

Dear all,

I am glad to present third issue of our journal for year 2008 which is dedicated to Professor Juraj Kolombatović, renowned Croatian natural scientist, according to the celebration of 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. He was a professor of mathematics at Split Senior Secondary School and acknowledged and self-educated natural scientist who, with his research on land and marine vertebrates, become a permanently established figure in the milieu of Croatian and international scientific community. Prof. Kolombatović was the most successful in his ichthyologic research, the field in which he discovered and described 7 new fish species: (4 gobiid species) Kolombatović's goby *Chromogobius zebratus* (Kolombatović, 1891), Liechtenstein's goby *Corcyrogobius liechtensteini* (Kolombatović, 1891), *Millerigobius macrocephalus* (Kolombatović, 1891), large-scaled goby *Thorogobius macrolepis* (Kolombatović, 1891), (3 blenniid species) *Parablennius zvonimiri* (Kolombatović, 1892), *Lipophrys adriaticus* (Steindachner & Kolombatović, 1883) and *Lipophrys dalmatinus* (Steindachner & Kolombatović, 1883). He furthermore discovered and described a new lizard species *Dinarolacerta mosorensis* (Kolombatović, 1886).

I sincerely hope that with this contribution we have succeeded in our aim of renewing of the memory of Prof. Kolombatović and expressed our gratitude to this great biologist known worldwide.

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Sincerely,

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