlinami. Samec in samica sta vzpostavila duet tudi v primeru, ko je razdalja med listi znašala 6 cm.

V sklopu raziskav mehanizmov komunikacije žuželk smo opravili serijo poizkusov, s katerimi smo preučevali paritveno vedenje pri rastlinski stenici *Holcostethus abbreviatus* na Oddelku za entomologijo Univerze v Kaliforniji, Riverside (ZDA). Cilj raziskave je bil primerjati paritveno vedenje in repertoar komunikacijskih signalov med geografsko ločenima vrstama, med ameriško *H. abbreviatus* in evropsko vrsto *H. strictus*. Rezultati kažejo, da pri obeh vrstah vibracijske signale oddajata oba spola. Spektralne lastnosti oddanih signalov so podobne pri obeh vrstah in so obenem značilne za celotno družino rastlinskih stenic Pentatomidae. Napevi samic se med vrstama razlikujejo po časovnih lastnostih. Več razlik med vrstama je prisotnih med napevi, ki jih oddajajo samci, predvsem glede na vrsto signalov in način produkcije le-teh. V letu 2011 smo raziskave s področja paritvenega vedenja komunikacije stenice *H. abbreviatus* še nadgradili in pričeli z analizami kemične komunikacije pri tej vrsti (skala). Domnevamo, da so pri *T. cavicola* prilagoditve na parjenje v podzemju vodile do redukcije vibracijske signalizacije in ob tem do podaljšanja paritvenega procesa, kar lahko obravnavamo kot izpeljano stanje za Rhaphidophoridae.

Nadaljevali smo s študijem vedenja in komunikacije jamskih kobilic rodu *Troglophilus*. Pri jamski kobilici *Troglophilus cavicola* (Rhaphidophoridae) smo opravili sistematično raziskavo vzorca vedenja pred in tokom parjenja. Ugotovili smo, da je v primerjavi s simpatično vrsto *T. neglectus* potek parjenja pri tej vrsti značilno daljši,



Obarvano aksonalno vlakno vibrorreceptorskega nevrona v centralnem živčevju jamske kobilice.  
Stained axonal fibre of a single vibrorreceptor neurone in the central nervous system of a cave cricket.

Obarvane presinaptične razvezitve snopa vibrorreceptorskih nevronov v centralnem živčevju jamske kobilice.  
Stained presynaptic branches of a vibrorreceptor axon bundle in the central nervous system of a cave cricket.



Škržatek na rastlini.  
Cicada sitting on a plant.

In cooperation with the University of California, Riverside, we investigated mating behaviour of stink bug *Holcostethus abbreviatus* Uhler, in order to compare intra-specific communication of two geographically isolated (American and European) species from the genus Holcostethus. In both species males and females produced vibrational signals by vibrations of abdomen. The mean dominant frequencies of recorded signals are similar in both species and are characteristic of the whole family Pentatomidae. In contrast, greater differences between species were observed in temporal characteristics of songs, and in the song repertoire of males. In the year 2011 we broadened the research of mating behaviour of *H. abbreviatus*, and start with research on chemical communication of this species.

We continued with the investigation of behaviour and communication in cave crickets of the genus *Troglophilus*. We carried out a systematic study of behaviour before and during mating in species *Troglophilus cavicola* (Rhaphidophoridae). We found that duration of mating in *T. cavicola*

is significantly longer compared to its sympatric species *T. neglectus*, mainly because of extremely prolonged antennation and copula phases. Unlike *T. neglectus*, *T. cavicola* does not emit vibratory signals by abdomen vibration during antennation and copula. It does, however, emit whole-body tremulatory signals immediately after completing copulation; the same was observed in its sympatric species *T. neglectus*. The spectral characteristics of vibratory signals do not differ between the two species when measured on the same type of substrate. They both emit vibrations at very low frequencies, with dominant peaks at 30 to 40 Hz. This can partly be explained by a lower predation pressure in *T. cavicola* and inconvenient surface for vibratory communication in that species (rock). We assume that in *T. cavicola* the adaptations to mating inside the caves lead to reductions of vibratory signalization and therefore prolonged mating process, which may be viewed as a derived position for Rhaphidophoridae.

We continued with the study of transmission of vibratory signals by the stink-bugs *Podisus maculiventris* and *N. viridula*, and artificial vibrational pulses along the model plant *Cyperus alternifolius*. We confirmed previous findings that vibrations transmit efficiently on long distances with very little attenuation, but they exhibit cyclical changes of intensity which depend on frequency. In collaboration with Dr. Daniel Svenšek from the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, we developed a mathematical description of



Roparske stenice poddržnine Asopinae se prehranjujejo z ličinkami drugih vrst žuželk in se uporabljajo pri biološki kontroli.  
Predatory stinkbugs of the subfamily Asopinae feed on larvae of other insect species and are used in biological control.



Raziskujemo vpliv strupenih snovi na vedenje pašnih čebel.  
Effects of pesticides on behaviour of honeybee are studied.

Nadaljevali smo tudi s preučevanjem prenosa vibracijskih signalov stenic vrst *Podisus maculiventris* in *Nezara viridula* ter umenih pulzov prek steba modelne rastline *Cyperus alternifolius*. Potrdili smo tezo, da se vibracije prenašajo vzdolž celotne rastline na razdalji do enega metra z zelo malo dušenja. Ugotovili smo, da prihaja med prenosom do rednih cikličnih sprememb jakosti z razdaljo od vira vibracij, ki so odvisne predvsem od frekvenčnih lastnosti signalov. V sodelovanju z dr. Danielom Svenškom s Fakultete za matematiko in fiziko smo matematično opisali povezavo med resonančnimi lastnostmi zelnatega rastlinskega tkiva in opazovanimi pojavi, kar potrjuje hipotezo, da je opazovan pojav stacionarno valovanje. Iz izmerjene velikosti sprememb je možno sklepati, da gre za pomemben element vpliva medija na prenos vibracijskih signalov stenic med oddajnikom in sprejemnikom, ki bo odpril nove možnosti za raziskave osnovnih mehanizmov prepoznavne ter iskanja spolnih partnerjev oz. plena pri teh stenicah.

Izvedli smo tudi manjšo raziskavo v sodelovanju z Oddelkom za raziskovanje sladkovodnih in kopenskih ekosistemov (NIB). S snemanjem osebkov rakov škržatkov vrste *Chirocephalus croaticus* v laboratoriju smo odkrili zvočne signale, ki imajo verjetno vlogo pri znotrajvrstni komunikaciji. Rezultati poskusov so obdelani in pripravljeni za objavo. To je prvi znan primer zvočne komunikacije v celotni skupini škržatkov (Anostraca).  
Kot modelno skupino plena za testiranje hipoteze, da pajki izkorisčajo vibracijsko komunikacijo škržatkov kot del strategije lovlijenja plena, smo izbrali škržatke iz rodu *Aphrodes*. Kot modelno skupino plenilcev smo izbrali pajke, ki so najpogosteji plenilci iz skupine členonožcev. Za testiranje hipoteze smo uporabili dva zelo različna pristopa. Za določanje nivoja plenjenja v naravi ter identifikacijo pajkov, ki so glavni plenilci škržatkov iz rodu *Aphrodes*, smo uporabili molekularne metode. Te pajke smo zatem uporabili v vedenjskih poskuših, v katerih smo določali, ali vibracijski signali teh škržatkov vplivajo na vedenje pajkov. S specifičnimi oligotidnimi začetniki, ki smo jih zasnovali, smo lahko zasledili DNA Aphrodesa v pajkih tudi še 3-5 dni po tem, ko so se hrани na škržatku. Testirali smo 283 na terenu nabranih pajkov iz devetih družin. Prevladujoča skupina so bili kroglasti pajki (družina Theridiidae), še posebej pajki iz rodu *Enoplognatha*. DNA škržatkov smo zasledili v 14% vseh testiranih pajkov. Samo pajki družin kroglastih pajkov in lijakarjev (Agelenidae) so se v času dveh terenskih sezont izkazali kot zanesljivi plenilci škržatkov. Kako se plenjenje spreminja tekoma sezone smo zasledovali na kroglastih pajkih iz rodu *Enoplognatha* nabranih v letu 2008. Zasledili smo statistično značilno razliko med številom pozitivnih pajkov nabranih v začetku junija in v sredini julija. V juniju je bilo pozitivnih le 7% nabranih pajkov, medtem ko smo v sredini julija DNA škržatkov zasledili kar pri dobrini četrtni kroglastih pajkov. Tudi struktura populacije škržatkov v teh dveh vzorčnjih se je bistveno razlikovala. V začetku junija so bile prisotne le ličinke, v sredini julija pa je bila večina nabranih škržatkov odraslih samcev. Da bi določili vpliv pajkov na

the plant's resonant properties which correspond to observations. This confirms the hypothesis that the changes represent stationary waves. Judging by the measured magnitude of changes, this phenomenon represents an important part of the influence of the medium on vibrational signal propagation, which in turn opens new questions about basic mechanisms of signal recognition and emitter localization in stink-bugs.

In 2011 we also performed a pilot experiment in collaboration with the Department of Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecosystems Research (NIB). We recorded the fairy shrimp *Chirocephalus croaticus* in laboratory environment and discovered that they emit sound pulses which are possibly used in intraspecific communication. The results are processed and ready for publication. This is the first known case of acoustic communication in the whole order Anostraca.

As a model prey group for studying exploitation of vibrational signals by generalist arthropod predators, we chose leafhoppers of the genus *Aphrodes*. As a model predator group we chose spiders since they are the most numerous group of generalist arthropod predators. To test our hypothesis we used two different approaches. We used molecular methods to determine which spiders are the most significant predators of *A. makarovi* in the field during the leafhopper's mating period. In the next step we used these spiders in behavioural experiments to determine whether vibrational signals of *A. makarovi* influence spider behaviour. We developed species-specific primers that amplify short fragments of *Aphrodes* mitochondrial DNA. Such approach enabled us to detect *Aphrodes* DNA in spiders for up to 5 days after ingestion. In the field we collected 283 spiders from nine families. Molecular screening of field

## B) NEUROBIOLOGY

In the scope of neurobiology field of studies in the year 2011 we carried out some preliminary research on the cave cricket olfactory system. In the species *T. neglectus* we performed antennograms using different concentrations of the abdominal scent glands extract. We tested the efficacy of several organic solvents for the extraction of the scent's active component and established the responsiveness of the antennae to different concentrations of the extract in both sexes. By measuring the sum activity of the antennal nerve (antennogram) we showed that the antennae of both males and females respond to application of 100 µg of scent gland extract in hexane, while lower concentrations of the extract in hexane or the extract in methylene chloride did not evoke responses significantly different from the control treatment.

In 2011 we summarized and analyzed all the data acquired during research into the temporal parameter coding mechanisms of the model insect species *Nezara viridula*, carried out in 2010 and published a paper in a highly cited journal PLoS ONE. The processing of temporal parameters of vibratory signals was investigated at the level of ascending interneurons that carry the information on the external stimuli from the sensory neurons towards the brain. The stimulus sequence consisted of 30 pulse duration/interval duration (PD/ID) combinations. The neurons' responses were analyzed and two response arrays were created for each neuron, showing the intensity of the response either as mean or as peak instantaneous spike rate. Mean spike rate response arrays mostly show preference for short pulse durations (below 500 ms) and no selectivity towards interval duration, while the peak spike rate response arrays

umrljivost škržatkov smo zastavili poskuse v mikrokozmosu. Prisotnost pajkov iz družine volkcev (Lycosidae) ni imela nobenega vpliva na število preživelih škržatkov, medtem ko se je v prisotnosti pajkov iz rodu *Enoplognatha* preživelih škržatkov statistično značilno zmanjšalo. Število preživelih samcev je upadal hitreje kot število samic in statistična analiza je pokazala, da kroglasti pajki uplenijo statistično značilno več samcev kot samic. Da bi neposredno preverili, ali pajki izkorisčajo vibracijsko komunikacijo žuželk, smo pajke dražili s posnetimi vibracijskimi signali škržatkov v tako imenovanih playback poskusih. Pri pajkih iz družine volkcev nismo zasledili sprememb v vedenju medtem, ko so se kroglasti pajki statistično značilno dalj zadrževali na rastlini, ko smo jim predvajali vibracijski signal samcev škržatkov.

## B) NEVROBIOLOGIJA

V okviru raziskav živčevja smo v letu 2011 opravljali preliminarne raziskave vonjalnega sistema jamskih kobilic. Pri vrsti *T. neglectus* smo testirali odzive anten na različne koncentracije ekstrakta vonjalnih žlez samcev. Testirali smo učinkovitost različnih organskih topil za ekstrakcijo aktivne komponente vonjave ter ugotavljali odzivnost anten na različne koncentracije ekstrakta pri obeh spolih. Z merjenjem sumarične aktivnosti antenalnega živca (antenografijo) smo ugotovili, da se tako antene samcev kot samic odzivajo na aplikacijo 100 µg ekstrakta vsebine vonjalnih žlez v heksanu, medtem ko se na manjše koncentracije oz. žlezni ekstrakt v v metilen kloridu antene niso odzivale značilno močneje kot na kontrolo.

## C) GENETSKO MOLEKULARNE RAZISKAVE

Po podrobнем vzorčenju v Sloveniji in Veliki Britaniji smo pričeli z molekularnimi analizami škržatkov iz rodu *Aphrodes*. Analizirali smo genetsko variabilnost mitohondrijske DNA med vrstami in med

populacijami v Sloveniji in Veliki Britaniji. Analizo smo razširili z visoko ločljivimi jedrnimi označevalci (AFLP). Razvili smo specifične oligotidne začetnike (primerje), ki namnožijo manjše fragmente regij genov v mitohondrijski DNK. Uporabili smo jih za analizo muzejskih osebkov. Nadaljevali smo s študijami prehranjevalnih odnosov med nevretenčarskimi predatorji in žuželčjim plenom na osnovi molekularnih metod. Razvili smo specifične oligotidne začetnike (primerje) in jih uporabili za identifikacijo DNK škržatkov v prebavilu pajkov.

## D) RAZISKAVE ČEBEL

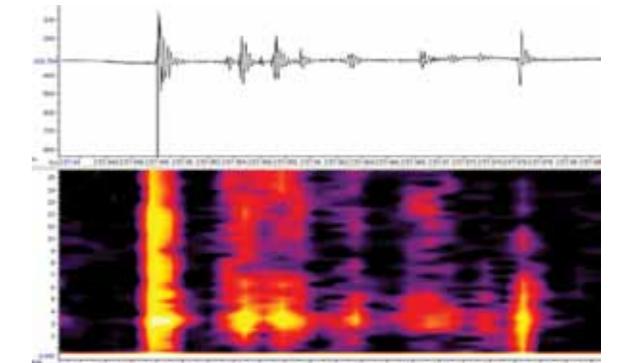
Nadaljevali smo z raziskavami vpliva akaricidov na vedenje pašnih čebel. Akaricidi so sredstva, ki se uporablajo za zatiranje zajedavske pršice varoje *Varroa destructor*. Raziskovali smo vpliv akaricida kumafoса na asociativno in neasociativno učenje. Vpliv na učenje smo testirali s pomočjo habituacije in klasičnega pogojevanja refleksa iztegovanja rilčka (PER). Čebele, ki so prejеле kumafos, so se hitreje habituirale in so dosegla slabši rezultat pri pogojevanju.

## E) BIOAKUSTIČNE METODE ZA NADZOR VNOSA IN POTENCIALNEGA ŠIRJENJA ŠKODLJIVIH ORGANIZMOV

L. 2011 smo nadaljevali z razvojem neinvazivne metode za zaznavanje škodljivih organizmov v drevesih in lesnem materialu, ki temelji na laserski vibrometriji. Razvoj metode poteka v sklopu projekta Q-DETECT v 7. okvirnem programu EU, ki se je pričel v marcu l. 2010. Tarčni organizmi v delovnem sklopu Bioakustika, katerega vodja je dr. Andrej Čokl, so azijski kozliček (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), pekarski žagovinar (*Monochamus galloprovincialis*) in drugi kozlički iz rodu *Monochamus*



Vzorčenje pašnih čebel.  
Collecting of forager bees.



Klasično pogojevanje iztegovanja ježička.  
Classical conditioning of proboscis extending reflex.

Oscilogram in sonogram signalov, ki so nastali ob prehranjevanju ličinke azijskega kozlička (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) v lesu.  
Oscillogram and sonogram of the Asian longhorn beetle larvae feeding sounds from inside the wood sample.

## E) BIOACOUSTIC METHODS FOR PEST MANAGEMENT

In 2011 we continued with the development of the non-invasive bioacoustic method for early detection of insect pests in trees, wood and wood packaging material, which is based on laser vibrometry. The method is being developed as a part of the Q-detect project, which started in March 2010 inside the 7th EU framework program. Target organisms in the work package Bioacoustics, led by head of Entomology Dept. at NIB, prof. dr. Andrej Čokl, are the Asian longhorn beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), *Monochamus galloprovincialis* (as vectors of the nematode that causes the pine wilt disease (PWD)) and the red palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*). The aforementioned species attack ornamental trees in urban areas, fruit trees and forests, and palm trees planted for ornamental purposes (Spain and S Italy), and in date palm plantations (the Middle East and North Africa). Therefore they pose a serious threat to agriculture and wood industry and in case of ornamental palm trees also to tourism. The

exhibited either short pulse duration/long interval duration selectivity or no selectivity at all. The long pulse/short interval stimulus combinations elicited the weakest responses in all neurons tested. No response arrays showed receiver preference for either constant period or duty cycle. The data gathered so far matches the temporal characteristics of *N. viridula* male calling songs and shows that temporal filtering of the vibratory signals takes place already at lower levels of signal processing and is not confined solely to the brain.

## D) BEE RESEARCH

We continued to study effects of acaricides on behaviour of honeybee foragers. Acaricides are medicaments used to control the parasitic mite varroa *Varroa destructor*. We studied the effect of acaricide coumaphos on associative and non-associative learning. Effects on learning were tested by habituation and classical conditioning of proboscis extension reflex (PER). Treated bees showed faster habituation and lower PER response in conditioning compared to control.

## C) GENETIC AND MOLECULAR INVESTIGATIONS

After detailed species collection in Slovenia and Great Britain we started with molecular analyses of leafhoppers in genus *Aphrodes*. We analysed genetic variability between species and between populations in Slovenia and UK. We expanded the analysis to include nuclear markers (AFLP). We developed specific oligonucleotide primers that amplify short fragments of *Aphrodes* mitochondrial DNA cytochrome oxidase I gene



Palmov rilčkar *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*.  
Red palm weevil *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*.



Palma *Phoenix canariensis*, ki so jo uničile ličinke rdečega palmovega ričkarja.  
The palm tree *Phoenix canariensis* dies from the damage done by the larvae of the red palm weevil.



Pregledovanje feromonskih pasti na terenu.  
Checking pheromone traps for beetles.

(predvsem kot vektorji borove ogorčice) ter palmov rilčkar (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*). Omenjene vrste napadajo okrasna drevesa v urbanih okoljih, sadno drevje v sadovnjakih in gozdove, ter palmova drevesa v okrasnih nasadih ter na datljevih in kokosovih plantazah, zato predstavljajo resno ekonomsko grožnjo kmetijstvu in lesni industriji, palmov rilčkar pa tudi turizmu, v Evropi predvsem v Španiji in Italiji. V državah na bližnjem vzhodu in v S Afriki palmov rilčkar že dolga leta predstavlja še bolj žgoč problem, saj prinaša ogromne ekonomske izgube pri pridelavi datlev. Metoda zaznavanja škodljivcev v lesu z laserskim vibrometrom ima potencial, da zagotovi novo orodje za zgodnje odkrivanje okužbe že v stadiju ličinke in tako omogoči monitoring ob morebitnem vnosu v novo okolje ter izpeljavo potrebnih ukrepov za preprečevanje oz. obvladovanje novih žarišč. V letu 2011 smo se osredotočili predvsem na palmovega rilčkarja ter v sklopu projekta obiskali Sredozemski kmetijski inštitut v Bariju IAMB in Univerzo v Bariju Aldo Moro. V sodelovanju z omenjenima inštitucijama smo z laserskim vibrometrom pridobili posnetke

prehranjevanja ličink palmovega rilčkarja v listih palme *Phoenix canariensis*.

#### F) KEMIČNA EKOLOGIJA IN FEROMSKE PASTI

V letu 2011 smo v sodelovanju z Univerzo v Riversidu iz Kalifornije nadaljevali z raziskavami s področja kemične komunikacije žuželk. Kemični signali, še posebej feromoni, so bili do nedavnega slabo raziskani pri hroščih iz družine kozličkov (Cerambycidae). Poznavanje feromonov, njihove strukture in biološke funkcije je pomembno za razumevanje vedenja, ekologije in evolucije kozličkov, ki sodijo med ekološko in ekonomsko pomembnejše skupine žuželk. Dosedanje raziskave kemične komunikacije kozličkov so bile izvedene na vrstah iz S Amerike in Azije, medtem ko je pomen feromonov in hlapnih snovi gostiteljskih rastlin za vedenje in ekologijo evropskih vrst še vedno neznan. V letu 2011 smo pričeli testirati sposobnost 12 že znanih feromonov kozličkov za privabljanje kozličkov prisotnih na področju Slovenije. Živilovne feromonske pasti tipa Crossvane, tretirane

s fluoropolymerom, smo postavili v transektilih v dveh tipih gozdov. Prvi rezultati so pokazali, da so pasti na osnovi testiranih kemičnih spojin učinkovite pri vzročenju kozličkov sorodnih vrst tudi na področju Slovenije.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

V letih 2011 je Oddelek za entomologijo objavil 20 izvirnih člankov in 1 znanstveni prispevek na konferenci. Od skupno 20 znanstvenih del jih je bilo 19 objavljenih v revijah z IF (9 v prvem, 7 v drugem, 1 v tretjem in 2 v četrtem kvartilu). V 11 delih so bili sodelavci oddelka prvi avtorji. Znanstvena dela so bila objavljena na vseh nosilnih področjih raziskovalne dejavnosti skupine.

Mednarodna dejavnost Oddelka za entomologijo je bila tudi v letu 2011 intenzivna tako na področju formalnih kot neformalnih povezav ter aktivnosti. Sodelavka skupine dr. Meta Virant-Doberlet je na

method for early detection of wood boring beetle larvae using the laser vibrometer has the potential to provide a new tool for pest monitoring at possible entrance points into new areas and to permit necessary measures to be carried out in order to prevent a new outbreak or contain an existing one. In 2011 we focused mainly on the red palm weevil (RPW) and to gather recordings of the RPW larval activity from the infected ornamental palm trees *Phoenix canariensis* in the urban areas of Southern Italy, we visited the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (IAMB) and the University of Bari.

#### F) CHEMICAL ECOLOGY AND PHEROMONE TRAPS

In 2011 we collaborated with University of California Riverside and continued with research of chemical communication of insects. Despite the economic importance of many long-horned beetles (Cerambycidae), until recently very little was known about their pheromones. Understanding the role of the pheromones is essential to determine ecology and behaviour of geographically isolated cerambycid species and their evolution. To date, almost all of the data on cerambycid semiochemicals is from research on species native to North America and Asia. There is still little known about the semiochemistry of Old World long-horned beetles. In 2011 we tested a library of 12 known cerambycid pheromones, as attractants for Slovenian cerambycids, in a variety of different forest types. We deployed lures baited with chemicals in cross-vane panel traps coated with Fluon. We suspended traps from tree branches and set out in transects. First field trials also showed promising results from the use of pheromone traps in sampling cerambycids at two different sites in Slovenia.

## Important Achievements in 2011

In 2011 Department of Entomology published 20 original scientific articles and 1 scientific contribution at the conference. From 20 articles 19 were published in journals with IF (9 in the first, 7 in the second, 1 in the third and 2 in the fourth quartil). In 11 articles members of the group were the first author. Scientific contributions were published in all the main fields of the group research program.

Intensive international cooperation of the Department of Entomology was characteristic also in 2011 through formal and informal cooperation.

Dr. Meta Virant-Doberlet continued her studies related to research of Aphrodes leafhoppers at the University of Cardiff. In 2011 Department proceeded with cooperation in the frame of Q-DETECT (7th EU Framework program) developing new methods for early detection of quarantine organisms. We also continued research in the frame of the bilateral project of scientific and technological cooperation with Brazil (BI-BR/10-12-003, EM-BRAPA Brasilia) and in the frame of the bilateral project of cooperation with Turkey (Ondokuz Mayıs Univerza, ARRS-MS-TR-05-A/2010).

In 2011 Department started also cooperation with the Department of Entomology of the University of California Riverside (USA) at the basis of the bilateral project BI-US/12-13-018 that was accepted for financing in 2011. We have also started with investigations within the 3 years bilateral project between Slovenia and Italy of the title »Tuning of vibrational signals emitted by vectors of phytoplasma grapevine diseases with host plants: potential for an alternative approach of pest

management«. In the frame of the COST programme the group performed the project to prevent losses of bee families (COST Action FA0803, COLOSS). In 2011 members of the group also started with investigations within the EU project BICOPOLL of the Core Organic II program.

Education at different levels is an important activity of the Department of Entomology. Its members give lectures at undergraduate and graduate level at Universities of Ljubljana, Nova Gorica and Maribor and on the High School for Environmental Protection in Velenje. Members of the group are tutoring undergraduate and graduate students and are mentors to several young researchers.

In 2011 Department broadened in collaboration with the group of Prof. Dr. Jocelyn G. Millar from the University of California Riverside applied research in the field of semiochemicals that represent an alternative and environmentally friendlier tool for monitoring and control of pest species of the beetle family Cerambycidae, flies (Tephritidae) and stinkbugs (Pentatomidae).

In the frame of applied research the group continued with research within 2 projects of the CRP programme in the field of biological control and bee loss as well as within the COST COLOSS programme. Public articles about biology of bees and other insects are also an important contribution in popularization of group's research programme.

Univerzi v Cardiffu (Wales) nadaljevala delo v sklopu raziskav škržatkov iz rodu *Aphrodes*. V letu 2011 je Oddelek nadaljeval s sodelovanjem v projektu Q-DETECT (7. okvirni program EU), ki se ukvarja z razvojem novih metod za zgodnje odkrivanje karantenskih organizmov. Oddelek za entomologijo je v letu 2011 nadaljeval tudi raziskave v okviru bilateralnega projekta znanstvenega sodelovanja z Brazilijo (BI-BR/10-12-003, EMBRAPA Brasilia) ter ob bilateralnega projekta znanstvenega sodelovanja z Turčijo (Ondokuz Mayis Univerza, ARRS-MS-TR-05-A/2010). V letu 2011 je tudi potekalo sodelovanje z Oddelkom za entomologijo Univerze v Kaliforniji v Riversidu (ZDA) na podlagi programa bilateralnega projekta BI-US/12-13-018, ki je bil sprejet v financiranje novembra 2011. Pričeli smo z izvajanjem triletnega bilateralnega slovensko-italijanskega projekta z naslovom »Uglasenost vibracijskih signalov, s katerimi se sporazumevajo prenašalci trsnih rumenic, z gostiteljskimi rastlinami: možnost za razvoj alternativnega pristopa za nadzor škodljivcev« (BI-IT/11-13-006). V okviru programa COST smo izvajali projekt povezan z preprečevanjem izgube čebeljih družin (COST Action FA0803, COLOSS). V letu 2011 smo začeli izvajati raziskave v okviru projekta CORE Organic II programa (BI-COPOLL, 155).

Pedagoško delo na različnih nivojih je pomembna dejavnost Oddelka za entomologijo. Njegovi sodelavci poučujejo na do- in podiplomskem nivoju na Univerzah v Ljubljani, Mariboru in Novi Gorici ter na Višoki šoli za varstvo okolja v Velenju. Poleg tega so mentorji diplomantom in doktorandom ter več mladim raziskovalcem.

V letu 2011 je skupina, v sodelovanju s skupino prof. dr. Jocelyna Millarja iz Univerze v Kaliforniji, Riverside, razširila aplikativno dejavnost na področju semiokemikalij, ki predstavljajo alternativno, okolju bolj prijazno sredstvo za spremljanje pojavljanja in zatiranje škodljivih vrst iz družine kozličkov (Cerambycidae), sadnih muh (Tephritidae) in ščitastih stenic (Pentatomidae).

V okviru aplikativne dejavnosti je skupina nadaljevala delo na 2 projektih v okviru programa CRP na področju biološke kontrole in izgub čebel ter v COST COLOSS programu. Pomemben prispevek skupine so tudi poljudne publikacije o življenju čebel in drugih žuželk.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

Oddelek za entomologijo se prvenstveno ukvarja s temeljnimi raziskavami na področju nevrobiologije, etologije, populacijske genetike in njim sorodnih področjih pri žuželkah. Zato so glavni in najpomembnejši partnerji Oddelka skupine s podobno usmeritvijo svoje dejavnosti tako doma kot v tujini. Te ustanove so poleg više in visokošolskih ustanov v Sloveniji tudi najpomembnejši uporabniki rezultatov dela Oddelka.

Najpomembnejši partnerji v Sloveniji so Prirodoslovni muzej Slovenije, s katerim sodelujemo v okviru Programa 0255-0105 ARRS, Biotehniška fakulteta, Kmetijski inštitut Slovenije s katerim dolgoročno projektno sodelujemo na področju genetskih raziskav in čebelarstva in Kmetijsko-veterinarski zavod Nova Gorica (projektno sodelovanje). V povezavi z evropskim projektom Q-DETECT smo navezali tudi

neformalno sodelovanje s Fitosanitarno upravo RS in z Oddelkom za gozdarstvo in obnovljive gozdne vire Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani. V tujini so glavni partnerji Oddelka za entomologijo School of Biosciences Univerze v Cardiffu (Wales), Inštitut za čebelarstvo Univerze v Frankfurtu v Oberurslu (Nemčija), Inštitut za zoologijo Karl-Franzens Univerze v Grazu (Avstrija), Oddelek za entomologijo Univerze Kalifornija v Riversidu (ZDA), Univerza v Pisi (Italija), IASMA Research and Innovative Centre San Michele (Italija), Univerza v Cambridge (Velika Britanija), Inštitut za zoologijo Georg-August Univerze v Goettingenu (Nemčija), UMR PISC INRA Versailles (Francija), EMBRAPA inštitut v Brasilii (Brazilija) in Ondokuz Mayis Univerza v Samsunu (Turčija).

Gospodarski pomen dela Oddelka za entomologijo je v veliki meri indirekten predvsem v obliki pridobivanja novega znanja in aplikacije različnih metod v okviru biološke kontrole škodljivih vrst žuželk in laserske tehnologije. Na področju entomologije je Oddelek za entomologijo v Sloveniji največja raziskovalna skupina in kot tako center znanja na pomembnih področjih, ki posredno vplivajo na razvoj kmetijstva ter družbe v najširšem smislu te besede.



Kozliček (*Monochamus clamator*).  
Longhorn beetle (*Monochamus clamator*).

Aeracijski sistem za zbiranje feromonov žuželk.  
Aeration system for collecting insect pheromones.

Vzorci lesa listavcev, okuženih z ličinkami azijskega kozlička *Anoplophora glabripennis*. Puščice označujejo rane, ki so nastale na mestih, kjer je samica odložila jajčeca. Wood samples of various deciduous trees infested with larvae of the Asian longhorn beetle *Anoplophora glabripennis*. Arrows indicate oviposition sites.

## Collaboration with Various Users

The professional activity of the Department of Entomology is primarily focused on basic research of neurobiology, ethology, population genetics and related fields in insects. Therefore the main and most important partners of the Department in Slovenia and abroad are groups with similar research interests. These institutions are together with high schools are also the main users of the group results.

The most important partners in Slovenia are the Natural History Museum of Slovenia in Ljubljana through cooperation within the Program P1-0255 ARRS, the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, the Institute of Agronomy of Slovenia which we collaborate with on a long-term scale in the field of bee and genetic studies and the Agronomy-Veterinary Institute in Nova Gorica (project collaboration). In the scope of the European project Q-detect we started informal collaboration

with the Phytosanitary Administration of Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and with the the Department of Forestry and Renewable Forest Resources of the Biotechnical Faculty at the University of Ljubljana. The main partners outside Slovenia are the Department of Entomology of the School of Biosciences of the University of Cardiff (Wales), Institute for Bee Research of the J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt in Oberursl (Germany), Institute of Zoology of the Karl-Franzens University in Graz (Austria), Department of Entomology of the University of California Riverside (USA), University of Pisa (Italy), Cambridge University (UK), Institut of Zoology of the Georg-August University in Goettingen (Germany), UMR PISC INRA Institute in Versailles (France), EMBRAPA Institute in Brasilia (Brazil) and Ondokuz Mayis University in Samsun (Turkey).

## Mednarodno sodelovanje

V l. 2011 je Oddelek nadaljeval sodelovanje v projektu Q-DETECT 7. okvirnega programa EU. Projekt združuje 15 partnerjev iz devetih držav. Znotraj projekta tesneje sodelujemo z Avstrijskim inštitutom za gozdarstvo na Dunaju, neformalno pa smo se povezali s Fitosanitarno upravo

## Raziskovalna infrastruktura

Oddelek za entomologijo je opremljen z osnovnimi aparaturami za raziskave delovanja živčevja na celičnem nivoju, opremo za laboratorijsko in terensko registracijo ter analizo mehanskih dražljajev, ki se prevajajo po zraku ali podlagi, optično mikroskopijo z možnostjo laserske ablacije identificiranih celic v živem zarodku in laserskim sistemom za določanje resonančnih lastnosti bioloških materialov.



Ličinka azijskega kozlička *Anoplophora glabripennis*.  
Larva of the Asian longhorn beetle *Anoplophora glabripennis*.

Snemanje vibracij, ki nastajajo ob prehranjevanju ličink azijskega kozlička v vzorcih lesa, s pomočjo laserskega vibrometra.  
Recording vibrations produced by the larvae of the Asian longhorn beetle using a laser vibrometer.



Delo na terenu z laserskim vibrometrom v sklopu projekta Q-detect.  
Fieldwork using a laser vibrometer in the scope of the Q-detect project.

RS, s Fitosanitarno in gozdarsko upravo Beneške regije v Italiji, Sredozemskim kmetijskim inštitutom v Bariju IAMB, z Univerzo v Bariju ter z Univerzo v Padovi (Italija). V letu 2011 se je tudi nadaljevalo sodelovanje z EMBRAPA inštitutom iz Brazilije (BI-BR/10-12-003, EMBRAPA Brasilia) ter vzpostavilo projektno sodelovanje z Ondokuz Mayis Univerzo v Samsunu (Turčija) Ondokuz Mayis Univerza, ARRS-MS-TR-05-A/2010). Velik pomen ima tudi sodelovanje z Oddelkom za entomologijo Univerze v Kaliforniji Riverside (ZDA) s katero nadaljujemo skupne raziskave v okviru sprejetega bilateralnega projekta (BI-US/12-13-018). Mednarodno sodelovanje se je bistveno poglobilo na področju raziskav čebel z začetkom izvajanja mednarodnega projekta BICOPOLL v okviru CORE Organic II programa. V tem programu sodelujemo z raziskovalci Finske, Estonije, Anglije, Nemčije, Italije in iz Turčije. V okviru programa COST smo izvajali projekt povezan z preprečevanjem izgube čebeljih družin (COST Action FA0803, COLOSS). Razvijano mednarodno sodelovanje omogoča skupini izmenjavo informacij,

## Research Infrastructure

The Department of Entomology conducts its research program with basic equipment for neurobiological studies at the single cell level, equipment for field and laboratory registration and analyses of mechanical signals, transmitted through the air or substrate, optics with the possibility to ablate identified cells with laser in the living embryo and with the laser system for measuring the resonant properties of biological materials.

## International Collaboration

In 2010 the Department joined the 7th Framework EU project Q-DETECT, connecting 15 collaborators from 9 countries worldwide. In the scope of this project we started collaboration with the Austrian Federal Forest Office (BFW) and we are also engaged in informal collaboration with the Phytosanitary and Forestry Services of the Veneto Region (Italy) and the University of Padoa (Italy). In 2011 we continued collaboration with the EMBRAPA Institute from Brasilia (BI-BR/10-12-003, EMBRAPA Brasilia) and started project collaboration with the Ondokuz Mayis University in Samsun (Turkey) (ARRS-MS-TR-05/2010). Most important is also collaboration with the Department of Entomology of the University of California Riverside (USA) with which we continue joint research in the frame of the bilateral project (BI-US/12-13-018). International cooperation has been significantly enhanced in the field of bee research starting with the international project BICOPOLL in

the frame of the CORE Organic II program. Within this project we cooperate with scientists from Finland, Estonia, England, Germany, Italy and Turkey. In the frame of the COST programme the group performed the project to prevent losses of bee families (COST Action FA0803, COLOSS). The widespread international collaboration gives the group the opportunity to exchange information, experience and technology, training at the postdoctoral level and joint research within projects of international programs. Such cooperation is important also because of investigations in the fields for which the group lacks know-how and equipment. In such way the group collaborates with the University of Cardiff in the frame of the genetic studies and with the University of California, Riverside (USA) and UMR PISC INRA Institute in Versailles (France) to investigate problems connected with chemical signalling in insects. Direct joined research runs also in collaboration with Bee Institute of the J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt in Oberursl (Germany), University of Pisa (Italy) and the Karl-Franzens University in Graz (Austria).

After completing the PhD studies members of the Department of Entomology conduct at least half a year of postdoctoral studies outside Slovenia.

## Main Publications in 2011

BEVK, Danilo, KRALJ, Jasna, ČOKL, Andrej. Coumaphos affects food transfer between workers of honeybee *Apis mellifera*. *Apidologie*, 2011, 6 str., [in press], doi: 10.1007/s13592-011-0113-x. [COBISS. SI-ID 2500175], [JCR] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

In the paper the authors investigated whether coumaphos affects trophallaxis in honeybees. Cumaphos is an organophosphate that is used to control the parasitic mite *Varroa destructor*. When donors received 5 µg of coumaphos they transferred significantly less amount of food. Side effects on trophallaxis could reduce distribution and decrease the efficiency of the agent in the colony.

DE GROOT, Maarten, ČOKL, Andrej, VIRANT-DOBERLET, Meta. Species identity cues : possibilities for errors during vibrational communication on plant stems. *Behav. ecol.*, 2011, vol. 22, str. 1209-1217. http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/beheco/arr115, doi: 10.1093/beheco/arr115. [COBISS.SI-ID 2404175], [JCR, WoS do 6. 12. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 28. 11. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, ERIHB, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

## Najpomembnejše objave v letu 2011

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V članku so avtorji pokazali vpliv kumafosa na trofalakso medenosne čebele in opisali dve novi metodi za opazovanje prenosa hrane med čebeljimi delavkami. Kumafos je organofosfat, ki se uporablja za zatiranje zajedavske pršice varoje *Varroa destructor*. Čebele dajalke, ki so prejele 5 µg kumafosa, so darovale bistveno manj hrane. Pokazani negativni stranski učinki lahko negativno vplivajo na razporeditev in učinkovitost kumafosa v čebelji družini.

DE GROOT, Maarten, ČOKL, Andrej, VIRANT-DOBERLET, Meta. Species identity cues : possibilities for errors during vibrational communication on plant stems. *Behav. ecol.*, 2011, vol. 22, str. 1209-1217. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/beheco/arr115>, doi: 10.1093/beheco/arr115. [COBISS.SI-ID 2404175], [JCR, WoS do 6. 12. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 28. 11. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, ERIHB, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

V članku smo kot prvi pokazali, je na 1-dimenzionalnih rastlinskih steblih in listnih pecljih, razlikovanje med vibracijskimi signali, ki jih več oddaljenih oddajnikov na isti strani prejemnika oddaja signale

istočasno, težavno, saj jih prejemnik zazna kot sestavljen signal in kot da bi le-ta izviral le iz enega samega vira. Raziskovali smo posledice interakcij med vibracijskimi signali iste vrste oddanimi iz dveh virov za prepoznavanje vrstno-specificnih časovnih parametrov v eno-dimenzionalnem okolju na rastlinskih steblih. Samci stenice vrste *Nezara viridula* so zaznali napeva samic iste vrste predvajana z dveh listov v alternaciji kot en napev s ponavljalnim časom izven vrstno-specificne vrednosti. Odzivnost samcev je bila nizka in število samcev, ki so lokalizirali vir signala (samico iste vrste) je bil signifikantno nižji. Nasprotno pa prisotnost napeva in signalov druge vrste ni imela signifikantnega vpliva na proženje iskanja, vendar so v primeru, ko so se signali vrst prekrivali, samci naredili signifikantno več napak pri orientaciji in večina je lokalizirala vir signala druge vrste. Ker v obeh primerih, spregledanju samic iste vrste in izbiri samice druge vrste, napaka samcev v končni fazi pomeni zmanjšan reproduktivni uspeh, sklepamo, da enodimensonalno okolje na rastlinah postavlja pomembne omejitve za vibracijsko komunikacijo.

LAUMANN, Raúl Alberto, ČOKL, Andrej, LOPES, Ana P. S., FEREIRA, Jonas B. C., MORAES, Maria C. B., BORGES, Miguel. Silent singers are not safe : selective response of a parasitoid to substrate-borne vibratory signals of stink bugs. *Anim. behav.*, 2011, vol. 82, no. 5, str. 1175-1183. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.anbehav.2011.08.017>, doi: 10.1016/j.anbehav.2011.08.017. [COBISS.SI-ID 2445135], [JCR, WoS do 6. 12. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 5. 11. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, SSCI, ERIHA, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

ERIKSSON, Anna, ANFORA, G., LUCCHI, Andrea, VIRANT-DOBERLET, Meta, MAZZONI, Valerio. Inter-plant vibrational communication in a leafhopper insect. *PloS one*, 2011, vol. 6, no. 5, str. 1-6. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0019692>, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0019692. [COBISS.SI-ID 2372943], [JCR, WoS do 8. 7. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 13. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 1, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB



Čebele se s pesticidi ne srečajo samo zunaj na paši ampak tudi v panju zaradi uporabe akaricidov za zatiranje pršice varoje.  
Honeybees are exposed to the pesticides not only in the field but also in the hive due to use of acaricides to control varroa mite.

Čebele pripravljene na učenje.  
Bees prepared for learning experiments.

In this paper we showed for the first time that in 1-dimensional environment encountered on plant stems and stalks discrimination between vibrational signals emitted from several sources positioned on the same side of a receiver is difficult, as the receiver perceives this compound signal as emanating from a single source. We examined the consequences of interactions between conspecific vibrational signals emitted from two sources for recognition of species-specific temporal patterns. In a 1-dimensional environment on a plant, males of the southern green stink bug *Nezara viridula* perceived conspecific female song emitted in alternation from two sources as a song with a signal repetition time outside the species-specific value. In such situation male responsiveness was low and the number of males locating a source (conspecific female) was significantly reduced. In contrast, in the presence of female signals of the green stink bug *Acrosternum hilare*, searching activity was not significantly affected however, when conspecific and heterospecific signals were overlapping, males made significant orientation errors and

Razvili in objavili smo dve novi metodi za opazovanje vpliva pesticidov na prenos hrane med delavkami (Bevk in sod. 2011)  
A new method for observing effects of pesticides on food transfer was developed and published (Bevk et al. 2011)



Past tipa Crossvane s feromonsko vabo.  
Crossvane panel trap with a pheromone lure.



Kozliček (*Spondylis buprestoides*).  
Longhorn beetle (*Spondylis buprestoides*).



Pajek vrste *Pisaura mirabilis* med vedenjskim poskusom.  
Spider *Pisaura mirabilis* in behavioural experiment.

V članku avtorji kot prvi opisujejo selektivni odgovor parazitoida na vrstno specifične komunikacijske signale rastlinskih stenic, ki so njihovi gostitelji. Delo je nadaljevanje raziskav v katerih so isti avtorji dokazali usmerjeno gibanje parazitoidov, ki ga omogočajo vibracijski signali rastlinskih stenic. Usmerjeno gibanje in vrstna specifičnost odgovora sta novost v raziskavah odnosa med različnimi skupinami žuželk, ki odpirata temeljna vprašanja na nivoju zaznavanja in samega mehanizma tega fenomena.

RAY, Ann M., ŽUNIČ, Alenka, ALTEN, Ronald L., MCELFRESH, J. Steven, HANKS, Lawrence M., MILLAR, Jocelyn G. cis-vaccenyl acetate, a female-produced sex pheromone component of *Ortholeptura valida*, a longhorned beetle in the subfamily Lepturinae. *J. chem. ecol.*, 2011, vol. 37, no. 2, str. 173-178. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10886-011-9908-5>, doi: 10.1007/s10886-011-9908-5. [COBISS. SI-ID 2348111], [JCR, WoS do 6. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 3, čistih citatov (CI): 3, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 1, Scopus do 13. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC):

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Prvi smo opisali strukturo in na terenu potrdili biološko funkcijo spolno specifične sestavine feromona pri hrošču iz družine kozličkov vrste *Ortholeptura valida* (LeConte). Samice oddajajo hlapne izločke, ki vsebujejo spolno specifično komponento (Z)-11-octadecen-1-yl-acetate. S pomočjo elektroantenografije smo ugotovili, da spopojina izzove močan odziv na antenah samcev. Na terenu se je v feromonske pasti, ki so vsebovale (Z)-1-octadecen-1-yl-acetate, ujelo statistično značilno več samcev kot na kontrolne pasti, ki niso vsebovale spolno specifične komponente. Identificirani feromon, ki ga oddajajo samice, predstavlja novo strukturo med feromoni kozličkov in je prvi feromon identificiran za vrsto, ki sodi v poddružino Lepturinae.

V članku smo kot prvi pokazali, da generalistični predatorji izkoriščajo vibracijsko komunikacijo plena. S kombinacijo teoretskega dela in laboratorijskih poskusov smo testirali hipotezo, da plenilci lahko izkoriščajo vibracijske signale, ki jih plen oddaja med spolno komunikacijo. Najprej smo razvili oligotidne začetnike specifične za škržatke iz rodu *Aphrodes* ter posebej še

LAUMANN, Raúl Alberto, ČOKL, Andrej, LOPES, Ana P. S., FEREIRA, Jonatas B. C., MORAES, Maria C. B., BORGES, Miguel. Silent singers are not safe : selective response of a parasitoid to substrate-borne vibratory signals of stink bugs. *Anim. behav.*, 2011, vol. 82, no. 5, str. 1175-1183. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.anbehav.2011.08.017>, doi: 10.1016/j.anbehav.2011.08.017. [COBISS.SI-ID 2445135], [JCR, WoS do 6. 12. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 5. 11. 2011: št. citatov (TC): 0, čistih citatov (CI): 0, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, SSCI, ERIHA, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

The authors describe the selective response of a parasitoid to species specific communication signals of their host stinkbugs. This study upgrades investigations in which the same authors demonstrated directional movement of parasitoids mediated by stinkbug vibrational signals. Directional movement and response species specificity are novelty in the research of relations between different insect groups opening basic questions at the level of sensing and mechanism of this phenomenon.

RAY, Ann M., ŽUNIČ, Alenka, ALTEN, Ronald L., MCELFRESH, J. Steven, HANKS, Lawrence M., MILLAR, Jocelyn G. cis-vaccenyl acetate, a female-produced sex pheromone component of *Ortholeptura valida*, a longhorned beetle in the subfamily Lepturinae. *J. chem. ecol.*, 2011, vol. 37, no. 2, str. 173-178. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10886-011-9908-5>, doi: 10.1007/s10886-011-9908-5. [COBISS. SI-ID 2348111], [JCR, WoS do 6. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 3, čistih citatov (CI): 3, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 1, Scopus do 13. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 5, čistih citatov (CI): 5, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 1]

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In this was paper we were the first ones to demonstrate that generalist predators exploit vibrational communication of their prey. A combination of fieldwork and laboratory experiments was used to test the hypothesis that predators can intercept and exploit sexual communication signals of their prey. First, we developed and characterized PCR primers specific for leafhoppers of the genus *Aphrodes* and specifically for the species *A. makarovi*. Spiders were collected from sites where leafhoppers were present and screened with these primers to establish which spider species were significant predators of this species during the mating period of these leafhoppers. Analysis using PCR of the gut contents of tangle-web spiders, *Enoplognatha ovata* (Theridiidae), showed that they consume leafhoppers in the field

at a greater rate when signalling adults were present than when nymphs were dominant, suggesting that the spiders were using these vibrations signals to find their prey. Playback and microcosm experiments then showed that *E. ovata* can use the vibrational signals of male leafhoppers as a cue during foraging and, as a result, killed significantly more male than female *A. makarovi*.

VIRANT-DOBERLET, Meta, KING, R. Andrew, POLAJNAR, Jernej, SYMONDSON, William O. C. Molecular diagnostics reveal spiders that exploit prey vibrational signals used in sexual communication. *Mol. ecol.*, 2011, vol. 20, no. 10, str. 2204-2216. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-294X.2011.05038.x>, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-294X.2011.05038.x. [COBISS.SI-ID 2349903], [JCR, WoS do 6. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 4, čistih citatov (CI): 2, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 1, Scopus do 13. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC):

za vrsto *A. makarovi*. Pajke smo nابrali na lokacijah, kjer so bili ti škržatki prisotni, ter s pomočjo omenjenih začetnikov analizirali vsebino prebavila pajkov z molekularnimi metodami, da bi ugotovili, katere vrste pajkov so pomembni plenilci teh škržatkov v naravi. Analize so pokazale, da vrsta pajka *Enoplognatha ovata* požre več škržatkov v času, ko so prisotni odrasli osebki, ki se sporazumevajo z vibracijskimi signali. Poskusni v mikrokozmu in s predvajanjem posnetih vibracijskih signalov škržatkov so pokazali, da pajek te vrste lahko izkoristi vibracijske signale samcev škržatkov kot del strategije lovlenja plena in kot rezultat ubije signifikantno več samcev kot samic škržatka.

ZOROVIĆ, Maja. Temporal processing of vibratory communication signals at the level of ascending interneurons in *Nezara viridula* (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae). *PloS one*, 2011, vol. 6, no. 10, str. 1-8. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0026843>, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0026843. [COBISS.SI-ID 2450767], [JCR, WoS do 6. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 1, čistih citatov (CI): 1, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0, Scopus do 13. 6. 2012: št. citatov (TC): 1, čistih citatov (CI): 1, normirano št. čistih citatov (NC): 0] kategorija: 1A1 (Z1, A'); uvrstitev: SCI, Scopus, MBP; tipologijo je verificiral OSICB

V članku se prvič lotevamo raziskave kodiranja časovnih parametrov vibracijsih signalov žuželk na nivoju centralnega živčevja. Komunikacija z vibracijskimi signali po rastlinah ima velik pomen za številne žuželke; zlasti so pomembni vrstno- in spolno-specifični signali, združeni v napeve, ki jih oddajajo v času parjenja. Pri zeleni smrdljivki (*N. viridula*), smo raziskali procesiranje časovnih parametrov vibracijskih signalov na nivoju vzpenjajočih nevronov, ki prevajajo informacijo o dražljaju s periferije proti možganom. Zaporedje dražljajev smo sestavili iz 30 kombinacij pulz/intervala z različnimi dolžinami obeh parametrov (pulse duration/interval duration (PD/ID) combinations). Najmanjši odziv pri vseh nevronih so sprožile kombinacije dolg PD/kratek ID. Noben nevron ni pokazal preferenč za konstantno periodo ne za razmerje med pulzom in ponavljalnim intervalom. Ujemanje selektivnosti raziskanih vzpenjajočih nevronov s časovnimi parametri nekaterih napevov samcev pri *N. viridula* kaže na to, da prihaja do filtriranja intraspecifičnih vibracijskih napevov že na nivoju vzpenjajočih nevronov in da razpoznavanje napeva iste vrste ni omejeno zgolj na možganski ganglij.



Samček zelene smrdljivke (*Nezara viridula*) na listu fižola (*Phaseolus vulgaris*).

Male of a green stink bug (*Nezara viridula*) on a green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*).



Vibracija rastline s pobudno glavo.  
Vibrating the leaf using a minishaker.

Registracija vibracij škodljivca na steblu navadne juke s pomočjo laserskega vibrometra.

Registration of vibrations produced by a pest on a yucca tree using laser vibrometry.

first order vibratory interneurons, which ascend from the central ganglion towards the brain. The stimulus sequence consisted of 30 pulse duration/interval duration (PD/ID) combinations. Two response arrays were created for each neuron, showing the intensity of the response either as mean or as peak instantaneous spike rate. The long pulse/short interval stimulus combinations elicited the weakest responses in all neurons tested. No response arrays showed receiver preference for either constant period or duty cycle. The data gathered so far matches the temporal characteristics of *N. viridula* male calling songs and shows that temporal filtering of the vibrational signals occurs already at lower levels of signal processing and is not limited solely to the brain.

In this paper coding of temporal parameters of vibratory signals in insects at the level of the CNS is tackled for the first time. Communication using vibratory signals through plants is very important for a number of insect groups. In *N. viridula*, the southern green stinkbug, males and females produce sex- and species-specific calling and courtship songs. We examined temporal processing of their communication signals by the

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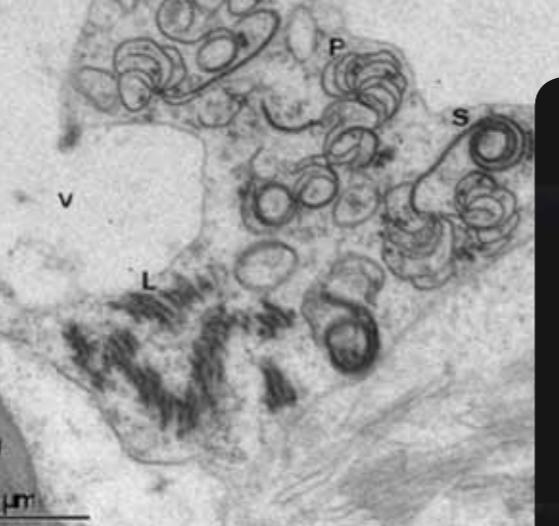
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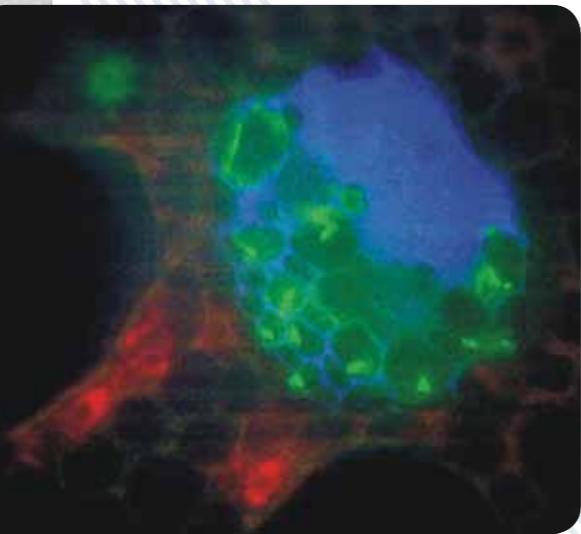
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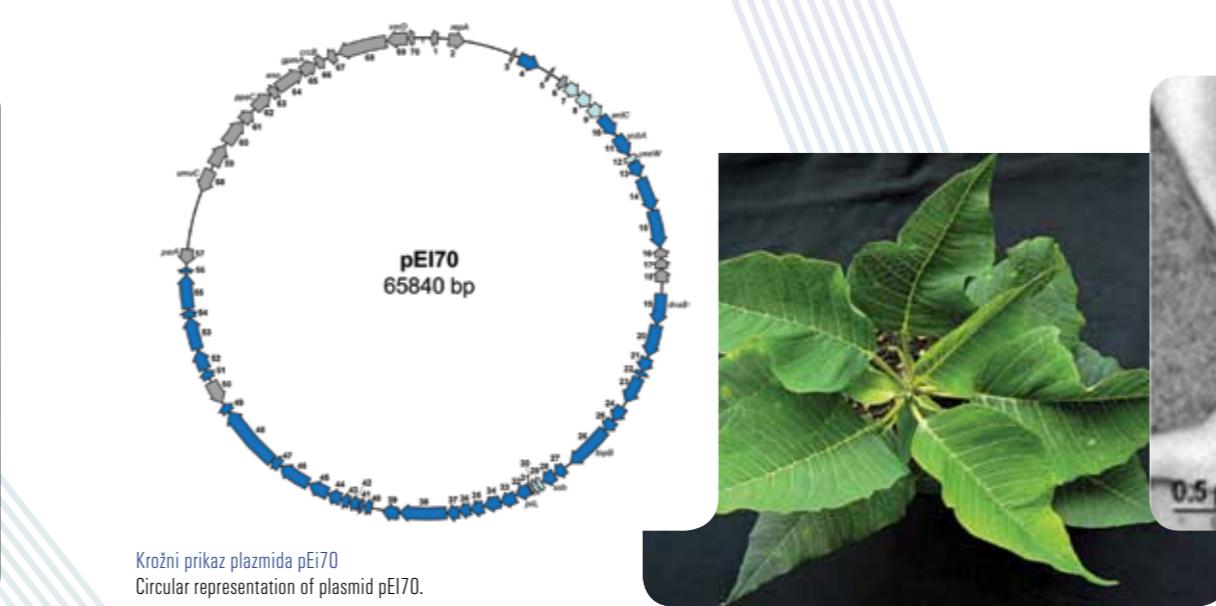
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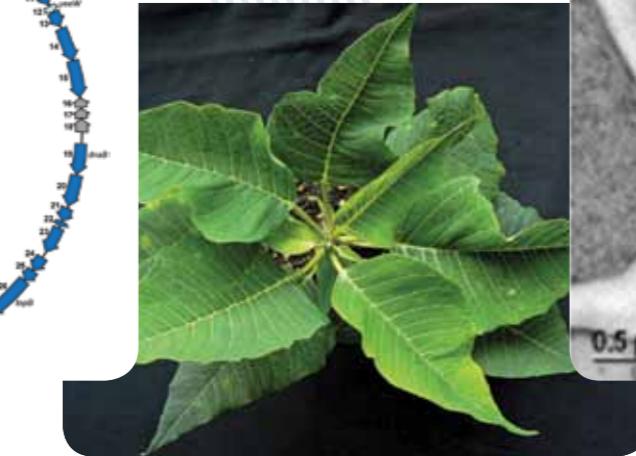
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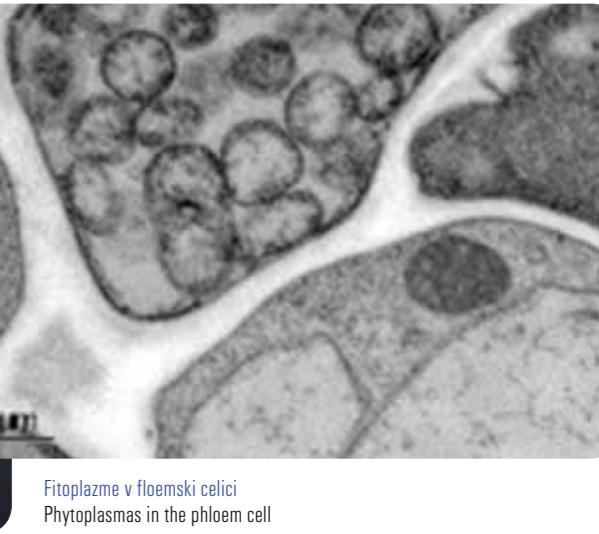
Imunolokalizacija fitoplazme in proteina SUS-SH1 na prečnem prerezu glavnih prevodnih svežnjev v listu  
Immunolocalization of phytoplasma and SUS-SH1 in a cross section of major vascular bundles in stem



Krožni prikaz plazmida pEI70  
Circular representation of plasmid pEI70.



Božična zvezda okužena z bakterijo *Xanthomas axonopodis* pv. *poinsettii*  
Bacterial LeafSpot of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* caused by *Xanthomas axonopodis* pv. *poinsettii*



Fitoplazme v floemski celici  
Phytoplasmas in the phloem cell

## Raziskovalna dejavnost

Z raziskavami na Oddelku za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo ustvarjamo vrhunsko znanje za celostno razumevanje bioloških procesov s poudarkom na interakcijah med rastlinami in škodljivimi organizmi.

Naša prednost so visoko usposobljeni in motivirani sodelavci, ki prihajajo tudi iz mednarodnega okolja, uporaba najmodernejše opreme in vpeljan sistem kakovosti. Poznani smo po uporabi kvantitativne molekulske biologije in razvijanju pristopov sistemsko biologije, vključno z bioinformatico in biostatistikom.

Dobra organiziranost in fleksibilnost nam omogočata uspešno povezavo med znanjem in njegovo uporabo. Ustvarjeno znanje o biologiji patogenih in gensko spremenjenih organizmov (GSO) ter razvite metode za njihovo določanje, uspešno prenašamo na področja kmetijstva, ekologije, farmacije in medicine.

Naši partnerji so državne in evropske institucije, akademske institucije in industrija. Skupaj z njimi prispevamo k reševanju aktualnih problemov s področja našega delovanja in smo dobro vpeti v družbeno ekonomski prostor.

### RAZISKOVALNI PROGRAM P4-0165: "BIOTEHNOLOGIJA IN SISTEMSKA BIOLOGIJA RASTLIN"

Vodja programa: prof. dr. Maja Ravnikar

Raziskovalni program podpira odličnost v raziskovalni in pedagoški dejavnosti ter je osnova našemu delu za različne proračunske uporabnike in gospodarska podjetja na področju biotehnologije, kmetijstva, farmacije, okolja in varne hrane.

Glavni cilji raziskovalnega programa so:

- pridobivanje novega znanja o interakcijah med gostitelji in patogeni/škodljivci s pristopi sistemsko biologije
- boljše razumevanje biologije, raznolikosti, patogenosti in epidemiologije mikroorganizmov smo proučili genomsko zaporedje, evolucijo, virulenčne determinante in biogeografijo plazmida pEI70 v povzročiteljici hruševga ožiga, bakteriji *Erwinia amylovora*.

## Research Activity

At the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology we are committed to generating highest quality scientific knowledge about biological processes with an emphasis on interactions between plants and harmful organisms. Our advantages lie in up-to-date equipment, an established quality control system and an international community that is highly educated and motivated. We are recognized for our applications in quantitative molecular biology and development of tools for systems biology, including bioinformatics and statistics.

Our successful combination of knowledge and application is the result of good organization and flexibility of work. We transmit newly created knowledge about the biology of pathogenic and genetically modified organisms together with new methods for their determination to the fields of agriculture, ecology, pharmacy and medicine.

Our partners are governmental and European organizations, academic institutions and industry. Together we participate in solving practical problems related to our research work, and we are thus an indispensable contributor to the socio-economic sphere of Slovenia.

### RESEARCH PROGRAMME P4-0165: "BIOTECHNOLOGY AND PLANT SYSTEMS BIOLOGY"

Project Leader: Associate Prof. Dr. Maja Ravnikar

The research program supports excellence in research and teaching activities, as well as providing the basis of our work for different governmental and commercial users in the fields of biotechnology, agriculture, pharmacy, and environment and food safety.

The main objectives of the program are:

- to gain better understanding of host-pathogen/pest interactions using systems biology approaches
- to gain better insight into the biology of microorganisms in order to understand

their diversity, pathogenicity and epidemiology, and on this basis to develop better detection and eradication methods

- to develop new methodological approaches in biotechnology as the background for more efficient identification and detection of GMOs in view of their expected increase on the world market in the coming years.

To achieve these goals we have studied interactions between hosts and pathogens at various levels. We developed new methodology for semantic analysis of microarray data by exploiting general biological knowledge, and a new workflow environment with integrated support for web services. We investigated the dynamics of the potato – *Potato virus Y* (PVY) compatible interaction in relation to salicylic acid. We demonstrated the distribution of PVY in infected potato by using various molecular techniques and electron microscopy. We concluded a study on induction of the enzyme sucrose synthase in maize infected with maize bushy stunt phytoplasma.

Določanje virusov na terenu  
In-field virus detectionUdeleženci delavnice o identifikaciji in dokumentaciji živilih spremenjenih organizmov  
Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified OrganismsMolekulska določanje mikroorganizmov  
Molecular detection of microorganisms

Raziskali smo tudi njegovo razširjenost pri izolatih te bakterije v Sloveniji. V pridelavi božičnih zvezd smo potrdili prisotnost bakterije *Xanthomas axonopodis* pv. *poinsettiae*. Z namenom povečanja kakovosti našega dela smo vpeljali postopek črtnih kod (angl. barcoding), ki nam omogoča natančno in hitro identifikacijo bakterij. Pripravili smo pregled pojavljanja fitoplazem in njihovih prenašalcev v Sloveniji.

Nadaljevali smo z razvijanjem metodologije za terensko detekcijo rotavirusov iz okoljskih voda in njihovo koncentriranje z uporabo RT-kvantitativne PCR in monolitnih kromatografskih nosilcev. Razvili smo metodologijo mikromrež za potrditev RT-PCR produktov norovirusov.

Kot partnerji v mednarodni skupini smo razvili nov kombiniran pristop k visokozmogljivosti analizi več tarč DNA, ki temelji na kapilarni elektroforezi več mikrokapljičnih PCR. S tem smo prispevali k metodologiji biotehnoloških pristopov za učinkovitejšo identifikacijo in detekcijo gensko spremenjenih organizmov. Novi pristopi so nujni, glede na pričakovano

povečano uporabo gensko spremenjenih organizmov v prihodnjih letih.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

### ODOBRITEV EVROPSKEGA MEROSLOVNEGA RAZISKOVALNEGA PROJEKTA INFECT-MET

V projektu »Metrology for monitoring infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and harmful microorganisms«, ki ga koordinira LGC Limited iz VB, so člani Oddelka za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo ključni sodelavci. Cilj projekta je razviti nove postopke za merjenje in ovrednotiti obstoječe kot tudi nastajajoče molekulske pristope za diagnostiko, nadzor in spremljanje nalezljivih bolezni. S tem bo uporabnikom (izvajalcem zdravstvenih storitev, biotehnološki in diagnostični industrija) omogočena uporaba zanesljivih metod, temelječih na ustrezni sledljivosti in primerljivosti.

### SOORGANIZACIJA DELAVNICE »CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY«

Delavnico je gostilo Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor in je potekala v organizaciji Sekretariata Konvencije o Biološki raznolikosti od 11.-15. aprila 2011 v Ljubljani v izvedbi članov Oddelka za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo ter Kmetijskega inštituta Slovenije. Glavni namen delavnice je bil seznanitev udeležencev iz različnih držav z zahtevami Kartagenskega protokola o biovarnosti za identifikacijo in dokumentacijo živilih spremenjenih organizmov in tehnikami in metodologijami, ki se lahko uporabijo za implementacijo teh zahtev.

Within the scope of biology, diversity, pathogenicity and epidemiology of micro-organisms, we studied the genomic sequence, evolution, virulence determinants and biogeography of the pEI70 plasmid in a plant pathogenic bacterium that is the causal agent of fire blight disease, *Erwinia amylovora*. We have also examined its occurrence in the Slovenian strains of *E. amylovora*. We confirmed the presence of the bacterium *Xanthomas axonopodis* pv. *poinsettiae* in a commercial greenhouse in Slovenia which cultivates poinsettia plants. In order to improve a quality of our work, we introduced barcoding for accurate and fast bacterium identification. We made a survey of the phytoplasma species extant in Slovenia.

We continue to develop monolithic chromatographic supports in combination with quantitative real-time PCR for in-field concentration and identification of human rotaviruses. We also developed a new microarray method for the confirmation of norovirus RT-PCR products.

Together with our partners we developed a novel combined approach for high-throughput analysis of multiple DNA targets based on multiplex microdroplet PCR implemented capillary gel electrophoresis, a two-step PCR amplification strategy. Given the increasing number of GMOs on the market, whose products must be monitored, and consequently a large number of requested analyses, the described system provides a promising alternative for high-throughput analysis of multiple DNA targets.

## Important Achievements in 2011

### ACCEPTANCE OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROJECT INFECT-MET

We are a major partner in the project "Metrology for monitoring infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and harmful microorganisms", which is coordinated by LGC Limited, UK. The main goal of the project is development of new and emerging diagnostic technologies for the rapid detection of infectious agents, which will be accurate, traceable and comparable and thus suitable for end-users.

### CO-ORGANIZATION OF THE «CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY»

The Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning hosted the Central and Eastern European Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety through the National Institute of Biology and Agricultural Institute of Slovenia. The workshop was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Ljubljana, from 11 to 15 April 2011. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce customs officers and other border-control personnel to the requirements of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding the identification and documentation of LMOs and to techniques

and methodologies that may be used for the implementation of these requirements.

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON REAL-TIME PCR

The workshop focused on the application of real-time PCR in plant pathology diagnostics and research. The workshop was organized in collaboration with European projects COST action 873 and QDetect. It attracted participants from seven European countries.

### PUBLISHING OF THE MANUAL "VDOR PATOGENIH MIKROBOV V NOVA OKOLJA: HITRA DIAGNOSTIKA IN OCENA TVEGANJA"

The manual was the first one in the new NIB series "Vse živo". It includes methods and protocols for the in-field concentration and diagnostics of rotaviruses from environmental waters and fast serological assays for the detection of viruses of vegetables and ornamental plants. In addition, a new, simple and quick risk assessment screening for organisms harmful for plants is described. All methods are equipped with clear and illustrated instructions for use, and therefore are also suitable for less skilled operators.

## ORGANIZACIJA DELAVNICE ZA PCR V REALNEM ČASU

V soorganizaciji z EU projektoma COST Action 873 in Q-detect ter z našim odcepljenim podjetjem BioSistemika d.o.o. smo konec leta 2011 izvedli laboratorijsko izobraževanje na področju visoko tehnoloških raziskav in molekulske diagnostike povzročiteljev bolezni. Udeleženci delavnice so prišli iz raziskovalnih in diagnostičnih laboratorijev iz sedmih evropskih držav.

## IZDAJA PRIROČNIKA VDOR PATOGENIH MIKROBOV V NOVA OKOLJA: HITRA DIAGNOSTIKA IN OCENA TVEGANJA

Kot uvod v novo zbirko priročnikov »Vse živo«, ki jih je v letu 2011 začel izdajati NIB, smo pripravili priročnik, ki vključuje metode za koncentriranje in diagnostiko rotavirusov iz okoljskih vzorcev vode na mestu odvzema ter hitre serološke teste za določanje virusov, ki okužujejo vrtnine in okrasne rastline. V priročniku smo tudi opisali novo, preprosto in hitro presejalno analizo tveganja zaradi škodljivih organizmov rastlin. Zbrane metode so jasno predstavljene, opremljene s slikovnimi navodili in tako primerne za uporabo tudi manj izkušenim operaterjem.

## VKLJUČITEV NAŠE DIAGNOSTIČNE METODE V EVROPSKO MEDLABORATORIJSKO PRIMERJAVO

V okviru projekta COST action FA 0807: Integrated management of phytoplasma epidemics in different crop systems so bili trije naši novi postopki za detekcijo fitoplazem iz skupine AP z metodo PCR v realnem času sprejeti v obsežno medlaboratorijsko primerjavo. Metodo je že uvedlo nekaj evropskih laboratorijev v svojo rutinsko diagnostiko.

## PATENT

Urad za intelektualno lastnino RS je sprejel naš patent za uporabo glikozidaz in glikoziltransferaz pri povečani proizvodnji proteinov. Patent je prijavljen za evropski patent.

## MLADA RAZISKOVALKA DOBITNICA ŠTIPENDIJE »ZA ŽENSKE V ZNANOSTI«

Mikrobiologinja Ana Rotter, ki se je v okviru doktorskega študija statistike ukvarjala z razvojem in implementacijo orodij sistemsko biologije, je bila ena od treh dobitnic štipendije nacionalnega programa Za ženske v znanosti 2011. Štipendijo so ji podelil L'Oréal Slovenija, Slovenska nacionalna komisija za UNESCO in Slovenska znanstvena fundacija.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

### UPORABNOST NAŠIH RAZISKAV IN POVEZAVE Z UPORABNIKI IZ GOSPODARSTVA

Kot člani Centra odličnosti za biosenzoriko, instrumentacijo in procesno kontrolo (COBIK) smo sodelovali v dveh laboratorijsih, kjer smo razvijali biosenzorje ter različne aplikacije virusov za cepiva in eliminacijo bakterij.

V Kompetenčnem centru za biološki razvoj in inovacije (BRIN) smo razvijali orodja sistemsko biologije za povečanje zdravilnih učinkov v bakterijah.

S podjetjem BIA Separations d.o.o. smo razvijali metode za koncentriranje virusov na monolitnih kromatografskih nosilcih.

S projektnimi transkriptomskimi raziskavami z Lek Sandoz d.d. smo izboljševali industrijske mikroorganizme.

Z odcepljenim podjetjem Biosistemika smo sodelovali na področju izobraževanj, tečajev in razvoja produktov.

Za različna podjetja in ustanove smo opravljali pogodbene raziskave na področju karantenskih bakterij in virusov ter določanja gensko spremenjenih rastlin.



Priručnik za določanje mikroorganizmov  
Manual for detection of microorganisms



Ana Rotter - dobitnica nagrade L'Oréal Slovenija  
Ana Rotter won a fellowship awarded by L'Oréal Slovenija



Sodelovanje v centru odličnosti COBIK  
Participation in the Centre of Excellence COBIK

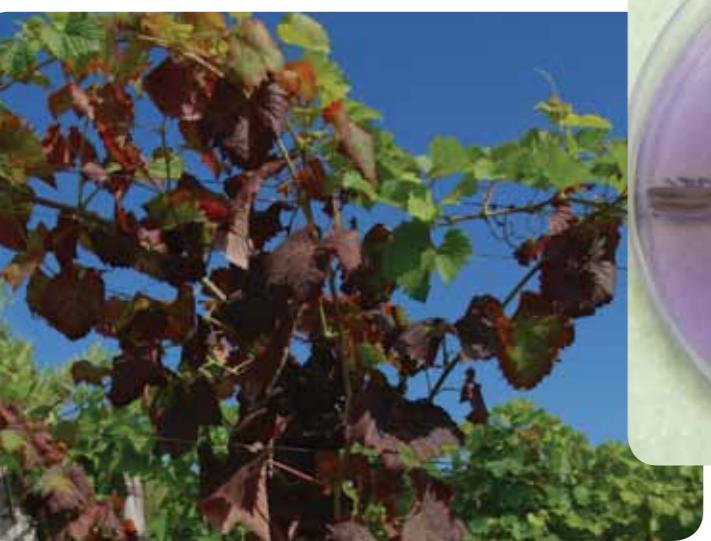
## Collaboration with Various Users

### APPLICATIONS OF OUR RESEARCH AND LINKS WITH COMMERCIAL ENTITIES

As a member of the Centre of Excellence for Biosensors, Instrumentation and Process Control (COBIK) we participated in two projects in which we developed biosensors and various applications of virus vaccine and bacteria elimination. In the competence center for biological research and innovation (BRIN) we developed systems biology tools to increase the active ingredients in bacteria.

Together with BIA Separations d.o.o. we developed methods for concentrating viruses on monolithic chromatographic supports.

Using project-oriented transcriptome research we studied the possibilities of improvement of industrial microorganisms in collaboration with Lek dd, Sandoz.



Trta okužena s fitoplazmo FD  
Grapevine infected with FD phytoplasma



Medsebojna inhibicija bakterij  
Inhibition of the bacterial growth



Delo v laboratoriju  
Laboratory work

## POMEN NAŠIH RAZISKAV ZA DRŽAVO IN POLITIKE

Kot akreditirani nacionalni referenčni laboratorij za detekcijo GSO smo po odločbah Ministrstva za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano ter Ministrstva za okolje in prostor v letu 2011 opravljali monitoring in analize GSO v hrani, krmi in semenih za uradno kontrolo pristojnih inšpekcijskih služb in Ministrstev ter za trg.

Kot uradno imenovani »The National Laboratories Responsible for the Enforcement of the EU Regulations for GMO« s strani EC JRC IHCP smo opravili validacije metod in opravljali laboratorijske analize v okviru spremljanja prisotnosti GSO, ki so dovoljeni za pridelavo, v kmetijskih rastlinah, krmi, hrani in pridelkih na kmetijskih gospodarstvih.

Kot pooblaščeni laboratorij za opravljanje nalog na področju varstva rastlin smo za Fitosanitarno upravo in Fitosanitarno inšpekcijsko opravljali eksperimentno svetovanje, še posebej za bolezen zlata trsna rumenica, in diagnostične analize za več kot 40 mikroorganizmov.

## Raziskovalna infrastruktura

Opravljali smo dejavnosti in izpolnjevali obveznosti nosilca nacionalnega etalona enote za množino snovi/hrana rastlinskega izvora.

Po 15-letni pogodbi z Upravo za zaščito in reševanje pri Ministrstvu za obrambo RS sodelujemo s svetovanjem pri materialnih in kadrovskih pripravah na ukrepanje v primeru napada z biološkimi orožji ali sredstvi za množično uničevanje.

Oddelek za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo je najsodobnejše opremljen in skupaj z visokokvalificiranimi operaterji zagotavlja odlične rezultate. Poleg dobro opremljenega biokemijskega in molekulsko biološkega laboratorija vso najsodobnejšo veliko raziskovalno opremo vzdržuje skladno s standardom ISO 17025 v okviru instrumentalnega Centra PLANTA. V letu 2011 je bil Oddelek partner v Centru za funkcionalno genomiko in mikročipe in v Centru za površinsko plazmonske resonanco.

V letu 2011 je bil v celoti prenovljen kantenski rastlinjak, ki sedaj omogoča bolj nadzorovan in varno delo s posebej nevarnimi škodljivimi organizmi rastlin v večjem obsegu.

In association with our spin-off company BioSistemika d.o.o. we participated in education, training courses and product development.

For various companies and institutions we offered a service of testing for quarantine bacteria and viruses and determination of genetically modified plants.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RESEARCH FOR THE STATE AND POLITICS

As an accredited national reference laboratory for GMO detection, we carried out monitoring and analysis of GMOs in food, feed and seeds for official control by inspection services and ministries, and the market. As the officially appointed "National Laboratories Responsible for the Enforcement of EU Regulations for the GMO" by EC JRC IHCP we performed validation of methods and laboratory analyses for monitoring the presence of GMOs that are authorized for cultivation in agricultural crops, feed, food and crops on farms.

As an accredited laboratory for diagnostics in the field of plant protection, we performed diagnostic tests for more than 40 microorganisms for the Phytosanitary Administration and Phytosanitary Inspection. We also offered them expert advice on Flavescence dorée grapevine yellows disease. As a national holder for the amount of substance: food of plant origin we met the obligations that followed from this appointment.

In a 15-year-long contract with the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief of the Ministry of Defense we took part in advising and preparing for actions in the event of an attack with biological weapons or the means of mass destruction.

## Research Infrastructure

The Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology has the most up-to-date research equipment. Besides a well equipped biochemical laboratory and basic molecular laboratory, all large and most recently acquired research equipment was maintained in the Instrumental center Planta. The center operates within a quality system according to ISO 17025, which together with highly qualified operators guarantees excellence in analytical results. In 2011 the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology was a partner in the Center for Functional Genomics and Bio-Chips and in the infrastructural centre for Surface Plasmon Resonance.

In 2011 we completely renovated a quarantine greenhouse, which is now suitable for more controlled and safe work with particularly dangerous harmful organisms.

## International Collaboration

In 2011 the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology participated in large-scale international cooperation at different levels. It had 23 formally signed contracts which included cooperation in multilateral and bilateral projects. We were involved in six European FP projects, eight COST and six bilateral projects.

## Educational Activities and Promotion of Science

The members of the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology were actively involved in various educational Bologna programs at first and second level at the University of Ljubljana and the University of Nova Gorica. As lecturers and mentors we also participated in doctoral studies in Biomedicine and Biosciences of the University of Ljubljana. In 2011 efforts toward joining the International Graduate School IJS were intensified.

We were intensively involved in programs of popular science as participants at science festivals, writers of popular science papers for newspapers, popular science or youth journals, authors of text books for secondary and tertiary educational levels and as interviewees in educational and professional broadcasts.

## Mednarodno sodelovanje

Oddelek za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo je v letu 2011 sodeloval s številnimi tujimi partnerji na različnih ravneh. Na formalni ravni je imel z njimi podpisanih 23 pogodb, ki so vključevale sodelovanje v več-partnerskih projektih ali bilateralna sodelovanja. V letu 2011 smo kot partnerji sodelovali v šestih evropskih projektih okvirnih programov. V enem od njih – VITISENS, smo vodili dva delovna paketa. Sodelovali smo tudi v treh mednarodnih projektih, osmih projektih COST in šestih bilateralnih projektih.

## Izobraževalne dejavnosti in promocija znanosti

Člani Oddelka za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo sodelujejo v programih prve in druge bolonjske stopnje na Univerzi v Ljubljani in Univerzi v Novi Gorici. Prav tako kot predavatelji in mentorji sodelujejo v obeh doktorskih študijih Univerze Ljubljani - Biomedicini in Bioznanostih. V letu 2011 smo se začeli dejavno vključevati v delo Mednarodne podiplomske šole Jožef Stefan.

Intenzivno se vključujemo v promocijo in popularizacijo znanosti s sodelovanjem na festivalih znanja, pisanjem člankov za dnevni tisk in poljudno-znanstvene revije, sodelovanjem z mladinskimi revijami, intervjuji za različne medije, pisanjem učbenikov za primarno, sekundarno in terciarno izobraževanje. V letu 2011 smo posneli dve poljudni TV oddaji v seriji Ugriznimo znanost ter več prispevkov v oddajah Ljudje in zemlja v katerih smo prikazali naše delo in njegov pomen za družbo.

## Najpomembnejše objave v 2011

### PROGRAMIRANA CELIČNA SMRT MED ABSCIZIJO PARADIŽNIKA

V članku, objavljenem v vrhunski znanstveni reviji *The Plant Cell*, smo s sodelavci iz izraelskega centra Volcani in Oddelka za biologijo, BF pokazali, da je programirana celična smrt razporejena asimetrično med stebлом in organom, ki odpada. Asimetrična je viabilnost celic, morfologija jeder, fragmetacija DNA in izražanje genov, ki so s programom smrти povezani. Potrdili smo tudi povezanost ribonukleaze LX s procesom abscizije.

BAR-DROR, Tal, DERMASTIA, Marina, KLADNIK, Aleš, TUŠEK-ŽNIDARIČ, Magda, POMPE NOVAK, Maruša. Programmed cell death occurs asymmetrically during abscission in tomato. *Plant cell.*, 2011, vol. 23, no. 11, str. 4146-4163, doi: 10.1105/tpc.111.092494. [COBISS.SI-ID 2469199], [JCR IF 9.396]

### RAZPOREDITEV VIRUSA PVY V SISTEMSKO OKUŽENEM KROMPIRJU

S PCR v realnem času, in situ hibridizacijo in presevno elektronsko mikroskopijo smo pokazali, da se krompirjev virus Y kopiči v krompirjevih listih, steblu, stebelnih vršičih, koreninah, gomoljih in trihomih. Virusna RNA, virusni delci in citoplazemska inkluzijska telesca se pojavljajo v istih tipih rastlinskih celic ali v njihovi bližini.

KOGOVŠEK, Polona, KLADNIK, Aleš, MLAKAR, Jana, TUŠEK-ŽNIDARIČ, Magda, DERMASTIA, Marina, RAVNIKAR, Maja, POMPE NOVAK, Maruša. Distribution of Potato virus Y in potato plant organs, tissues and cells. *Phytopathology*. [Print ed.], 2011, vol. 101, no. 11, str. 1292-1300. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PHYTO-01-11-0020>, doi: 10.1094/PHYTO-01-11-0020. [COBISS.SI-ID 2401359]



Bakterijske kolonije  
Bacterial colonies



Laboratorijski  
Laboratory



Delo v rastlinjaku  
Greenhouse work

## Main Publications in 2011

### PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH DURING ABSCISSION IN TOMATO

In the scientific paper which was published in the prestigious journal *The Plant Cell*, we described in collaboration with the Volcani Center from Israel and Department of Biology, Biotechnical Faculty, UL that programmed cell death is distributed asymmetrically between the stem and the organ to be abscised. Asymmetrical distribution was detected at the level of cell viability, nucleus morphology, DNA fragmentation and expression of PCD-associated genes. The correlation between LX ribonuclease and abscission was also shown.

BAR-DROR, Tal, DERMASTIA, Marina, KLADNIK, Aleš, TUŠEK-ŽNIDARIČ, Magda, POMPE NOVAK, Maruša. Programmed cell death occurs asymmetrically during abscission in tomato. *Plant cell.*, 2011, vol. 23, no. 11, pp. 4146-4163, doi: 10.1105/tpc.111.092494. [COBISS.SI-ID 2469199], [JCR IF 9.396]

### DISTRIBUTION OF POTATO VIRUS Y IN SYSTEMICALLY INFECTED POTATO

Potato virus Y (PVY) accumulates in infected potato plants in leaf and stem tissues, in shoot tips, roots, tubers and trichomes as shown with real-time PCR, in situ hybridization and transmission electron microscopy. Viral RNA, viral particles and cytoplasmic inclusion bodies colocalize within the same type of cells or in close vicinity.

KOGOVŠEK, Polona, KLADNIK, Aleš, MLAKAR, Jana, TUŠEK-ŽNIDARIČ, Magda, DERMASTIA, Marina, RAVNIKAR, Maja, POMPE NOVAK, Maruša. Distribution of Potato virus Y in potato plant organs, tissues and cells. *Phytopathology*. [Print ed.], 2011, vol. 101, no. 11, pp. 1292-1300. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1094/PHYTO-01-11-0020>, doi: 10.1094/PHYTO-01-11-0020. [COBISS.SI-ID 2401359]



Odmiranje okuženih rastlin  
Dieback of infected plants



FP7 projekt VITISENS  
FP7 project VITISENS



Sodelovanje na 17. Slovenskem festivalu znanosti  
Participation on the 17<sup>th</sup> Slovenian Science Festival

## DINAMIKA KOMPATIBILNE INTERAKCIJE MED PVY IN KROMPIRJEM JE POVEZANA S SALICILNO KISLINO

Interakcijo med najagresivnejšim sevom krompirjevega virusa Y in različnim transgenim in netransgenim krompirjem smo spremljali na ravni pomnoževanja virusa in rastlinskih odgovorov. Na ravni genskega izražanja smo ugotovili, da interakcija ni odvisna le od ene regulatorne komponente, temveč so fenotipske lastnosti rezultat različnih odgovorov na molekulski ravni.

BAEBLER, Špela, STARE, Katja, KOVAČ, Maja, BLEJEC, Andrej, PREZELJ, Nina, STARE, Tjaša, KOGOVŠEK, Polona, POMPE NOVAK, Maruša, ROSAHL, S., RAVNIKAR, Maja, GRUDEN, Kristina. Dynamics of responses in compatible potato - potato virus Y interaction are modulated by salicylic acid. PLoS one, 2011, vol. 6, issue 12, str. 1-12. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0029009>, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0029009. [COBISS.SI-ID 2492751]

## DYNAMICS OF RESPONSES IN COMPATIBLE POTATO - POTATO VIRUS Y INTERACTION ARE MODULATED BY SALICYLIC ACID

To investigate the dynamics of the potato – PVY compatible interaction in relation to salicylic acid we followed outcomes at the level of virus multiplication and plant responses using non-transgenic and transgenic plants. The differential gene expression pattern indicates that the outcome of the interaction does not rely simply on one regulatory component, but similar phenotypical features can result from distinct responses at the molecular level.

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**RESEARCH PROGRAM FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY**

- Biotehnologija in sistemski biologiji rastlin (P4-0165), vodja programa / the research programme leader prof. dr. Maja Ravnikar.

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- Proučevanje trsne rumenice in inducirane rezistence na to bolezen na molekularnem nivoju / Molecular basis of grapevine yellows and induced resistance to the disease (J4-0813), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Kristina Gruden.
- Bioška raznovrstnost virusa PVY in njen vpliv na obrambični odgovor rastlin krompirja / Biological variability of potato virus Y and its influence on potato defense response (L1-2278), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Maja Ravnikar.
- Funkcionalna analiza proteinov za odpornost proti suši ali žuželkam / Functional analysis of proteins responsible for resistance to drought and insects (J4-2022), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Jana Žel.
- Pristopi sistemski biologije za analizo interakcije med rastlino in patogenom / Systems biology approaches in potato - pathogen interaction studies (J4-2228), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Kristina Gruden.
- Sistematično odkrivanje zakonitosti v okolju spletnih servisov (Sistematični SoKD) / Sermantic Service oriented Knowledge Discovery (J2-2353), (NIB - prof. dr. Kristina Gruden), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Vpliv metabolitov arzenovega trioksida na zdravljenje akutne promielocitne levkemije in multiplega mieloma / Influence of arsenic trioxide metabolites on treatment of various cancer types (J3-0161) (NIB - dr. Magda Tušek), pridruženi / joint partners.

• Razvoj enostavne in hitre metode za določanje rastlinskih povzročiteljev bolezni na terenu (akronim: ARRS-Q-finder) / Developing simple, rapid and on-site methods for plant pathogens detection (L4-3642), nosilec projekta / principal investigator dr. Dany Morisset.

- Funkcijska genomika interakcije med krompirjem in PVY / Functional genomics of potato - PVY interaction (J1-4268), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Jana Žel.
- Kompromisi obrambe in razvoja v večtrofični interakciji med krompirjem in dvema glavnima škodljivcem / Growth and defense trade-offs in multitrophic interaction between potato and its two major pests (J4-41659), nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Kristina Gruden.
- Geni, ki pogojujejo aromatiko vina / Genes behind aroma compounds in wine (J4-4300), (NIB - dr. Špela Baebler), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Inovativni proizvodni sistemi za cepiva in regenerativno medicino / Innovative production systems for vaccines and regenerative medicine (L4-4277), (NIB - dr. Dany Morisset), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Mednarodni projekt 4302-38/2006/4, INREMOS-SYSTHER, Orodja sistemski biologije pri raziskavah celične terapije in zdravil / Systems Biology Tools Development for Cell Therapy and Drug Development - SYSTHER, Mio Knežević.

- Razvoj novih tehnologij za odstranjevanje patogenih mikrobov in toksinov iz različnih vodnih virov / Development of new technologies for the removal of pathogenic agents and toxins from different water sources (L2-4314), (NIB - dr. Ion Gutierrez), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Vloga okolja in gostitelja pri pojavu in razvoju okužbe s Clostridium difficile / The role of environmental and host factors in development of Clostridium difficile infection (J3-4298), (NIB - dr. Tanja Dreo), pridruženi / joint partners.
- ERA NET, Bicopoll, Tarčno precizna biokontrola in pospeševanje v ekoloških poljedelskih sistemih, Targeted precision biocontrol and pollination enhancement in organic cropping system, NIB, ENTOMO, Andrej Čokl.
- ERA NET, mednarodni projekt 08200, GMO Seek, Development of screening methods of GMO (SafeFoodEra) / Development of screening methods of GMO, Dany Morisset.
- IRMM, IRMM Stability studies / Stability studies.
- GSO CRL ISPRA, Validacije / Validations studies.

**MEDNARODNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI**  
**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- EU projekt 245047, Q-DETECT, Razvoj metod za določanje karantenskih škodljivih organizmov za uporabo v nacionalnih programih in inšpekcijskih službah / Developing quarantine pest detection methods for use by national plant protection organisations (NPPO) and inspection services, koordinator / coordinator Food and environment research organisation (FERA), dr. Neil Boonham.
- EU projekt 262032, VITISENS, Stroškovno učinkovito ročna naprava za hitro odkrivanje Flavescence dorée fitoplazem v vinski trti / Cost-Effective Hand-Held Device For Rapid In-Field Detection of Flavescence

doree Phytoplasma in Grapevines, koordinator / coordinator The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs acting through Food and Environment Research Agency, Mr. Adrian Belton / Mr. Mike Wray.

- EU projekt 265264, CytoThreat, Učinki citostatikov v okolju in identifikacija biomarkerjev za izboljšanje ocene tveganja v okolju / Fate and effects of cytostatic pharmaceuticals in the environment and the identification of biomarkers for and improved risk assessment on environmental exposure-CytoThreat, koordinator / coordinator NIB, prof. dr. Metka Filipič.
- EU projekt 226482, QBOL, Razvoj novega diagnostičnega orodja z uporabo DNA kode za identifikacijo karantenskih škodljivih organizmov kot podpora varstvu rastlin / Development of a new diagnostic tool using DNA barcoding to identify quarantine organisms in support of plant health, koordinator / coordinator Plant Research International, Wageningen, dr. Peter Bonants.

- Mednarodni projekt 4302-38/2006/4, INREMOS-SYSTHER, Orodja sistemski biologije pri raziskavah celične terapije in zdravil / Systems Biology Tools Development for Cell Therapy and Drug Development - SYSTHER, Mio Knežević.

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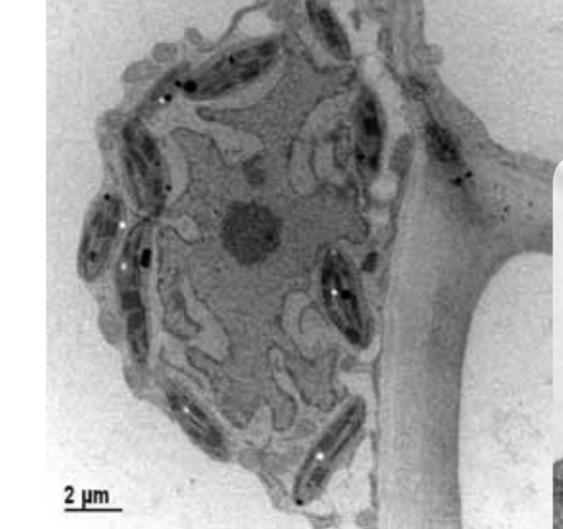
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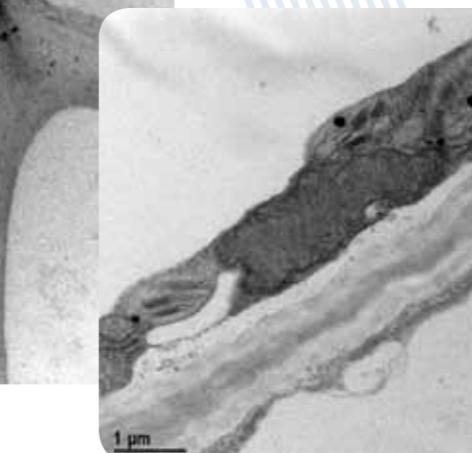
**BILATERALNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI**  
**BILATERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- BI-FR/10-11-PROTEUS-016: Študij genetske variabilnosti krompirjevega virusa Y za zanesljivo detekcijo nevarnih različkov / Genetic variability study of potato virus Y to enable accurate detection of severe strains, nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Maja Ravnikar.

- EU projekt 262032, VITISENS, Stroškovno učinkovito ročna naprava za hitro odkrivanje Flavescence dorée fitoplazem v vinski trti / Cost-Effective Hand-Held Device For Rapid In-Field Detection of Flavescence



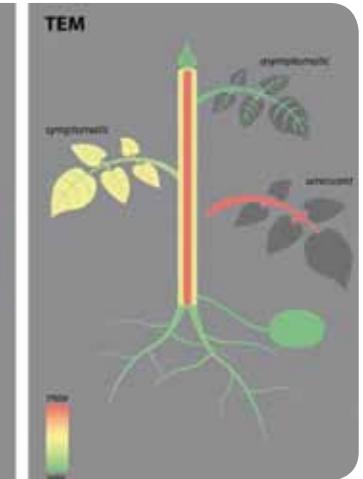
Ameboidno jedro v abscizinski plasti lista paradižnika  
Ameboidal nucleus in the abscission zone of the tomato leaf



Programirana celična smrt med abscizijo paradižnika  
Programmed cell death during abscission in tomato



Shematska predstavitev razporeditve virusne RNA v krompirju  
Schematic presentation of the distribution of viral RNA in potato



Shematska predstavitev razporeditve virusne RNA v krompirju  
Schematic presentation of the distribution of viral RNA in potato

**COST RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI**  
**COST RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- COST 864, Zdravje pečkarjev: kombiniranje tradicionalnih in naprednih postopkov zdravstvenega varstva pri gojenju pečkarjev / Combining traditional and advanced strategies for plant protection in pome fruit growing, UL, BF, Franci Štampar, for NIB Tanja Dreo.
- BI-PL/10-11-019: Profil izražanja genov pri linijah krompirja z različnim odzivom na okužbo s krompirjevim virusom Y (PVY) / Global transcriptome analyses of potato lines exhibiting different phenotypes of defence response to potato virus Y (PVY) infection, nosilka projekta / principal investigator doc.dr. Maruša Pompe Novak.
- COST 873, Bakterijske bolezni koščičarjev in lupinarjev / Bacterial diseases of stone fruits and nuts, Tanja Dreo.
- BI-HR/10-11-019: Ločevanje viroidov in filamentoznih rastlinskih virusov z monolitno kromatografijo / Separation of viroids and filamentous plant viruses using monolithic chromatographic supports, nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Maja Ravnikar.
- COST929, European Network for Environmental and Food Virology (ENVIRONET) / European Network for Environmental and Food Virology (ENVIRONET), Ion Gutierrez.
- COST FA 0807, Integrirano upravljanje fitoplazemskih epidemij pri različnih kmetijsko pomembnih rastlinah / Integrated Management of Phytoplasma Epidemics in Different Crop Systems, Marina Dermastia.
- COST FA 0804, Molekularno kmetijstvo: rastline kot proizvodna platforma za proteine visoke vrednosti, Molecular farming: plants as a production platform for high value proteins, Jana Žel.
- BI-AT/11-12-013: Analiza sprememb metaboloma v krompirju in vinski trti po okužbi s patogenom / Analysis of potato and grapevine metabolism changes after pathogen infection, nosilka projekta / principal investigator prof. dr. Kristina Gruden.
- COST FA 0806, Kontrola rastlinskih virusov z uporabo RNA cepiv: novi ne-transgeni pristopi / Plant virus control employing RNA-based vaccines: A novel non-transgenic strategy, Špela Baebler.
- COST FA 603, Plant proteomics in Europe (EUPP) / Plant proteomics in Europe (EUPP), UL, BF, Branka Javornik.

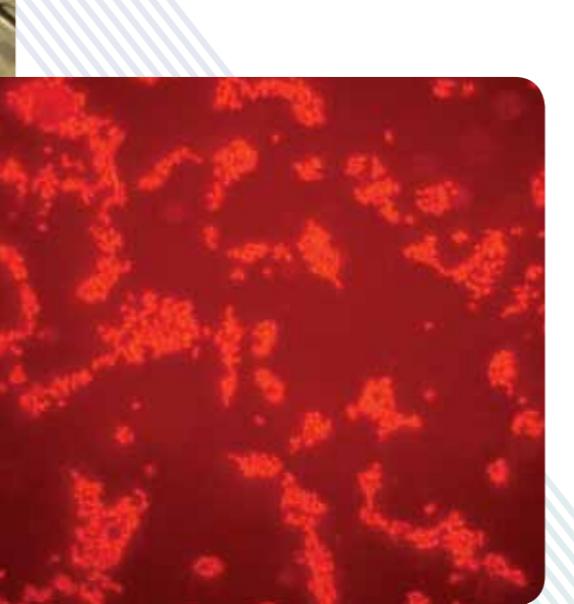
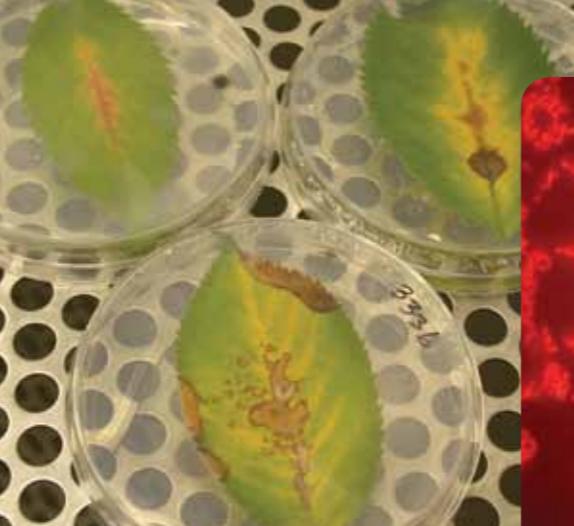
Test preobčutljivostne reakcije na tobaku  
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Patogenicity test on the cherry leaves

Bakterije označene z obarvano sondjo  
Color probe marked bacteria

## RAZVOJNI PROJEKTI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- MO MKGP FURS, Strokovne naloge s področja združvenega varstva rastlin / Expert projects in plant health protection field, Maja Ravnikar.
- MO MKGP IRSKGH, Določanje in testiranje diagnostičnih vzorcev na MO / Detection and analysing on MO samples, Maja Ravnikar.
- GSO monitoring, MKGP monitoring GSO v živilih in krmi, / GMO monitoring in food and feed, Jana Žel.
- GSO Soobstoj, Monitoring GSO v kmetijskih rastlinah in pridelkih / GMO monitoring in the of agricultural plants and products, Jana Žel.
- GSO IRSKGH krma, Testiranje GMO vzorcev v hrani / Testing of GMOs in food (Ministry of Agruculture, Forestry and Food), Jana Žel.
- GSO IRSKGH hrana, Testiranje GMO vzorcev v hrani / Testing of GMOs in food , Jana Žel.
- GSO analize, Določanje gensko spremenjenih organizmov (naročnik: Inštitut za kontrolu in certifikacijo v kmetijstvu in gozdarstvu, MB) / Detection of genetically modified organisms, Jana Žel.
- GSO MOP ref lab, Referenčni laboratorij / Reference Laboratorij, Jana Žel.
- MORS, Sofinanciranje organizacijskih, materialnih in kadrovskih priprav v Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo, za strokovno svetovanje in ukrepanje v primeru



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## ORGANIZACIJA ZNANSTVENIH IN STROKOVNIH SREČANJ ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEETING

- napada z orožji ali sredstvi za množično uičevanje ter s klasičnimi sredstvi. Cofinancing of preparations regarding the organizational schemes, equipment, and personnel (ali pa human resources) at the National Institute of Biology for the purposes of advising and action in case of an attack by weapons of mass destruction and by classical means., NIB, FITO in GEN dr. Bojan Sedmak, Marina Dermastia.
- MIRS, Opravljanje dejavnosti in izpolnjevanje obveznosti nosilca nacionalnega etalona enote za množično snovi/hrana rastlinskega izvora / Activities and performance as the holder of national etalon unit for amount of substance / food of plant origin, Marjana Camloh.
- So-organizacija Delavnice Central and Eastern European Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, ki jo je gostilo Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor, skupaj z NIB in KIS v organizaciji Sekretariata Konvencije o Biološki raznolikosti, aprila 2011.
- So-organizacija delavnice »Real-Time PCR workshop in Plant Pathology: Diagnostics and Research«. November 2011.

## DRUGI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

- KC BRIN, Kompetenčni center za biološki razvoj in inovacije / Center of Competence for the biological development and innovations.
- COBIK, Center odličnosti za biosenzoriko, instrumentacijo in procesno kontrolu CO BIK / Center of Excellence for Biosensors, Instrumentation and Process Control.

## OBISKI IN ŠTUDIJSKA IZPOLNJEVANJA NA TUJIH RAZISKOVALNIH INŠTITUCIJAH VISITS AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AT INSTITUTIONS ABROAD

- Dobnik D., Lazar A. Varšava, Poljska, 27. 6. – 29. 6. 2011: Obisk v okviru bilaterale s Poljsko, IBB, Polish Academy of Sciences.
- Dobnik D. Wageningen, Nizozemska, 30. 8.- 28. 10.2011: Delo v tujem laboratoriju, Wageningen University and Research Center.
- Dobnik D. New Delhi, Indija, 14.11. – 24. 12. 2011: Obisk v okviru bilaterale z Indijo, NBPGR.
- Rupar M. Rennes, Francija, 18. 7-12. 8. 2011: delo v partnerskem laboratoriju INRA (bilaterala).
- Prezelj N. Dunaj, Avstrija, 4. 3. - 15. 3. 2011; 14. - 15. 12. 2011: Tehnična Univerza na Dunaju, Oddelek za molekularno sistemsko biologijo (MoSys) Fakultete za vede o življenju.

- Lazar A. Varšava, Poljska, 24. 10. 2011 – 17.11. 2011: Delo v tujem laboratoriju, IBB, Polish Academy of Sciences.
- Gruden K. Cambridge, UK, 1.6. – 30.9. 2011: Pedagoško in raziskovalno delo na tuji univerzi, University of Cambridge.

## OBISKI ZA TUJINE VISITORS FROM ABROAD

- Dr. Jacek Hennig, Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics PAS, Varšava, Poljska, Bilateralni obisk, 18/5 do 20/5/2011.
- Dr. Gurinder Jit Randhawa, Referral Centre for Molecular Diagnosis of Transgenic Planting Material National Research Centre on DNA Fingerprinting National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources New Delhi, Bilateralni obisk, 1/9/ - 30/9/2011.
- Dr. Laurent Glais and dr. Maryse Guillet, IE INRA-FNPPPT, FNPPPT-INRA, Bilateralni obisk, 11/9 do 16/9/2011.
- Karolina Woreniecka, Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics PAS, Varšava, Poljska, Bilateralni obisk, 18/10/do 15/12/2011.
- Jan Hodek, Aleš Vrablik, Crop Research Institute (CRI), Bilateralni obisk, 7.-11.11. 2011.
- Dr. Mladen Krajačić, Univerza in Zagrebu, Prirodoslovna fakulteta, Bilateralni obisk, 16/12/2011.
- Jelena Ruščić, Univerza in Zagrebu, Prirodoslovna fakulteta, Bilateralni obisk, 5.-16.12.11.

## ČLANSTVA V ODBORIH MEDNARODNIH ORGANIZACIJ, DELOVNIH TELES, EKSPERTNIH SKUPIN MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL BOARDS AND EXPERT GROUPS

### Maja Ravnikar:

- članica upravnega odbora IWGLVV (International Working Group on Legume and Vegetable Viruses) v vlogi naslednjega izvoljenega predsednika skupine
- expert pri prijavi projekta ERA-NET PLANT HEALTH EUPHRESCO / Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano
- članica panela – delovne skupine za »quality control« v diagnostičnih laboratorijih, Evropskega združenja za varstvo rastlin (EPPO)
- članica iniciativnega odbora za ustanovitev Evropskega združenja za fitobakteriologijo (European Association of Phytobacteriology)

### Jana Žel:

- članica CEN/TC 275/WG 11 genetsko modificirani organizmi
- članica upravnega odbora Evropske mreže laboratorijev, ki določajo GSO (ENGL- European Network of GMO laboratories) sedež v ISPRI
- članica delovne skupine za merilno negotovost pri ENGL
- članica delovne skupine verifikacija metod za določanje GSO

### Marina Dermastia:

- članica UO COST FA0807
- namestnica predstavnika RS v EPSO

### Maruša Pompe Novak:

- predstavnica RS v EPSO

### Tanja Dreو:

- članica panela – delovne skupine za bakteriologijo, Evropskega združenja za varstvo rastlin (EPPO)
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### Mojca Milavec:

- članica EBSA Conference Programme Working Group

### Nataša Mehle

- članica International Working Groups on Legume (IWGLV) and Vegetable Viruses (IWGVV)

### Dany Morisset:

- član delovne skupina-nedovoljeni GSO pri ENGL.

## ČLANSTVA V ODBORIH SLOVENSKIH ORGANIZACIJ, DELOVNIH TELES, EKSPERTNIH SKUPIN MEMBERSHIP OF SLOVENIAN BOARDS AND EXPERT GROUPS

### Maja Ravnikar:

- članica Znanstveno-raziskovalnega sveta za naravoslovje ARRS,
- članica Strokovne skupine za zdravstveno varstvo rastlin v sadjarstvu, vinogradništvu in hmeljarstvu,
- dolgoletna članica skupščine družbenikov Tehnološkega Parka Ljubljana, zastopnik za NIB,
- članica senata Visoke šole za vinogradništvo in vinarstvo Nova Gorica,
- članica senata fakultete za okolje Nova Gorica,
- članica upravnega odbora Centra odličnosti s področja farmacije in biotehnologije,
- članica projektne skupine (upravljalna skupina) za pravilo dokumentacije za vzpostavitev informacijskega sistema FitoLab in njegovo povezavo v fitosanitarni informacijski sistem.

### Jana Žel:

- članica znanstvenega odbora za namerno sproščanje GSO v okolje in dajanje izdelkov na trg,
- članica platforme »Food for Health« pri GZS Slovenije.

### Marina Dermastia:

- članica znanstvenega odbora za delo z GSO v zaprtih sistemih,
- članica programskega sveta študija Biomedicina, UL,
- članica programskega sveta študija Bioznanosti, UL,
- članica programskega sveta Mednarodne podiplomske šole IJS.

### Kristina Gruden:

- članica upravnega odbora Centra odličnosti s področja farmacije in biotehnologije,
- članica upravnega odbora Centra za funkcionalno genomiko in bio-čipe,
- članica znanstvenega odbora za delo z GSO v zaprtih sistemih.

### Tanja Dreо:

- članica Komisije za varstvo rastlin pri MKGP.

### Mojca Milavec:

- članica znanstvenega odbora za namerno sproščanje GSO v okolje in dajanje izdelkov na trg.

**Špela Baebler:**

- članica upravnega odbora Centra za funkcijsko genomiko in bio-čipe.

**Nataša Mehle:**

- članica projektne skupine (tehnična skupina) za pravilo dokumentacije za vzpostavitev informacijskega sistema FitoLab in njegovo povezavo v fitosanitarni informacijski sistem.

**SODELUJOČE ORGANIZACIJE  
COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS****Domače  
National**

- ARRS - Agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost RS
- Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor
- Ministrstvo za obrambo, Uprava RS za zaščito in reševanje
- Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano
- Ministrstvo za visoko šolstvo znanost in tehnologijo

- Urad RS za meroslovje, MVZT
- Fitosanitarna uprava RS
- Inšpektorat RS za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in hrano
- Inštitut za kontrolu in certifikacijo v kmetijstvu in gozdarstvu
- Kmetijsko gozdarski zavod Nova Gorica
- Kmetijsko gozdarski zavod Novo mesto
- Zavod za zdravstveno varstvo Maribor
- Ekonomski fakulteta, UL
- Fakulteta za elektrotehniko, UL
- Fakulteta za računalništvo in informatiko, UL
- Oddelek za biologijo, Biotehniška fakulteta, UL
- Oddelek za živilstvo, Biotehniška fakulteta, UL
- Oddelek za agronomijo, Biotehniška fakulteta, UL
- Fakulteta za znanosti o okolju, Univerza v Novi Gorici
- Visoka šola za vinogradništvo in vinarstvo, Univerza v Novi Gorici
- Medicinska fakulteta, Univerza Maribor
- Inštitut Jožef Stefan
- Kemijski inštitut
- Kmetijski inštitut Slovenije
- Inštitut za hmeljarstvo in pivovarstvo Slovenije
- LEK Sandoz d.d.
- KRKA d.d.
- Bia Separations d.o.o.

**Tuje  
International**

- Plant Research International, Wageningen, Nizozemska
- FERA - The Food and environment research Agency, Sand Hutton, Velika Britanija
- Mercier Fr res S.A.R.L, Francija
- Weingut S.A. PRÜM, Nemčija
- Cantine d'Alfonso Del Sordo SRL, Italija
- Forsite Diagnostics LTD, Velika Britanija
- Sediag SAS, Francija
- Centre de recerca i investigacio de Catalunya S.A, Španija
- Food and Standard Agency, Velika Britanija
- INRA, Francija
- Crop Research Institute, Prague, Republika Češka
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, Hrvaška
- INRA-Agrocampus Le Rheu Cedex, Francija
- Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Polish Academy of Sciences, Varšava, Poljska
- Institute for reference materials and measurements, Belgija
- Universität Wien, Department Molecular Systems Biology, Avstrija
- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, Indija
- Chemonics International Inc., Washington, USA

- BIA d.o.o.
- Omega d.o.o.,
- EDUCELL podjetje za celično biologijo d.o.o. Ljubljana
- Centralna čistilna naprava Domžale Kamnik
- BioSistemika d.o.o.
- COBIK - Center odličnosti za biosenzoriko, instrumentacijo in procesno kontrolo
- Instrumentation Technologies d.d.,
- Cosylab d.d
- Zavod za biotehnološke inovacije - KC BRIN
- MEDIS podjetje za proizvodnjo in trženje d.o.o.
- ACIES BIO, biotehnološke raziskave in razvoj, d.o.o.
- MLEKARNA CELEIA d.o.o.
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- Marko Petek s sodelavci: Rektorjeve nagrade za naj-inovacijsko UL za poslovni načrt za podjetje, ki se ukvarja s prodajo multifunkcionalnih magnetnih nodelcev za aplikacije v biomedicini.

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Nezreli plodovi hrušk, okuženi s hruševim ožigom  
Unripe pears infected by the fire blight

Okuženi listi vodenke  
Infected impatiens leaves

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- RAVNIKAR Maja, MEHLE Nataša, PREZELJ Nina, NIKOLIĆ Petra Dermastia Marina. Nove ugotovitve iz raziskav zlate trsne rumenice. Delavnica o zlati trsni rumenici, Ljubljana 6.12. 2011
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- PAVŠIČ, Jernej. Genska raznolikost izolatov fitoplazem skupine AP v Sloveniji : diplomsko delo : univerzitetni študij = Gene diversity of Slovenian phytoplasma isolates from AP group : graduation thesis : university studies. Ljubljana: [J. Pavšič], 2011. XII, 72 f., graf. prikazi.

#### Ravnkar Maja, mentorica

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- BROŽIČ, Andreja. Regeneracija in transformacija krompirja (*Solanum tuberosum*) sort Igor in Sante za nadaljnjo analizo genov : diplomsko delo : univerzitetni študij = Regeneration and transformation of potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) cv. Igor and cv. Sante for further gene analysis : graduation thesis : university studies. Ljubljana: [A. Brožič], 2011. XI, 66 f., pril., graf. prikazi.

#### Magistrska dela Master's Theses

#### Gruden Kristina, mentorica

- TURNŠEK, Neža. Molekulski dejavniki odziva kolradskega hrošča (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*) na obrambni odgovor rastlin : magistrsko delo = Molecular basis of colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*) response to plant defense response : master of science thesis. Ljubljana: [N. Turnšek], 2011. XI, 96 f., ilustr.

#### Doktorska dela Doctoral Theses

#### Dermastia Marina, mentorica Gruden Kristina, somentorica

- NIKOLIĆ, Petra. Vzorci izražanja genov v listih vinske trte, okužene s fitoplazmo, povezano s počnelostjo lesa : doktorska disertacija = Gene expression patterns in grapevine leafs infected with phytoplasma associated with bois noir disease : doctoral dissertation. Ljubljana: [P. Nikolic], 2011. XII, 155 f., pril., ilustr.

#### Gruden Kristina, somentorica

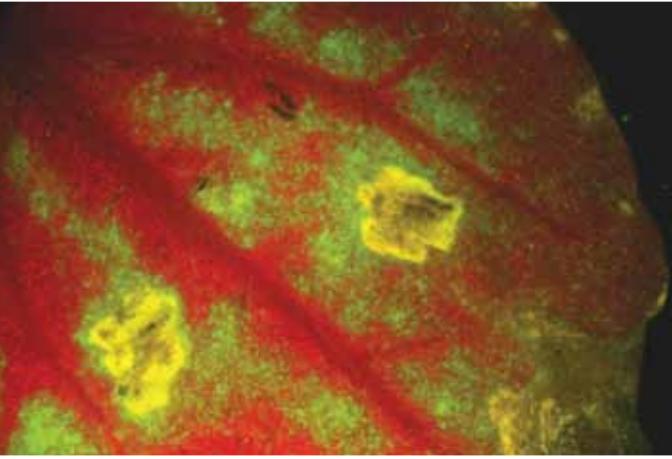
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Okužena vinska trta  
Infected grapevine



Hruška okužena z bakterijo *Erwinia amylovora*  
Pear infected with *Erwinia amylovora*



Fluorescencija poškodb na listu zaradi okužbe  
Fluorescence of lesions on the infected leaf



## 6.0

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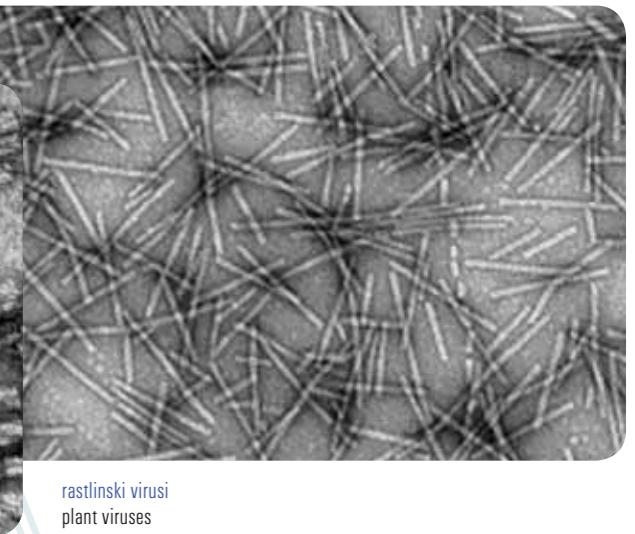
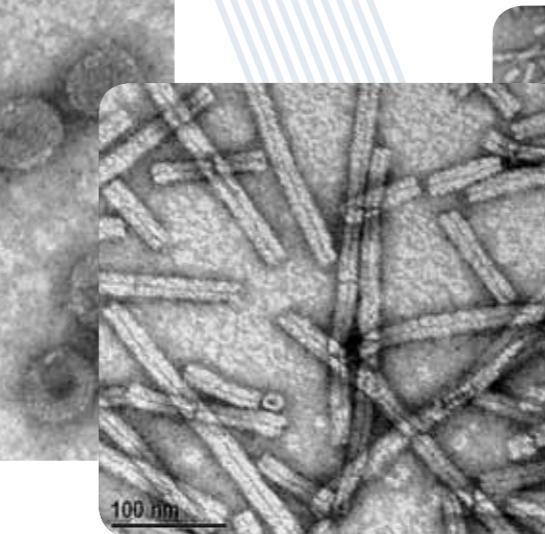
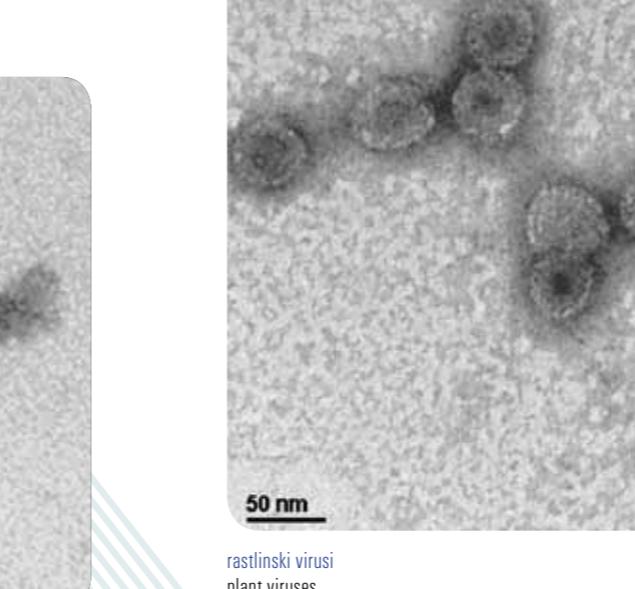
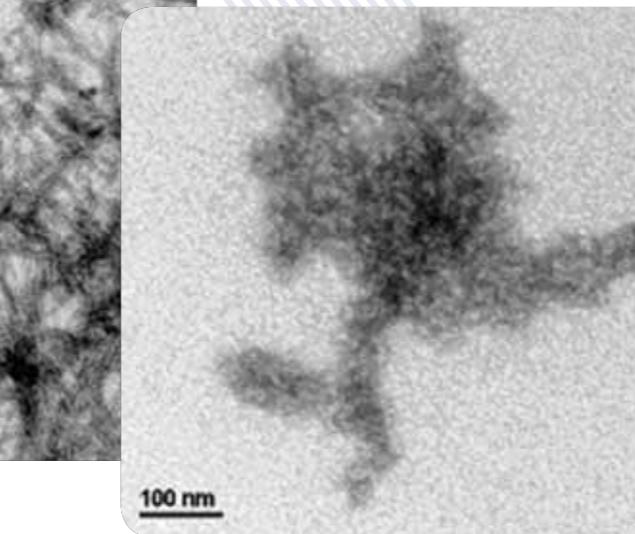
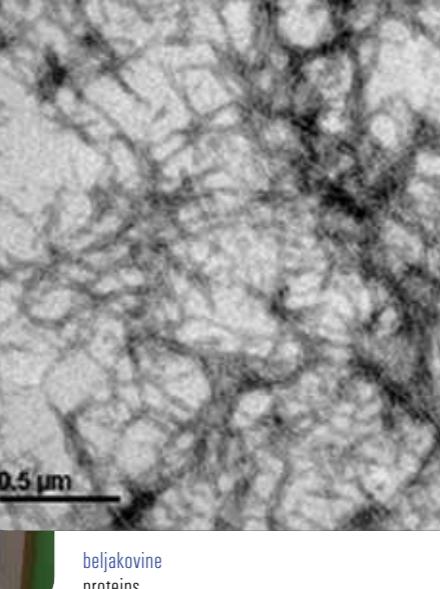
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## Infrastrukturna dejavnost

Infrastrukturni center Planta (IC Planta) je eden od dveh programsko in organizacijsko zaključenih infrastrukturnih centrov, ki sestavlja infrastrukturni program Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo (IP NIB). IC Planta deluje v okviru Oddelka za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo.

IC Planta služi kot podpora raziskovalni dejavnosti, državnim organom, podjetjem in pedagoški dejavnosti. IC Planta zagotavlja sodelovanje med raziskovalci različnih raziskovalnih programov, projektov in institucij, kakor tudi povezovanje raziskovalcev z uporabniki raziskav iz vrst drugih proračunskih uporabnikov in industrije ter stik pedagoškega procesa z raziskovalno dejavnostjo.

IC Planta obstaja že od leta 1991. Najprej je bil ustanovljen kot tehnološko jedro Center za rastlinske tkivne kulture in virologijo. Leta 1994 je bil na Nacionalnem inštitutu

- robot za pipetiranje (PerkinElmer MultiProbe II)
- komore za gojenje rastlin in tkivnih kulturn (Kambič)
- komore za ločeno gojenje rastlin (Kambič)
- karantenski rastlinjak ter
- karantenski rastlinjak s podtlakom.

Vsa velika infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta je tehnološko izjemno zahtevna. Visoka tehnološka zahtevnost opreme zahteva skrbno, redno in strokovno vzdrževanje,

zato ima vsak kos opreme svojega skrbinika in namestnike skrbinika, ki skrbijo za redno vzdrževanje in brezhibno delovanje opreme.

Opremo IC Planta upravljajo in vzdržujejo visoko kvalificirani kadri, saj stalno skrbitimo za ustrezno izobraževanje zaposlenih. Moderna in dobro vzdrževana raziskovalna oprema IC Planta (v skladu s standardom ISO/IEC 17025) tako omogoča izvajanje konkurenčnih raziskav v naravoslovju. Zelo pomembna je tudi kvalitetna in dobro vzdrževana dodatna oprema, nujno potrebna za delovanje velike infrastrukturne opreme, kateri tudi posvečamo potreбno skrb in jo stalno posodabljam.

## Infrastructure Activity

The Infrastructural Centre Planta (IC Planta) is one of two program and organization integrated infrastructural centers that forms the Infrastructural program of the National Institute of Biology (ID NIB). IC Planta is a part of the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology at the National Institute of Biology.

IC Planta's equipment supports research activities, bodies of ministries, enterprises and educational activities. IC Planta ensures collaboration between researchers of different research programs, projects and institutions. It facilitates connections of researchers with the users of this research that are other budget users and various industries, as well as it facilitates connections between research activities and educational processes.

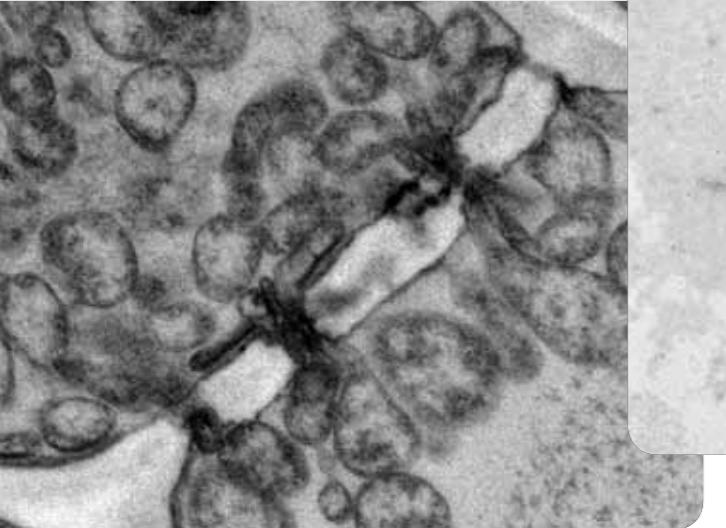
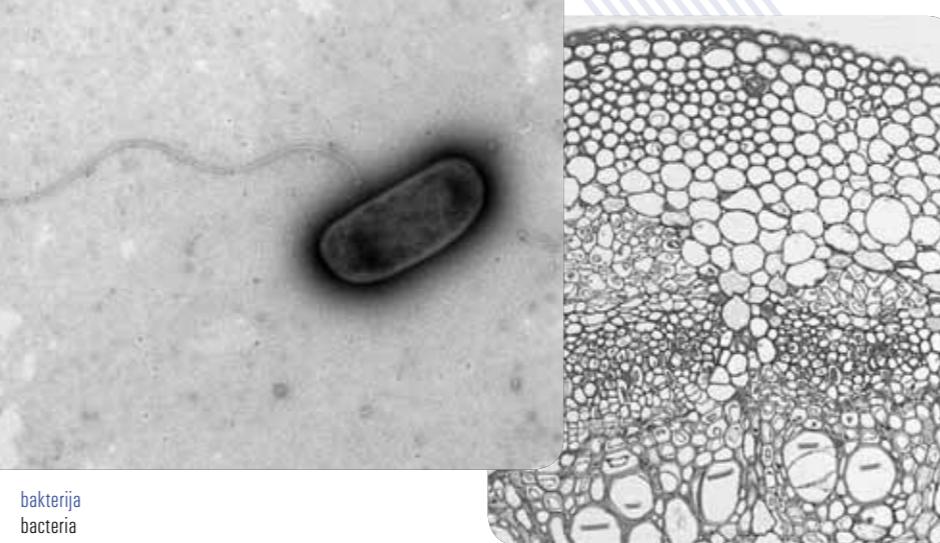
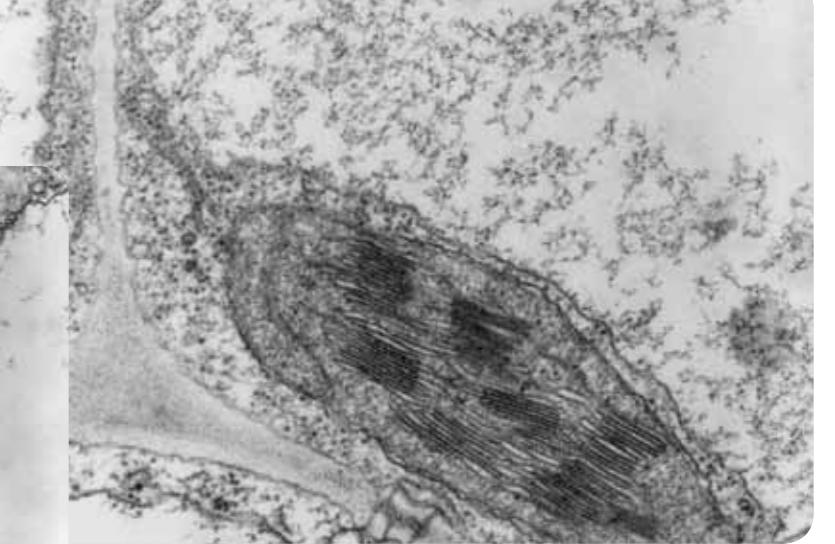
Centre Planta exists since 1991, firstly as Technological Core – Centre for tissue culture and virology. Technological Centre Planta was founded in 1994 by the National Institute of Biology, the pharmaceutical company Krka d.d. and the seed company Semenarna d.o.o. In 1998 Technological Centre Planta was retransformed to Instrumental Centre Planta. Since than it is very tightly connected to Chair of Zoology at Department of Biology at Biotechnical Faculty at University of Ljubljana, led by Prof. Dr. Jasna Štrus in the segment of electron microscopy. Since 2004, IC Planta operates as an infrastructural centre.

The large infrastructural equipment of IC Planta consists of:

- Transmission electron microscope (Philips CM100) with CCD camera
- Cryo-ultramicrotome (Leica EM FC6) and ultramicrotome (Leica)
- Real-time PCR instrument (ABI 7900)
- Real-time PCR instrument (ABI 7900HT Fast)
- Real-time PCR instrument (Roche Light Cycler 480)

- Portable real-time PCR instrument (Cepheid Smart Cycler)
- Robot for pipetting (PerkinElmer MultiProbe II)
- Growth chambers for plant and tissue culture breeding (Kambič)
- Plant growth chambers for separate breeding (Kambič)
- Quarantine greenhouse, and
- Quarantine greenhouse with negative pressure.

All large equipment of IC Planta is technologically exceptionality exacting. High technological pretentiousness of the equipment demands careful, regular and professional maintenance of the equipment, therefore each piece of equipment has its caretaker and his substitutes that take care of regular maintenance and faultless working of the equipment. IC Planta's equipment is managed and kept by highly skilled workers as we facilitate adequate permanent education of the employees. IC Planta has modern and well treated research equipment (in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17025 system) which is an essential

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phytoplasmas in plant cellbakterija  
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Preko IC Planta je potekal nakup velike raziskovalne opreme z združevanjem sredstev več virov in institucij, oprema pa se hkrati uporablja tudi za manjše raziskovalne programe, projekte in zunanje uporabnike, ki nimajo možnosti nabave in vzdrževanja tako drage opreme. Zaradi tako široke možnosti uporabe je raziskovalna oprema IC Planta polno izkoriščena, kar je predpogoj za dobro izrabo vseh vloženih sredstev.

IC Planta s skrbnim razmislekom in usklajevanjem pri nabavah opreme skrbi za to, da se velika infrastrukturna oprema v Sloveniji brez potrebe ne podvaja, da pa se hkrati smiselno dopolnjuje. Zato se IC Planta povezuje tudi v infrastrukturna omrežja, kar uporabnikom omogoča uporabo opreme različnih infrastrukturnih programov v različnih fazah raziskav in aplikacij, pri čemer oprema IC Planta zavzema pomembno mesto. Na področju molekularne biologije se IC Planta preko Oddelka za biotehnologijo in sistemsko biologijo Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo povezuje z drugimi centri: Centrom za funkcionalno genomiko in biočipe s sedežem na Medicinski fakulteti Univerze

v Ljubljani, Centrom za površinsko plazmonsko resonanco s sedežem na Oddelku za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani in Centrom za proizvodnjo in strukturo proteinov s sedežem na Inštitutu Jožef Stefan ter dejavno deluje v slovenski tehnološki mreži Rastline za prihodnost.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

Zelo pomembna pridobitev IC Planta v letu 2011 je novi karantenski rastlinjak s podtlakom. Na mestu starega rastlinjaka, ki ni več dosegal standardov za delo, so v letu 2011 od začetka januarja do konca avgusta potekala obnovitvena dela, rezultat katerih je karantenski rastlinjak s podtlakom, ki omogoča tudi gojenje rastlin, okuženih z okolju nevarnimi povzročitelji bolezni, in gensko spremenjenih rastlin, saj so zagotovljeni ustrezni varnostni mehanizmi. Zaradi nekaterih napak pri izdelavi, so bila v dveh od štirih komor v karantenskem

rastlinjaku s podtlakom potrebna obsežnejša popravila, zato sta dve komori pričeli z obratovanjem v septembru 2011, preostali dve pa še le v februarju 2012.

Poleg tega so v letu 2011 od začetka avgusta do konca oktobra potekala obnovitvena dela tudi v karantenskem rastlinjaku IC Planta, v katerem so bili obnovljeni tlaki in rekonstruiran vhod.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

V letu 2011 je veliko infrastrukturno opremo IC Planta uporabljalo 66 različnih uporabnikov, od tega 61% iz lastne raziskovalne organizacije (RO) in 39% iz drugih RO. Tematike raziskav in analiz, za katere se uporablja oprema IC Planta, so bile izjemno raznolike, kar je razvidno tudi iz seznama uporabnikov.

condition for competitive research performance in the life sciences. For the proper functioning of large equipment of IC Planta, quality and well maintained supplementary equipment, which is essential for working of large infrastructural equipment, is very important. Therefore special care and permanent modernization is devoted also to the supplementary equipment.

At IC Planta, large infrastructural equipment has been purchased by merging funds from different sources and institutions. Large equipment is also used by small research programs, research projects and other users that cannot purchase and keep such expensive equipment themselves. Such a broad spectrum of usage assures maximal exploitation of the equipment and consequently a good yield of all invested funds.

With careful consideration and reconciliation before purchase of new equipment, IC Planta takes care that large infrastructural equipment is not senseless duplicated in Slovenia but that it is being reasonable complemented. Therefore through its equipment, IC Planta is joining the laboratory networks, what enables for its users the usage of the equipment of different infrastructural programs in the different stages of researches and applications, where IC Planta's equipment takes an important place. In the field of molecular biology through the Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, IC Planta is connected with other centers: the Center for Functional Genomics and Bio-Chips with the seat at Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, the Infrastructural Centre for Surface Plasmon Resonance with the seat at Biotechnical Faculty at the University of Ljubljana and the Centre for protein production and structure with the seat at Jožef Stefan Institute. Besides, IC Planta takes an active role in Slovenian technological network Plants for the Future.

## Important Achievements in 2011

In the year 2011, we upgraded IC Planta's large equipment with Quarantine greenhouse with negative pressure. It enables breeding of plants infected with pathogens that are harmful for the environment, and genetically modified plants, as all the safety mechanisms are assured. One half of the Quarantine greenhouse with negative pressure started to work in September 2011 and the other half in February 2012.

Besides, floor and entrance were reconstructed in Quarantine greenhouse in 2011.

**karantenski rastlinjak s podtlakom**  
quarantine greenhouse with negative pressure



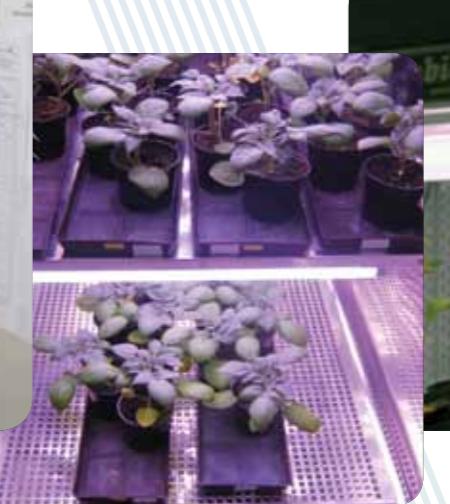
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quarantine greenhouse



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quarantine greenhouse



**komore za ločeno gojenje rastlin**  
plant growth chambers for separate breeding



**komore za ločeno gojenje rastlin**  
plant growth chambers for separate breeding



**komore za gojenje rastlin**  
growth chambers for plant breeding

Infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta se je v letu 2011 uporabljala za izvajanje raziskovalne dejavnosti različnih raziskovalnih skupin iz 8 različnih RO. Uporabljala se je za izvajanje 7 raziskovalnih programov, ki jih je financirala Agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost Republike Slovenije, od tega 2 iz lastne RO in 5 iz drugih RO, za izvajanje 5 raziskovalnih projektov, ki jih je financirala Agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost Republike Slovenije, od tega 2 iz lastne RO in 3 iz drugih RO, za izobraževanje 19 mladih raziskovalcev, od tega 12 iz lastne RO in 7 iz druge RO, ter za izvajanje 4 mednarodnih raziskovalnih projektov, od tega 2 EU projekta 7. okvirnega programa.

Infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta se je v letu 2011 uporabljala za izvajanje 8 projektov za podporo državnih in drugih vladnih organov za izvajanje javne službe drugim resorjem. Posebno intenzivno se je uporabljala kot podpora za delovanje Fitosanitarne uprave Republike Slovenije in Inšpektorata Republike Slovenije za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in hrano preko strokovne naloge na področju varstva rastlin. Infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta je služila tudi v podporo MOP, MORS in MIRS.

Oprema IC Planta se je v letu 2011 uporabljala za izvajanje 12 aplikativnih projektov za gospodarska podjetja, kar je predstavljalo direktno podporo industriji, okoljevarstvu in kmetijstvu z razvijanjem novih tehnologij in izvajanjem visoko specializiranih analiz na osnovi dobre laboratorijske prakse. Oprema IC Planta je služila za podporo tehnološkemu razvoju na področju rastlinske, živalske, farmacevtske, medicinske, mikrobine in prehrambene biotehnologije ter za razvoj metod in za izvajanje specjaliziranih analiz v diagnostiki rastlinskih patogenih bakterij, virusov in fitoplazem ter

gensko spremenjenih rastlin in rastlinskih proizvodov.

Infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta se je v letu 2011 uporabljala kot podpora za izvajanje 11 predmetov 2 univerz.

Raziskave in analize, pri katerih se je v letu 2011 uporabljala infrastrukturna oprema IC Planta, še posebno raziskave in analize v zvezi z GSO, so pomembno prispevale k povečevanju kvalitete življenja, ozaveščanju o okoljski problematiki in s svojo odmevnostjo k oblikovanju javnega mnenja.

## Collaboration with Various Users

In the year 2011, 66 different users used IC Planta's large infrastructural equipment, 61% of these from our own research organization (RO) and 39% from other ROs. Subjects of research and analyses, carried out by Centre Planta's equipment, were extremely diverse, which is evident in the list of users.

In the year 2011, IC Planta's infrastructural equipment was used for the research activity of different research groups from 8 different ROs. It was used for performance of 7 research programs financed by the Slovenian Research Agency (2 from our own RO and 5 from other ROs), for the performance of 5 research projects financed by the Slovenian Research Agency (2 from our own RO and 3 from other ROs), for the training of 19 young researchers (12 from our own RO and 7 from and other RO), and for 4 international research projects, among them 2 EU 7th framework projects.

In the year 2011, IC Planta's infrastructural equipment was used for 12 applied projects which were ordered by economical enterprises what directly support the industry, environmental protection and agriculture with the development of new technologies and performance of highly specialized analyses on the basis of good laboratory practice. IC Planta's equipment supported technological

progress in the fields of plant, animal, pharmaceutical, medical microbial and food biotechnology, and development of methods for specialized analyses in diagnostics of plant pathogenic bacteria, viruses and phytoplasmas and genetically modified plants and plant products.

IC Planta's infrastructural equipment was used to support the performance of 11 subjects at 2 universities in 2011.

Research and analyses that have used IC Planta's infrastructural equipment in the year 2011, especially that in connection with GMOs, importantly contributed to the increase of the quality of life, to awareness of various environmental issues and because of its wide response, also to the creation of public opinion.

rastlinska tkivna kultura  
plant tissue culture



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**RAZISKOVALNI PROGRAMI, KI JIH FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE, KI SO V LETU 2011 UPORABLJALI VELIKO INFRASTRUKTURNO OPREMO IC PLANTA**  
**RESEARCH PROGRAMS FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY, THAT WERE USING IC PLANTA LARGE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN 2011**

- Raziskovalni program / Research program P4-0053, Endokrini, imunski in encimski odzivi pri zdravih in bolnih živalih / Endocrine, immune, nervous and enzyme responses in healthy and sick animals, Univerza v Ljubljani, Veterinarska fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Veterinary faculty, Vojteh Cestnik
- Raziskovalni program / Research program P1-0140, Proteoliza in njena regulacija / Proteolysis and its regulation, Institut Jožef Stefan / Institute Jožef Stefan, Boris Turk
- Raziskovalni program / Research program P3-0371, Človeške matične celice - napredno zdravljenje s celicami, Zavod Republike Slovenije za transfuzijsko medicino / Blood Transfusion Centre of Slovenia, Primož Rožman
- Raziskovalni program / Research program P1-0245, Ekotoksiologija, toksikološka genomika in karcinogeneza / Ecotoxicology, toxicological genomics and carcinogenesis, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Tamara Lah Turnšek
- Raziskovalni program / Research program P1-0184, Zoološke in speleobiološke raziskave / Investigations in zoology and speleobiology, Univerza v Ljubljani, Biotehniška fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty, Boris Sket
- Raziskovalni program / Research program P3-0083, Odnosi parazitskega obstajanja / Existence of Parasitic Relationship, Univerza v Ljubljani, Medicinska fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Medical faculty, Tatjana Avšič-Županc

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- Aplikativni raziskovalni projekt / Applied research project L1-2278, Biološka raznovrstnost virusa PVY in njen vpliv na obrambni odgovor rastlin krompirja / Biological variability of potato virus Y and its influence on potato defense response, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
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- Temeljni raziskovalni projekt / Basic research project J4-3618, Tatarska ajda - nov vir za funkcionalna živila / Tartary buckwheat as a new source for functional foods, Univerza v Ljubljani, Biotehniška fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty, Ivan Kreft
- Temeljni raziskovalni projekt / Basic research project J1-005, Kemično in biološko kroženje snovi, ki povzročajo motnje v endokrinem sistemu med postopkom čiščenja odpadnih voda / Chemical and biological cycling of endocrine disrupting compounds in wastewater treatment, Institut Jožef Stefan / Institute Jožef Stefan, Janez Ščančar
- MR / Young researcher Ana Lazar, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- MR / Young researcher David Dobnik, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- MR / Young researcher Ida Istinič, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- MR / Young researcher Neža Podrgajs, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology
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- MR / Young researcher Miloš Vittori, Univerza v Ljubljani, Biotehniška fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty
- MR / Young researcher Peter Prislan, Univerza v Ljubljani, Biotehniška fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty
- MR / Young researcher Simona Kamenšek, Univerza v Ljubljani, Biotehniška fakulteta / University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty
- MR / Young researcher Matevž Rupar, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar

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- MR / Young researcher Mira Polajner, Institut Jožef Stefan / Institute Jožef Stefan
- MR / Young researcher Andreja Mirtič, Kemijski inštitut / National Institute of Chemistry

**MEDNARODNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI, KI SO V LETU 2011 UPORABLJALI VELIKO INFRASTRUKTURNO OPREMO IC PLANTA**  
**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, THAT WERE USING IC PLANTA LARGE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN 2011**

- EU projekt 245047, Razvoj metod za določanje karantenskih škodljivih organizmov za uporabo v nacionalnih programih in inšpekcijskih službah, Food and environment research organisation (FERA), Neil Boonham, za / for Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology Maja Ravnikar
- EU projekt 7.OP EU projekt 262032, Stroškovno učinkovito ročna naprava za hitro odkrivanje Flavescence dorée fitoplazem v vinski trti / Cost-Effective Hand-Held Device for Rapid In-Field, The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs acting through Food and Environment Research Agency, Adrian Belton in Mike Wray, za / for Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology Maja Ravnikar

- Mednarodni projekt 4302-38/2006/4, Orodja sistemski biologije pri raziskavah celične terapije in zdravil / Systems Biology Tools Development for Cell Therapy and Drug Development, za / for Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology Miroslav Knežević

#### BILATERALNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI, KI SO V LETU 2011 UPORABLJALI VELIKO INFRASTRUKTURNO OPREMO IC PLANTA BILATERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, THAT WERE USING IC PLANTA LARGE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN 2011

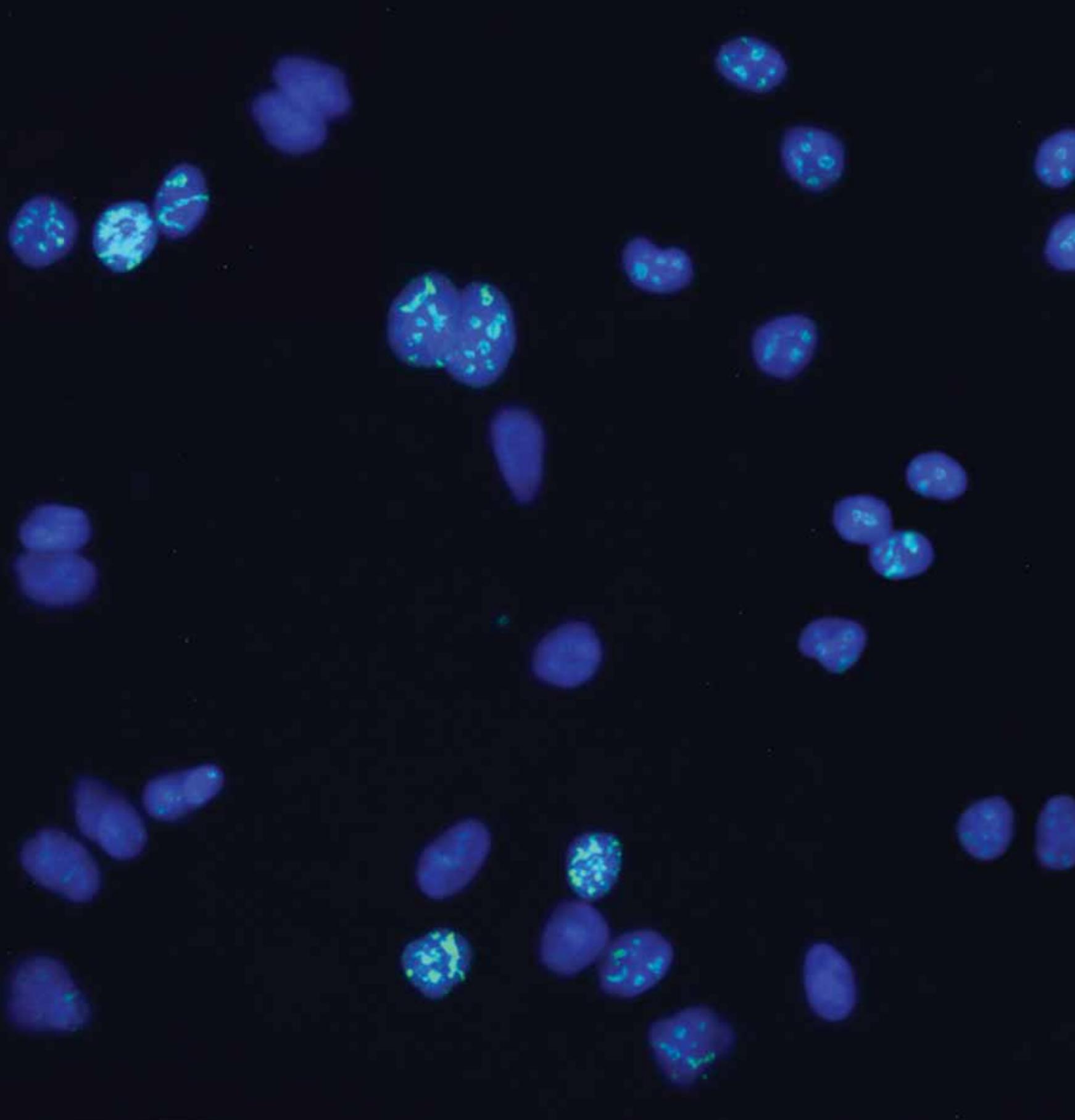
- Bilateralni projekt med Slovenijo in Poljsko BI-PL/10-11-019, Profil izražanja genov pri linijah krompirja z različnim odzivom na okužbo s krompirjevim virusom Y (PVY) / Global transcriptome analyses of potato lines exhibiting different phenotypes of defence response to potato virus Y (PVY) infection, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maruša Pompe Novak

#### DRUGI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI, KI SO V LETU 2011 UPORABLJALI VELIKO INFRASTRUKTURNO OPREMO IC PLANTA OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS, THAT WERE USING IC PLANTA LARGE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN 2011

- Pogodba / Contract 2321-09-210045 s / with FURS, Strokovne naloge s področja zdravstvenega varstva rastlin / Expert projects in plant health protection field, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
- Pogodba / Contract C2314-10-000020 z / with IRSKGH, Določanje in testiranje diagnostičnih vzorcev na MO / Detection and analysing on MO samples, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
- Pogodba / Contract 2314-07-000010 z / with IRSKGH, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- Pogodba / Contract 2314-10-000011 z / with IRSKGH, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- Pogodba / Contract 2311-11-000101 z / with MKGP, Monitoring GSO v živilih in krmi, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Kristina Gruden

- Pogodba / Contract 2311-11-000104 z / with MKGP, Monitoring GSO v kmetijskih rastlinah in pridelkih, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- Pogodba / Contract 2511-07-200132 z / with MOP, Referenčni laboratorij / Reference Laboratory, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- Pogodba / Contract 4300-102/2007-1 z / with MORS, Sofinanciranje organizacijskih, materialnih in kadrovskih priprav v Nacionalnem inštitutu za biologijo, za strokovno svetovanje in ukrepanje v primeru napada z orožji ali sredstvi za množično uničevanje ter s klasičnimi sredstvi / The purposes of advising and action in case of an attack by weapons of mass destruction and by classical means, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
- Pogodba / Contract 1981/2006 s / with CRL Ispra, Validacije / Validations, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
- Pogodba / Contract 1145/2007 z / with BiaSeparations, Analize qPCR / RT PCR Analyses, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
- Pogodba / Contract 802/2006 z / with BiaSeparations, Analize TEM / Analyses on Electronic Microscopy, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maruša Pompe Novak
- Pogodba / Contract z / with Biosistemiko, Sodelovanje na področju izobraževanj in tečajev / Cooperation on workshops, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Maja Ravnikar
- Pogodba / Contract z / with Inštitut za kontrolu in certifikacijo v kmetijstvu in gozdarstvu (IKCK) 1-6/5-2007, Določanje gensko spremenjenih organizmov / Detection of genetically modified organisms, Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo / National institute of Biology, Jana Žel
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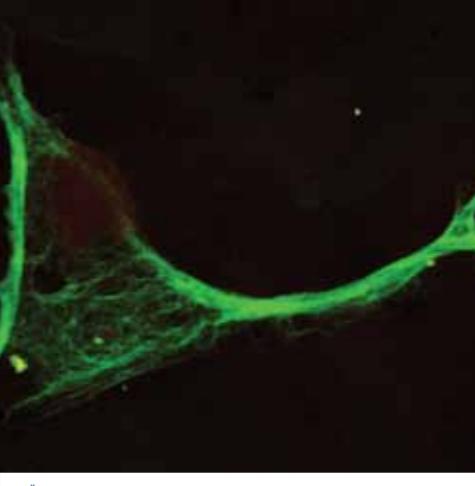
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## Raziskovalna dejavnost

Raziskave GEN potekajo na treh med seboj povezanih področjih: genetski toksikologiji, biologiji raka in ekotoksikologiji.

Na področju ekotoksikologije proučujemo regulacijo cianobakterijskih združb, dejavnike odgovorne za produkcijo cianobakterijskih toksinov in vlogo teh toksinov pri vzdrževanju ravnovesij v vodnih ekosistemih. Na osnovi razumevanja teh procesov razvijamo nove metodologije za napovedovanje in karakterizacijo cianobakterijskih cvetov in metode za njihovo preprečevanje.

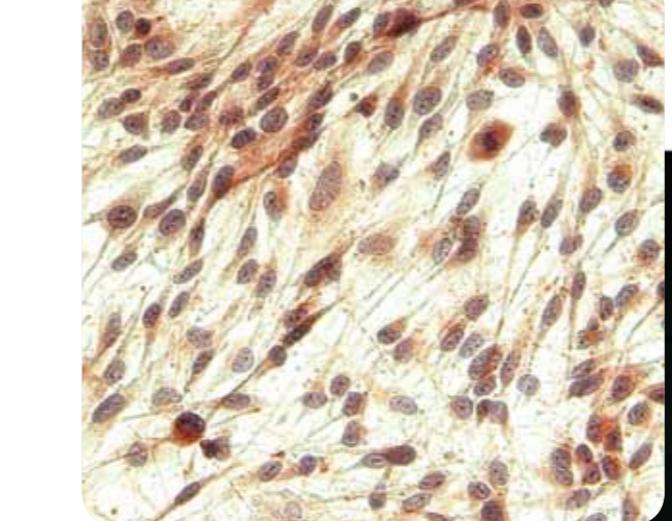
V okviru genetske toksikologije raziskujemo molekularne mehanizme genotoksičnega delovanja cianobakterijskih toksinov in različnih antropogenih onesnaževal okolja (npr. prehranski karcinogeni, pesticidi, kovine, ostanki zdravil, nanomateriali). Pročujemo tudi mehanizme zaščitnega delovanja naravnih snovi (npr. ksantohumol, eterična olja) proti raku. Pridobljena nova spoznanja doprinašajo k razvoju ustreznih



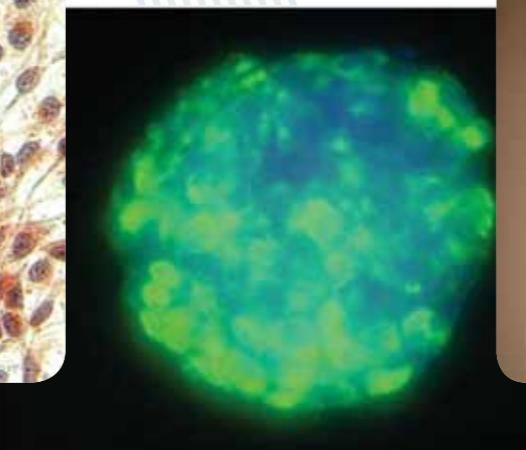
Človeške astrocite  
Human astrocytes



Cianobakterije  
Cyanobacteria



Glioblastomska cevična linija  
Glioblastoma cell line



Sferoid glioblastomskih matičnih celic  
Spheroid of glioblastoma stem cells



Mezenhimske matične celice  
Mesenchymal stem cells

## Research Activity

Our research is conducted in three interrelated fields: genetic toxicology, cancer biology and ecotoxicology.

In the field of ecotoxicology we study the regulation of cyanobacterial communities, factors responsible for the production of cyanobacterial toxins, and the role of these toxins in maintaining the balance of aquatic ecosystems. Based on the understanding of these processes we are developing new methods for prediction and characterization of toxic cyanobacterial blooms and methods for their prevention.

In the field of genetic toxicology we are studying the molecular mechanisms of genotoxicity of cyanobacterial toxins in addition to different types of environmental contaminants (i.e. food borne carcinogens, metals, residues of pharmaceuticals, nanomaterials). We are also investigating the cancer preventive effects of natural substances and the respective mechanisms

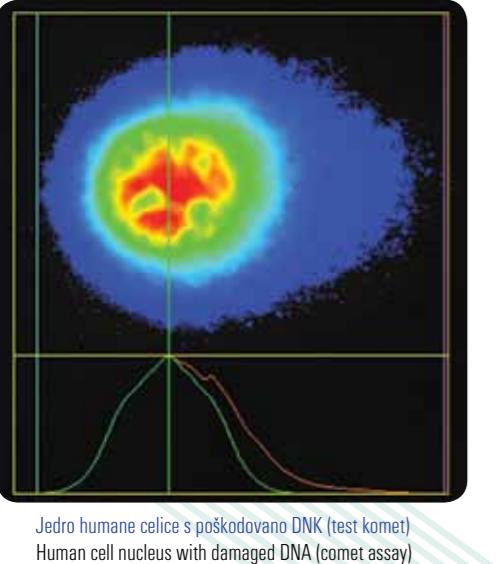
of action. This new knowledge contributes to the development of preventive and protective measures for reducing the impact of genotoxic environmental contaminants on humans and other organisms.

All these agents can cause cancer. The basic research in the field of cancer biology is focused on the mechanisms of cancer development, in particular on the role of proteolytic systems. Besides the tumour and tumour stem cells, it is important to investigate the tumor microenvironment and the so called stromal cells. Among them are also the tissue e.g. the mesenchymal stem cells. The aim of this research is to translate the basic research into clinical applications such as development of new diagnostic and prognostic markers of cancer development, development of therapeutic protease inhibitors, and development of novel medical application of stem cells such as diagnostics and novel drug delivery systems in regenerative medicine and cancer.

## RESEARCH PROGRAMME: P1-0245. "ECOTOXICOLOGY, TOXICOGENOMIC AND CARCINOGENESIS"

**Principal Investigator:** Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek

- In the field of ECOTOXICOLOGY we continued the studies of the influence of different cyanobacterial toxics on degradation of the blooms in axenic and nonaxenic conditions. We found that in axenic conditions cyanotoxins induce programmed cell death, whereas in non-axenic conditions in addition to programed cell death cyanophage mediated bloom degradation is triggered. The studies of the effects of cyanobacterial toxins on human tumour cell lines in comparsion to normal cells showed that in tumour cells they specifically affect organisation of intermediate filaments. These findings are the basis for further studies on potential use of these compounds as antitumour drugs.



- In the field of TOXICOGENOMIC we focused our studies on the mechanisms of genotoxic and potential carcinogenic activity of the cyanobacterial toxin cylindrospermopsin (CYN). The results indicate that CYN has higher genotoxic potential than microcystin-LR, which is currently considered as one of the most dangerous toxins.
- Our studies of the role of tumour microenvironment in cancer development showed that in indirect co-cultures the mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) from bone marrow inhibit GMB cells via key cytokine MCP1/CCL2, while in direct co-cultures we identified the effect was mediated by several genes regulating cell to cell contact that has not been published before. We also explore the quality and potential use of MSC for medical treatment and confirmed their relative safety as even after several passages they did not transform.
- In the frame of the studies of the genotoxicity of heterocyclic aromatic amines (HCA) and their complex mixtures in grilled meat we found that grilled meat extracts have higher genotoxic potential than pure HCA or their mixtures at the same concentrations. This means that the risk assessment for human health due to the consumption of grilled meat based on toxicological data for pure HCA might be underestimated.
- Our studies of potential cancer preventive activity of xanthohumol (XN) showed that it suppressed genotoxic activity of HCA via modulation of their metabolic transformation, favouring the detoxification pathway.
- With our studies of genotoxic potential of nanoparticles we were the first who showed higher cytotoxicity and genotoxicity of UV pre-irradiated anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> particles that was not particle size dependent, which should be taken into account in safety assessment of the use of nanomaterials.
- In the field of CARCINOGENESIS we developed new selective synthetic inhibitors and activity based probes of cathepsin L that may be potentially used in cancer research as well as for the development of therapeutic compounds.
- We also showed that arsenite (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), a cytotoxic therapeutic for leukemia, selectively inhibits CatB and induces autophagy and apoptosis in glioblastoma (GMB) cells, indicating new therapeutic application of arsenite.

## Glavni dosežki v letu 2011

### KOORDINATORSTVO EU PROJEKTA CYTOTHREAT

V letu 2011 se je pričelo izvajanje raziskovalnega projekta 7. Okvirnega programa CYTOTHREAT (Fate and Effects of Cytostatic Pharmaceuticals in the Environment and the Identification of Biomarkers for an Improved Risk Assessment on Environmental Exposure Collaborative Project), ki ga koordinira dr. Metka Filipič. Cilji projekta so ugotoviti pojavljanje in usodo

### COORDINATION OF INTERREG PROJECT SLOVENIA-ITALY

Contract signing and beginning of the project GLIOMA (Identification of new glioma biomarkers as potential diagnostic and therapeutic targets) coordinated by Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek. The project is part of the Slovenian – Italian onboard collaboration program 2007-2013. Its goals are improvement of competitiveness and social development that is based on knowledge with establishment of international network of hospitals and research centres in the field of biotechnology and oncology.

### PUBLICATION OF THE MANUAL CYANOBACTERIA AND THEIR TOXINS: WHAT ARE THEY, WHERE WE FIND THEM AND HOW THEY WORK?

In the series of manuals "Vse Živo", published by NIB Assoc prof. dr. Bojan Sedmak published a manual that informs the reader with the most recent knowledge related to the worldwide problematic of cyanobacteria occurrence. The manual is useful for environmentalists, fishermen, lay ecologists, students of different natural sciences, as well as for those involved in public health.

## Important Achievements in 2011

### COORDINATION OF THE EU PROJECT CYTOTHREAT

In 2011 the FP7 project CYTOTHREAT (Fate and effects of cytostatic pharmaceuticals in the environment and the identification of biomarkers for an improved risk assessment on environmental exposure Collaborative project), coordinated by Assoc prof. Metka Filipič has been initiated. The goals of the project are establishment of the occurrence and fate of cytostatic drug residues in the environment, their effect on aquatic organisms and humans and identification of early biomarkers of delayed effects of long-term exposure to environmental concentrations of these pollutants.

ostankov citotstatikov v okolju, razviti nove analitske metode za njihovo zaznavanje, ugotoviti njihov vpliv na vodne organizme in ljudi ter razviti zgodnje biomarkerje za zaznavanje in napovedovanje zakasnih učinkov pri dolgodobni izpostavljenosti okoljskim koncentracijam teh onesnažil.

### VODENJE IN KOORDINACIJA INTERREG PROJEKTA SLOVENIJA – ITALIJA

Sklenitev pogodb in pričetek izvajanja projekta GLIOMA (Določanje novih biomarkerjev možganskih tumorjev – gliomov za diagnozo in kot nove tarče zdravljenja), ki ga koordinira prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek. Projekt poteka v okviru programa čezmejnega sodelovanja Slovenija – Italija 2007-2013, njegov cilj pa je povečanje konkurenčnosti in razvoja družbe, ki temelji na znanju in predvideva oblikovanje mednarodnega omrežja, ki ga sestavljajo bolnišnice in raziskovalna središča, ki se ukvarjajo z uvajanjem biotehnologij na področju onkologije.

### IZDAJA PRIROČNIKA CIANOBakterije in njihovi TOKSINI : KDO SO, KJE JIH NAJDEMEO IN KAKO DELUJEJO?

V zbirkri priročnikov »Vse Živo«, ki jih izdaja NIB, je dr. Bojan Sedmak izdal priročnik, ki bralca seznanja z najnovejšimi dognanimi na področju problematike cianobakterij v svetovnem merilu. Priročnik je vsestransko uporaben za okoljevarstvenike, ribiče, amaterske ekologe, študente naravnoslovja različnih smeri, kakor tudi za tiste, ki se ukvarjajo z javnim zdravstvom.

### CERTIFIKAT ZA DOLOČANJE FITOPLANKTONSKIH VRST

Implementacija vodne direktive (EU, 2000) zahteva redno sledenje fitoplanktona, ki je pomemben pokazatelj kakovosti voda. Pridobili smo certifikat »External Quality Assessment Trials in Phytoplankton« (EQAT), ki ga vsaki dve leti za celotno Evropo podeljujeta »Landestalsperrenverwaltung des Freistaates Sachsen« (LTV) in The »Arbeitsgemeinschaft Trinkwassertalsperren e.V.« (ATT).

### PATENT

Urad za intelektualno lastnino RS nam je podelil patent za celični sistem za hitro zaznavanje in določanje genotoksičnosti kemikalij in drugih vzorcev. Vložen je tudi evropski patent.

### MLADA ZNANSTVENICA DOBINTICA KRKE NAGRADO IN NAGRADO NIB

Za potrebe naročnikov iz gospodarstva smo izvajali ekotoksikološka testiranja odpadnih vod (toksikološki test na zarodkih rib cerbic) in genotoksikološka testiranja novih substanc in proizvodov (bakterijski test povrtnih mutacij, *in vitro* indukcija mikrojeder in poškodb DNA).

### POSEBEN POMEN NAŠIH DEJAVNOSTI ZA DRŽAVO IN POLITIKO

Za potrebe Ministrstva za okolje in prostor RS izvajamo redno letno sledenje ekološke kakovosti rečnih in jezerskih voda. Pri tem je pomemben pridobljeni mednarodni certifikat za določanje fitoplanktonskih vrst.

## Sodelovanje z različnimi uporabniki

### UPORABNOST NAŠIH RAZISKAV IN POVEZAVE Z GOSPODARSTVOM

V okviru sodelovanja s podjetjem BIA d.o.o. v Ljubljani se pri nas izobražuje doktorska študentka na področju biologije raka.

Vzpostavili smo sodelovanje z Institutom za ekološki inženiring iz Maribora, ki se ukvarja z razvojem in projektiranjem čistilnih naprav, sistemov za pripravo pitne vode, odlagališči odpadkov ter presojo vplivov na okolje. Pri nas se na področju ekotoksiologije izobražuje pri njih zaposlena doktorska študentka.

V okviru Kompetenčnega centra za razvoj in inovacije – BRIN sodelujemo s podjetjem Vitiva d.o.o. iz Markovcev ki razvija dodatke živilom na osnovi naravnih učinkovin.

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### PATENT

The Office for Intellectual Property RS conferred to us the patent for cell system for rapid detection and determination of genotoxic chemicals and other samples. Also an European patent has been filed in.



Naslovna knjiga, dr. Bojan Sedmak: "Cianobakterije in njihovi toksiini"  
Cover of the book, Dr. Bojan Sedmak: "Cyanobacteria and Their Toxins"



Certifikat EQAT za določanje fitoplanktonskih vrst  
EQAT certificate for determination of phytoplankton species



Dobitnica Krke nagrade za posebne dosežke dr. Jana Petković  
Winner of KRKA award for significant research achievements  
dr. Jana Petković

### YOUNG SCIENTIST WINNER OF KRKA AND NIB AWARDS

The microbiologist dr. Jana Petković was in the frame of her doctor dissertation studying the mechanisms of genotoxic activity of titanium dioxide nanoparticles. For her thesis she won Krka award for significant research achievements and the award of NIB for an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of the research activities of the Institute.

## Collaboration with Various Users

### OUR RESEARCH APPLICATIONS AND COLLABORATION WITH COMMERCIAL ENTITIES

In the frame of the collaboration with the company BIA Ltd. from Ljubljana, a doctoral student is educated in the field of cancer research at our department.

We established the collaboration with the company Institute for ecologic engineering Ltd., from Maribor that develops and designs waste water treatment plants, systems for drinking water preparation, waste landfills and also conducts assessment of the environmental impacts of human activities. At our institute we are educating their doctoral student in the field of ecotoxicology.

In the competence center for biological research and innovation – BRIN we are collaborating with the company Vitiva Ltd from Markovci that develops food additives based on natural compounds.

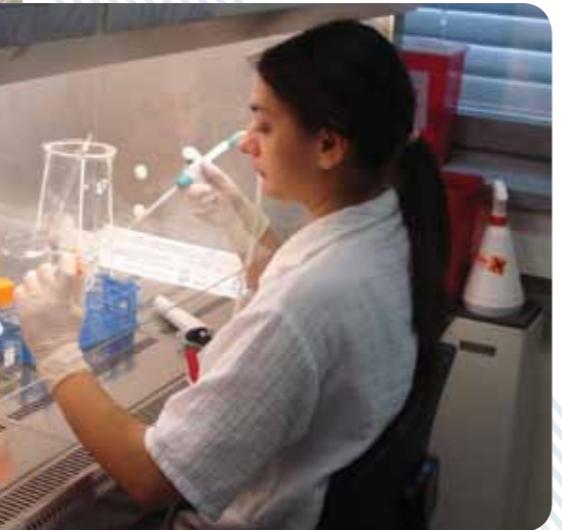
For different clients from industry we conduct ecotoxicological testings (zebratfish embryo toxicity test) of waste waters and genotoxicological testings (bacterial reverse mutation assay, *in vitro* micronucleus assay and comet assay) of new substances and products.



Vzorčenje cianobakterijskega cvetenja  
Sampling of cyanobacterial bloom



Delo v laboratoriju 1  
Laboratory work 1



Delo v laboratoriju 2  
Laboratory work 2

Za Upravo za zaščito in reševanje pri Ministrstvu za obrambo RS smo redno zadolženi za strokovno svetovanje in ukrepanje v primeru napada z orožji in sredstvi za množično uničevanje ter s klasičnimi terorističnimi sredstvi.

## Raziskovalna infrastruktura

Oddelek za genetsko toksikologijo in biologijo raka ima najsodobnejše opremljene laboratorije za celično biologijo, molekularno biologijo in biokemijo. Razpolaga z opremo za pretočno citometrijo, fluorescentno mikroskopijo, spektrofluorimetrijo, kvantitativno reverzno transkripcijo in verižno reakcijo s polimerazo v realnem času (QRT-PCR) ter ima dostop do konfokalne in elektronske mikroskopije. Skupaj z visoko usposobljenim raziskovalnim kadrom zagotavlja vrhunske raziskovalne rezultate in storitve.

## Mednarodno sodelovanje

Oddelek za genetsko toksikologijo in biologijo raka je v letu 2011 sodeloval s številnimi mednarodnimi partnerji. V okviru raziskovalnega projekta 7.OP CYROTHREAT formalno sodelujemo s partnerji iz petih evropskih držav. V okviru INTERREG projekta GLIOMA sodelujemo s partnerji iz sosednjih pokrajin Italije. Prek bilateralnih projektov sodelujemo s partnerji iz Brazilije na področju ekotoksinologije in biologije raka, Francije in Norveške na področju biologije raka, Madžarske na področju ekotoksikologije ter ZDA na področju nanotoksikologije.

Z namenom popularizacije znanosti smo v letu 2011 posneli oddajo v TV seriji *Ugriznimo znanost* na temo globalne problematike cianobakterijskega cvetenja (<http://tvslo.si/predvajaj/cianobakterije-oddaja-o-znanosti/ava2.118167561/>). O našem delu in pomembnih dosežkih obveščamo javnost tudi preko objavljanja poljudnih člankov za dnevni tisk in poljudno-znanstvene revije, intervjujev za različne medije ter poljudno znanstvenih predavanj na različnih simpozijih.

## Izobraževalne dejavnosti in promocija znanosti

Sodelavci Oddelka za genetsko toksikologijo in biologijo raka sodelujejo v študijskih programih Univerze v Ljubljani, Univerze v Novi Gorici, Univerze na Primorskem in Visoke šole za varstvo okolja Velenje. Kot predavatelji in mentorji smo vključeni tudi v delo Mednarodne podiplomske šole Jožef Stefan.

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## RELEVANCE OF OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE AND POLITICS

For the purposes of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning RS we are conducting regular monitoring of the ecological quality of surface waters. For this monitoring the obtained international certificate for determination of phytoplankton species is of particular importance.

In a long-term contract with the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief of the Ministry of Defense RS we are responsible for expert advice and action in a case of an attack with weapons for mass destruction or classical terroristic weapons.

## International Collaboration

In 2011 the Department for Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology collaborated with numerous international partners. In the frame of the FP7 project CYTO-THREAT we formally collaborate with partners from five European countries. In the frame of the INTERREG project GLIOMA we collaborate with partners from Italy. In bilateral projects we collaborate with partners from Brazil in the field of ecotoxinology and cancer biology, France and Norway in the field of cancer biology, Hungary in the field of ecotoxicology and USA in the field of nanotoxicology.

## Educational Activities and Promotion of Science

The Department for Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology has the most up-to-date equipped laboratories for cell biology, molecular biology and biochemistry. We have equipment for flow cytometry, fluorescence microscopy, spectrofluorometry, real time quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (QRT-PCR) as well as access to confocal and electron microscopy. Together with highly qualified research staff we guarantee excellent research results and services.

## Main Publications in 2011

### GENOTOXICITY AND POTENTIAL CARCINOGENICITY OF CYANOBACTERIAL TOXINS

In this review article prepared upon invitation of the editor of the prestigious Mutation Research-Reviews we presented current scientific knowledge on the genotoxic and carcinogenic potential of cyanobacterial toxins, particularly microcystin-LR, nodularin and cylindrospermopsin that are most often occurring in surface and drinking water. We also stressed out the major knowledge gaps and propose future research priorities.

ŽEGURA, Bojana, ŠTRASER, Alja, FILIPIČ, Metka. Genotoxicity and potential carcinogenicity of cyanobacterial toxins-a review. *Mutat. Res., Rev. Mutat. Res.*, 2011, vol. 727, issues 1-2, 16-41. doi: 10.1016/j.mrrev.2011.01.002. [JRC IF 8.741]

### PREIRRADIATION OF TiO<sub>2</sub> PARTICLES WITH UV POTENTIATES THEIR CYTOTOXIC AND GENOTOXIC POTENTIAL

In this study we have shown that cytotoxic and genotoxic potential of UV preirradiated TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase particles drastically increases, irrespective of the particle size. This is the first study, which showed that toxicity of TiO<sub>2</sub> particles remains increased also after the discontinuation of UV irradiation, which should be taken into account in the assessment of the safety.

## Najpomembnejše objave v 2011

### GENOTOKSIČNOST IN POTENCIJALNA KARCINOGENOST CIANOBAKTERIJSKIH TOKSINOV

V tem preglednem članku, ki smo ga pravili na povabilo urednika prestižne revije *Mutation Research-Reviews* smo predstavili trenutno poznavanje genotoksičnega in karcinogenega potenciala cianobakterijskih toksinov, predvsem mikrocistina-LR, nodularina in cilindrospermopsina, ki se najpogosteje pojavljajo v površinskih in pitnih vodah. Izpostavili smo pomembnejše vrzeli v poznavanju teh mehanizmov in predlagali usmeritve nadaljnjih raziskav.

ŽEGURA, Bojana, ŠTRASER, Alja, FILIPIČ, Metka. Genotoxicity and potential carcinogenicity of cyanobacterial toxins-a review. *Mutat. Res., Rev. Mutat. Res.*, 2011, vol. 727, issues 1-2, str. 16-41. doi: 10.1016/j.mrrev.2011.01.002. [JRC IF 8.741]

### PREDHODNO OBSEVANJE TIO<sub>2</sub> DELCEV Z UV POVEČA NJIHOV CITOTOKSIČNI IN GENOTOKSIČNI POTENCIJAL

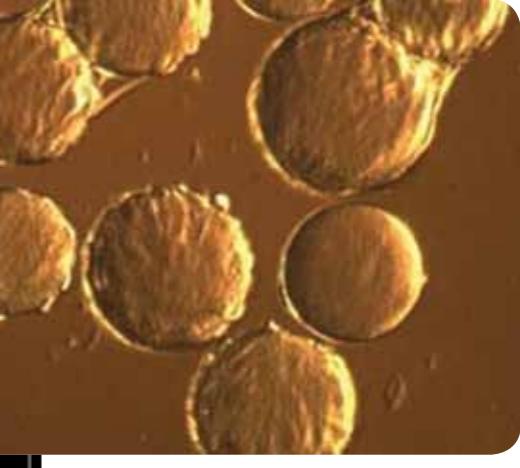
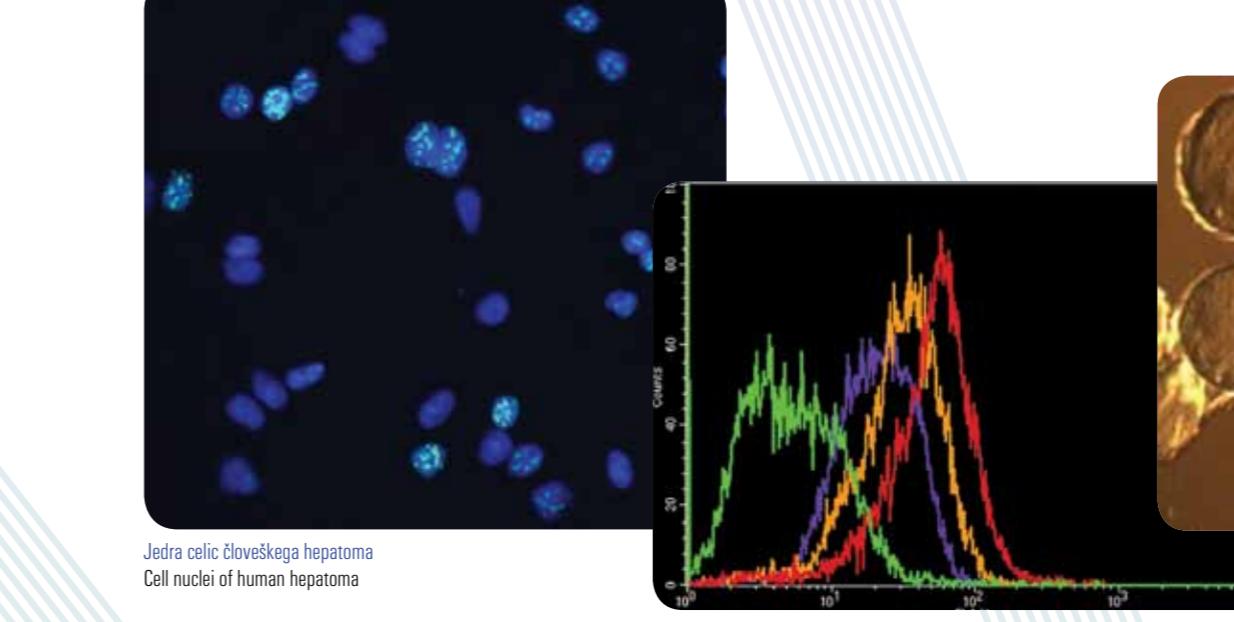
V tej raziskavi smo ugotovili, da se citotoksičnost in genotoksičnost z UV predobsevanimi delci titanijevega oksida drastično poveča ne glede na velikost delcev. To je prva študija, ki je pokazala, da se toksično delovanje delcev TiO<sub>2</sub> po obsevanju z UV poveča tudi po prenehanju obsevanja, kar bo potrebno upoštevati pri ocenjevanju varnosti njihove uporabe.

PETKOVIĆ, Jana, KÜZMA, Tadeja, RADE, Katja, NOVAK, Saša, FILIPIČ, Metka. Pre-irradiation of anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> particles with UV enhances their cytotoxic and genotoxic potential in human hepatoma HepG2 cells. *J. Hazard. Mater.*, 2011, vol. 196, str. 145-152. doi: 10.1016/j.jhazmat.2011.09.004. [JRC IF 3.723]

### RESVERATROL ZNIŽUJE INVAZIVNO RAST IN PRISPEVA K DEDIFERENCIACIJI ČLOVEŠKIH GLIOBLASTOMSKIH CELIC

Članek opisuje delovanje resveratrola, ki je sestavina grozdja in vina, na ustavitev celičnega cikla, zmanjšano gibeljivost in invazivnost rakavih glioblastomskeh celic ter pospeševanje trajnih morfoloških sprememb, ki vodijo v diferenciran, manj odporen fenotip. Dobljene ugotovitve podpirajo koristnost uporabe pulznega dodajanja resveratrola v kemoterapevtskih režimih zdravljenja gliomov.

CASTINO, Roberta, PUCER, Anja, VENERONI, Roberta, MORANI, Federica, PERACCHIO, Claudia, LAH TURNŠEK, Tamara, ISIDORO, Ciro. Resveratrol reduces the invasive growth and promotes the acquisition of a long-lasting differentiated phenotype in human glioblastoma cells. *J. Agric. Food Chem.*, 2011, vol. 59, no. 8, str. 4264-4272. doi: 10.1021/jf104917q. [JRC IF 2.816]



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### RESVERATROL REDUCES THE INVASIVE GROWTH AND PROMOTES THE ACQUISITION OF DIFFERENTIATED PHENOTYPE IN HUMAN GLIOBLASTOMA CELLS

This article describes the effect of resveratrol, that is present in grapes and wine, on cell cycle arrest, limiting migration and invasion of human glioblastoma cells and promoting long-lasting morphological changes reminiscent of a more mature phenotype. The findings support the introduction of pulsed administration of resveratrol in the chemotherapy regimen of glioma.

## RAZISKOVALNI PROGRAM, KI GA FINANCIRA JAVNA AGENCIJA ZA RAZISKOVALNO DEJAVNOST REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE RESEARCH PROGRAM FINANCED BY SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY

- Ekotoksiologija, toksikološka genomika in karcinogeniza / *Ecotoxicology, Toxicogenomic and Carcinogenesis* (P1-0245), vodja programa / *the research programme leader* prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek

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- Antikancerogeno delovanje bioaktivnih spojin cianobakterijskega izvora v napredovanju možganskih tumorjev-gliobastomov / *Anticarcinogenic Activity of Bioactive Compounds from Cyanobacterial Source in the Progression of Brain Tumours - Glioblastoma* (J1-0848), nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek.
- Uporaba mezenhimskevih izvornih celic za zdravljenje gliomov: ocena tveganja in uporabnosti mezenhimskevih izvornih celic iz popkovnične krvi za vnos terapevtikov na mesto tumorja / *Use of Mesenchymal Stem Cells to Target Gliomas: Risk Assessment and Evaluation of Umbilical Cord Blood-derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells as new Cellular Vectors for Therapy* (L1-0055), nosilka projekta/principal investigator dr. Irena Zajc.

## MEDNARODNI RAZISKOVALNI PROJEKTI INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- EU projekt 265264, CytoThreat, Učinki citostatikov v okolju in identifikacija biomarkerjev za izboljšanje motnje v endokrinem sistemu med postopkom čiščenja odpadnih vod / *Chemical and Biological Cycling of Endocrine Disrupting Compounds in Wastewater Treatment* (J1-0005), (NIB - prof. dr. Metka Filipič), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Apoptoza tumorskih celic kot tarča kemoterapevtikov / *Apoptosis of Tumor Cells as Therapeutic Target* (J1-2095), nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek.
- Molekularni mehanizmi sinergističnih in antagonističnih toksičnih učinkov heterocikličnih aminov v kombinaciji z bioaktivnimi prehranskimi onesnažili in naravnimi sestavinami / *Molecular Mechanisms of Synergistic and Antagonistic Toxic Effects of Heterocyclic Amines in Combination with Bioactive Dietary Contaminants and Natural Constituents* (J1-2054), nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Metka Filipič.

- Dvojna narava matičnih celic v raku in njihova uporaba v zdravljenju / *Dual Nature of Stem Cells in Cancer and Their Application in Therapy* (J1-4247), nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek.

- Hipotsična neaktivnost: implikacije za odpoved srca, pljučno insufisenco in prekomerno težo / *Hypoxic Inactivity: Implications for Heart Failure, Respiratory Insufficiency and Obesity* (L3-4328), (NIB - prof. dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek), pridruženi / joint partners.
- Strupene kovine in organokovinske spojine v kopenskem okolju / *Toxic Metals and Organometallic Compounds in the Terrestrial Environment* (J1-4140), (NIB - prof. dr. Metka Filipič), pridruženi / joint partners.
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- Priprava in validacija terapevtskih plazmidov brez selekcije gena za antibiotično rezistenco za gensko terapijo raka z inducibilnimi in tkivno specifičnimi promotorji / *Preparation and Validation of Therapeutic Plasmids without Selection Gene for Antibiotic Resistance for Cancer Gene Therapy Using Inducible and Tissue-Specific Promoters* (J3-4259), (NIB - prof. dr. Metka Filipič), pridruženi / joint partners.
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- BI-HU/10-11-008: Raziskave genotoksičnih učinkov fluoridnih snovi s komet testom po mikroinjeciranju zarodkov rib cebric / *Genotoxic Effects of Fluoride Compounds in Microinjected Zebrafish Embryos with the use of the Comet Assay*, nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Metka Filipič.
- BI-US/09-12-030: Genotoksični odzivi celic človeškega hepatoma HepG2 in drobnih epitelijskih celic dihal SEAC na izpostavljenosti nanodelcem titanijevega dioksida / *Genotoxic Responses of Human Hepatoma HepG2 and Small Airway Epithelial SEAC cells Exposed to Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticles*, nosilka projekta/principal investigator prof. dr. Metka Filipič.
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- KOLOŠA Katja, Federalna Univerza Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ); laboratorij LaNCE (skupina dr. Stevensa Rehen Kastrupa), 15.3.-19.5.2011, študijski obisk.
- TORKAR Ana, Inštitut CEA, Pariz, Francija Maj-Junij 2011 in September 2011, Raziskovalno delo v okviru bilateralnega sodelovanja s CEA Francija.
- PODERGAJS Neža, Univerza v Bergnu, Oddelek za biomedicino, Bergen, Norveška, 1.4.- 1.8. 2011; raziskovalno delo.

## OBISKI IZ TUJINE VISITORS FROM ABROAD

- prof. dr. Henning Ulrich, Departamento de Bioquímica, Instituto de Química, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Dr. Balázs Kovács, Szent Istvan University, Gödöllő, Madžarska, v okviru bilaterale z Madžarsko, 17. - 22. 10. 2011
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- FILIPIČ Metka: Članica programskega odbora Okolje (vključno s klimatskimi spremembami) 7. Okvirnega programa EU
- FILIPIČ Metka: Članica znanstvenega odbora za kontamine v prehranski verigi pri Evropski agenciji za varno hrano (EFSA).
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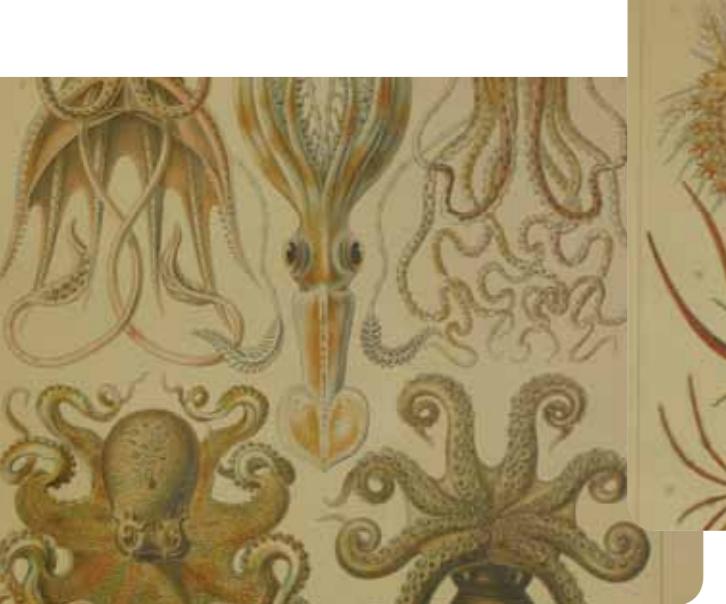
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Biološka knjižnica je specialna in visokošolska javno dostopna knjižnica. Delujemo v okviru Nacionalnega inštituta za biologijo in Oddelka za biologijo Biotehniške fakultete Univerze v Ljubljani ter se kot podpora in servisna služba vključujemo v raziskovalne in pedagoške dejavnosti obeh ustanov. Naši tipični uporabniki so raziskovalci, univerzitetni predavatelji in študentje s področja biologije in sorodnih ved. Na voljo pa smo tudi najširši javnosti (raziskovalcem in študentom drugih ved, novinarjem, prevajalcem...). Delujemo na dveh lokacijah: v Biološkem središču v Ljubljani in na Morski biološki postaji Piran na 595 m<sup>2</sup> s 67 čitalniškimi mesti.

V letu 2011 smo z nakupom, kot obvezni izvod, z izmenjavo publikacij ali z donacijami pridobili 317 knjig, 114 diplomskih, magistrskih in doktorskih del, 261 letnikov revij in 39 enot neknjižnega gradiva.

Trenutno je v knjižnici skupaj 77.810 enot knjižničnega gradiva. V to številko je všteta zbirka 44.021 znanstvenih in strokovnih knjig, ki so večinoma razdeljene med uporabnike, zbirka 3254 diplomskih,

magistrskih in doktorskih del študentov Oddelka za biologijo, 307 tekoče naročenih naslovov znanstvenih in strokovnih revij, ki se v glavnem v prostem pristopu hranijo v sami knjižnici in jih deloma nabavljamo s finančno pomočjo Javne agencije za raziskovalno dejavnost Republike Slovenije (ARRS) ter 1551 enot neknjižnega gradiva (zemljevidi, literatura na elektronskih medijih...). Polnopravni člani sistema Cobiss smo od leta 1992.

V letu 2011 smo v Biološki knjižnici nadaljevali v vnosom našega knjižničnega gradiva v sistem COBISS, kar služi potrebam gradnje knjižničnega kataloga in vodenju avtomatizirane izposoje. V letih 2011 smo na dom izposodili 11.023, v čitalnico pa 10.641 fizičnih enot gradiva.

Medknjižnična izposoja je storitev, ki uporabnikom omogoča naročanje in dostop do gradiva iz lokacijsko oddaljenih knjižnic.

Naši uporabniki lahko naročajo želeno gradivo iz drugih knjižnic, te pa lahko naše knjižnično gradivo naročajo pri nas. V letu 2011 smo tako naročili ali odpeljali skupaj 439 člankov, knjig in drugih dokumentov.

Obsežno področje našega dela je informacijska, referalna in referenčna dejavnost oz. posredovanje najrazličnejših informacij našim uporabnikom: po elektronski pošti, telefonu ali v osebnem stiku dnevno nudimo pomoč in podajamo odgovore na vprašanja o knjižničnem gradivu, iz vsebine knjižničnega gradiva, o uporabi servisov COBISS, o uporabi in načinu dostopa do elektronskih virov, o bibliografijah raziskovalcev, sistemu SICRIS...skratka o vseh področjih delovanja knjižnice. Svoje uporabnike obveščamo o novostih in jih sproti izobražujemo v samostojnem iskanju informacij po naši knjižnični zbirki in elektronskih informacijskih virih. V ta namen pripravljamo tudi zgibanke in letake za naše obiskovalce z navodili za uporabo posameznih segmentov ponudbe naše knjižnice.

Zelo obiskane so tudi naše spletne strani na <http://www.nib.si/knjiznica.html>.

The Biology Library is special (research) and academic library. We work for National Institute of Biology and Department of Biology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana like the support service. In this way the Library participates in all the functions, research and educational processes of both institutions. Our typical users are researchers, professors and students from the field of biology and related scientific fields. But we are also open to wide public (researchers and students from other scientific fields, journalists, translators...). The Library spreads out in two locations: in Ljubljana, The Biology Centre Building and in Piran, The Marine Biology Station on 595 m<sup>2</sup> of usable area with 67 places in reading room.

In 2011 the increase of our library collection was 317 monographs, 114 graduation theses, M. Sc. theses and doctoral dissertations, 261 volumens of scientific and professional journals and 39 units of non-book material by purchase, publication exchange, donations....

The Library holds over 77.810 scientific and professional books, graduation theses, M. Sc. theses, doctoral dissertations, scientific and professional journals and non-book material (maps, literature on DVDs, CD-ROMs...). Books are mainly distributed among users, but journals are archived in the Library. The purchase of serials is partially supported by Slovenian Research Agency.

We have been members of the COBISS system since 1992.

In 2011 one of our main tasks was entering information about monographs, serials and non-book materials in the Slovene union bibliographic database and catalogue COBIB/COBISS for the needs of Library catalog and computerized loan. In 2011 11.023 units of books, journals and non-book material was loaned to users' home and 10.641 to reading room.

Interlibrary loan is a service which enables ordering and access to literature from other and remote libraries. Our users can order materials from other libraries and those can order materials in our Library. In 2011 we were ordering or sending 439 articles, books and other documents.

A extensive part of our work is the collection and distribution of information: we enable our users to ask questions and receive answers daily about all fields of our work by e-mail, telephone or in personal contact. We inform staff and students about the use and information searching in library collection and electronic information sources. For this purpose we prepare leaflets with instructions for our users.

Our web site (<http://www.nib.si/index.php/knjiznica.html>) is also visited very well.

In cooperation with libraries of the main Slovenian institutes and four Sloveian universities we established an information website about open access in Slovenia. (<http://www.openaccess.si/>).

V letu 2011 smo skupaj s knjižnicami največjih slovenskih inštitutov in štirih slovenskih univerz sodelovali pri vzpostavitvi informativnega spletnega mesta o odprttem dostopu v Sloveniji Openaccess Slovenia (<http://www.openaccess.si/>).

V sodelovanju z Inštitutom za biomedicinsko informatiko Medicinske fakultete univerze v Ljubljani sproti dopolnjujemo bibliografske podatke naših raziskovalcev v nacionalni bibliografski zbirki Biomedicina slovenica in kot bibliografije raziskovalcev v sistemu Cobiss. Tako smo v letu 2011 v sistem COBISS vnesli preko 1400 bibliografskih zapisov naših raziskovalcev.

Z Osrednjim specializiranim informacijskim centrom za naravoslovje (OSIC N), Osrednjim specializiranim informacijskim centrom za biotehniko (OSIC BF) in Inštitutom informacijskih znanosti (IZUM) sodelujemo pri vrednotenju raziskovalne uspešnosti posameznikov in raziskovalnih skupin na osnovi njihovih bibliografij raziskovalcev v sistemu SICRIS.

Skupaj z ostalimi knjižnicami Biotehniške fakultete gradimo Digitalno knjižnico Biotehniške fakultete, v kateri objavljamo diplomska, magistrska in doktorska dela naših študentov v polnem besedilu. Trenutno zbirka vsebuje 201 digitalnih dokumentov.

V letu 2011 smo uvedli nov način oblikovanega pregledovanja diplomskih, magistrskih ali doktorskih del študentov Oddelka za biologijo: pred vezavo naloga natančno pregledamo in študentu predložimo pisni seznam zahtevanih popravkov v skladu z veljavnimi pravili Biotehniške fakultete.

S številnimi slovenskimi in tujimi knjižnicami ter drugimi ustanovami sodelujemo v dolgoletni izmenjavi njihovih publikacij za revije **Acta Biologica Slovenica** (nekdanji Biološki vestnik), **Natura Sloveniae** in **Anthropological Notebooks**. Seznam naših partnerjev se iz leta v leto podaljšuje. Naše revije tako trenutno pošiljamo že na 193 naslovov po vsem svetu, v Biološko knjižnico pa po tej poti tekoče prejemamo 264 različnih naslovov revij in drugih publikacij.

V letu 2011 smo v stavbi Kazine v centru Ljubljane uredili in opremili prostor za novo skladišče starejše literature in tja preselili izbrane in še aktualne zbirke iz stare lokacije skladišča.

In cooperation with Institute of Biomedical Informatics of the Medical faculty, University of Ljubljana we keep the bibliography of publications of all the researchers employed in the National Institute of Biology and the Department of Biology in database Biomedicina slovenica and COBISS system. In 2011 for this purpose we were entering more than 1400 bibliographical records in COBISS system.

In cooperation with Central Specialised Information Center for Life Sciences, Ljubljana (OSIC N), Central Specialised Information Center for Biotechnical Sciences, Ljubljana (OSIC BF) and Institute of Information Science (IZUM), Maribor in the database of Slovenian Current Research Information System (SICRIS) the evaluation of scientific efficiency of individual researchers and research teams is entered.

Together with other Biotechnical Faculty Libraries we keep the Digital Library of Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana with full text graduation theses, M. Sc. theses and doctoral dissertations of our students. Now 201 digital documents are in the database.

In 2011 we introduced the new way of form checking of graduation theses, M. Sc. theses and doctoral dissertations of students of Department of Biology.

The Library has had exchange partners in Slovenia and abroad for our serials *Acta Biologica Slovenica* (formerly *Biološki vestnik*), *Natura Sloveniae* and *Anthropological Notebooks* for many years. The number of our exchange partners is increasing year by year. In 2011 our serials were sending on 193 addresses all over the world. In this way we were currently receiving 264 titles of magazines and other literature.

In the center of Ljubljana (Kazina building) we established a new storage for older but also actual scientific library collection.

# Seznam zaposlenih v letu 2011

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MILAVEC MOJCA	FITO
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STARE TJAŠA	FITO
STOPAR KATJA	MBP
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