



FAREWELL TO ZORANA SEDLAR

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The grievous year of 2020 will, regrettably, be etched still deeper into our memories for our last farewell with co-worker and friend Zorana Sedlar. She commenced her employment in our Museum in 2016 as trainee curator in the Botanical department. As a person with wide knowledge, a fund of good will, deft hands, always ready to help and to heed others, unselfish, good company, full of ideas and plans, she quickly accommodated to the new working environment and to professional museum work.

About Zorana's work in her previous post, in the Botanical Department of the Faculty of Science in Zagreb, her former colleagues have already written (Alegro, *Journal of the Croatian Botanical Society*, 2020; *Acta Botanica Croatica*, 2021); we shall refer here to the too few years that she spent in our Museum.

From the very moment she began to work in the Croatian Natural History Museum, Zorana, an already formed scientist and expert, became deeply involved in the regular activities of the botanical department, in collecting and determining plants for the Herbarium and in the digitalisation of the Herbarium. She advanced to the rank of curator thanks to the professional paper "Re-evaluation of the Bo-



Plants prepared with silica gel for the exhibition *Why the Bee is More Important than the Human*

tanical Collections of the Croatian Natural History Museum” in June 2018. Under the aegis of museum projects, she worked on the study of the flora and vegetation in Plitvice Lakes NP, Risnjak NP, NATURA 2000 sites of Vejalnica and Krč, Žumberak – Samobor Hills Nature Park, the Barać Cave Important Landscape, on the island of Pag, and never ceased her researches into her favourite terrain, that of the island of Molat. She was part of the team that devised and set up the exhibitions *Why the Bee is More Important than the Human*, and *Gramina Hungarica de Degen or what we would do without grass*. In accordance with her many interests, and wishing to familiarise the general public with plants, for the purposes of the exhibitions she developed the technique of preparing plants with silica gel. She loved conveying to others her love for botany and plants, and took part in numerous educational museum workshops. She was a member of the State Commission for the Biology Competition, and took part in the international scientific education programme known as GLOBE (Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment). Unfortunately, she left behind her many still ongoing projects and plans, scientific, professional and popular. Here we include an excerpt of her work through the appended bibliography.

Right down to the end we shared with Zorana a belief in a positive outcome of her struggle. She was optimistic and strong for all of us. To the great grief of her family and all who knew Zorana, we lost her. But as she told us in the song with which we bade her farewell – *You’ve gotta get up and try, try, try...* We shall always remember her.

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