

The 10th Conference of European Committee for Conservation of Bryophytes (ECCB) held in 2022 in Zagreb (Croatia)

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European Committee for Conservation of Bryophytes (ECCB) was established in 1990 in Uppsala (Sweden). The committee aims to provide a link between bryologists involved in conservation of bryophytes in different countries and identify priorities for bryophyte conservation throughout Europe and Macaronesia. Additional goals are to increase publicity about threatened bryophytes and support relevant conservation authorities and those involved in the conservation of the flora and natural resources to act to conserve bryophytes and encourage the study of bryophytes, particularly in areas which are poorly known.

The Committee has organised nine conferences so far, latest two in Budapest (Hungary) in 2012 and in Bečići (Montenegro) in 2016. The 10th conference was supposed to be held in 2020 in Zagreb (Croatia), but it was postponed twice due to Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions. The possibility of an online conference was not accepted by the Committee Board, because it was concluded that personal contacts and common excursions are the most important part of ECCB conferences.

Consequently, the conference was held from 24 to 27 May 2022 in Zagreb, organized by the Croatian Botanical Society and with support of the Botanical garden and Department of Biology

(Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb). The Head of the Organizing and Scientific Committee was prof. Antun Alegro from the Faculty of Zagreb, a vice-president of Croatian Botanical Society.



First two conference days were reserved for oral and poster presentation in the old pavilion of the Botanical garden in the city centre. All together 118 authors from 26 countries (Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine and United Kingdom) participated with 41 oral and poster presentations.



On the third day of the conference the participants visited Risnjak National Park in the Gorski Kotar Region, where they were able to observe the bryophyte flora of the beech and spruce forests along the Horvat's Trail (Horvatova staza) from Bijela Vodica to the mountain lodge on Risnjak. After the climbing, the participants had chance to enjoy in local food specialities in the Hotel Risnjak in Delnice.

The last day of the conference an excursion to the Plitvice Lakes National Park was organised. The participants had opportunity for a long walk around the lakes and to see the bryoflora of the

famous tufa waterfalls and cascades. The excursion ended with a local food at the Big Bear Plitvice Nature Resort in Vrhovinsko Polje. Abstracts of all presentations are printed in the Book of Abstract (editors Antun Alegro and Anja Rimac) and digital version is accessible on the website of the Croatian Botanical Society (www.hbod.hr).

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