

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Croatian Botanical Symposium with international participation held in 2022 in Zagreb (Croatia)

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Croatian Botanical Symposium (CBS) is traditionally organized by Croatian Botanical Society (HBoD) and regularly held every three years since 2004. So far, the CBS took place mostly in Zagreb (four times), but was also held in Murter, Split and Primošten. The usual three-year dynamic was kept even through pandemic times; therefore, the latest 7<sup>th</sup> edition was held in September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in hotel Dubrovnik in the very centre of the capital. The Head of the Organizing Committee was Vedran Šegota, PhD, president of HBoD, while the Head of the Scientific Committee was Nina Vuković, PhD, secretary of HBoD.



The programme included two days of presentations and a field excursion to Northern Velebit National Park. The presentations consisted of oral and

poster presentations and were held during 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. Oral presentations were organized in four sections:

1. Botanical Gardens, Collections and Libraries
2. Evolution, Taxonomy and Phylogeny
3. Flora and Biogeography
4. Vegetation and Ecology

As a part of the third section, a Round-table on plant phylogeography of the Balkan Peninsula was organized, with an introductory lecture followed by a discussion.

The CBS also hosted two book presentations. On the first day, the participants were introduced to the book about botanical nomenclature with etymological dictionary by T. Nikolić (*Osnove botaničke nomenklature*). On the second day, an ethnobotanical book about indigenous plants of the island Zlarin by M. Viculin, M. Randić, Ž. Šatović, D. Dučak, Z. Liber, S. Bogdanović, Z. Šatović (*Tustopizde u izobilju – kurcoglava ni za lijek: Samoniklo bilje otoka Zlarina*) was presented.

On the last day of presentations, the programme ended with botanical poetry by Maja Maslač Mikulec.

The Symposium gathered altogether 209 authors from 13 countries (Croatia, BiH, Slovenia, Serbia, Italy, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Montenegro, Estonia, Slovakia, Portugal and Spain) who participated with four keynote lectures, 22 oral presentations and 51 posters.



The third day of the conference was reserved for the field excursion, organized in Northern Velebit National Park and guided by Professor Antun Alegro and Professor Sandro Bogdanović, where the participants could learn about the typical vegetation of this mountain area and enjoy natural landscapes. The excursion started in Krasno, where the participants could look around the Visitor's centre Kuća Velebita (House of Velebit) equipped with educational material describing the natural richness of the area, followed by the botanical walk from Zavižan following the famous Premužić trail. After the field part, the participants were brought

again to Krasno, to end the trip with the taste of the traditional cuisine at a local family restaurant.

Abstracts of all presentations are printed in the Book of Abstract (editors Nina Vuković and Vedran Šegota) and a digital version is available on the website of the Croatian Botanical Society (<https://www.hbod.hr/prosli-kongresi/>).

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