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# An overview of the project activities during the second project period (1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

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HrZZ METABIOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting Zagreb, May 2022

## **Changes to project team**

### 2. New associates



### 1. Associates that left the project

Dr. Nesrete Krasnići – professional assisstant



Zoran Kiralj, mag. biol. exp. – PhD student on the project

Tomislav Kralj, mag. oecol. et prot. nat. – PhD student



Ivana Karamatić, grad. eng. of food techn. – professional assisstant



## **Field activities**



Sampling sites at the Mrežnica River:

 reference site (REF), Duga Resa factory (DRF) and Karlovac industrial zone (Mala Švarča) (KIZ)

### Bioindicator organisms:

- fish northern pike (Esox lucius) at REF and DRF
- bivalves (Unio crassus) at REF and KIZ



#### Sampling dates:

- spring sampling: 22-23 April, 1 May 2021 (fish, water and sediments), 6 June 2021 (bivalves)
- autumn sampling: 22-23 September 2021 (fish, water and sediments), 3 October 2021 (bivalves)

#### In situ analyses:

- physico-chemical parameters of river-water by portable probes
- general fish health assessment





## Laboratory analyses

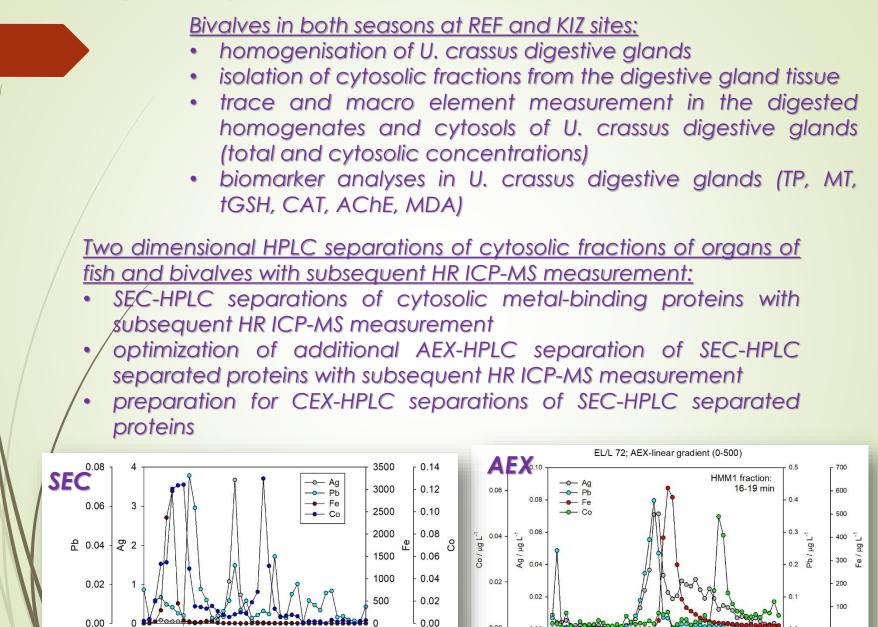
#### Water and sediment in both seasons at all three sites:

- physico-chemical parameters and nutrients in water
- dissolved trace and macro elements in water
- trace and macro elements in sediments
- grain size distribution in sediments
- + particulate trace and macro elements in water
- + screening for organic contaminants in water

#### Fish in both seasons at REF and DRF sites:

- bacteriological, virological and parasitological analyses on northern pike
- histological examination of northern pike liver
- hómogenisation of northern pike liver
- isolation of cytosolic fractions from the hepatic tissue
- trace and macro element measurement in the digested homogenates and cytosols of fish liver (total and cytosolic concentrations)
- biomarker analyses in fish liver (TP, MT, tGSH, CAT, AChE, MDA)
- trace and macro element measurement in the digested fish muscles (total concentrations)
- + biomarker analyses in fish muscles (TP, tGSH, AChE, MDA)

### Laboratory analyses



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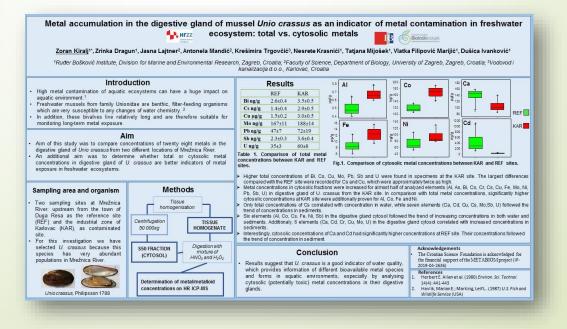
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1. International Conference of Trace Elements and Minerals (ICTEM21; online meeting)

2-6 August 2021 Aachen, Germany

1. <u>Kiralj, Z.</u>, Dragun, Z., Lajtner, J., Mandić, A., Trgovčić, K., Krasnići, N., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Ivanković, D., 2021. **Metal** accumulation in the digestive gland of mussel Unio crassus as an indicator of metal contamination in freshwater ecosystems: total vs. cytosolic metals. (poster presentation)





2. 6<sup>th</sup> Croatian Congress of Toxicology with international participation (CROTOX 2020)

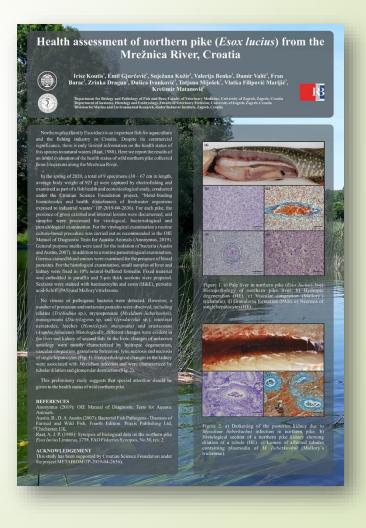
3-6 October 2021 Rabac, Croatia

- <u>Dragun, Z.</u>, Fiket, Ž., Stipaničev, D., Repec, S., Šoštarić Vulić, Z., Ivanković, D., Krasnići, N., Filipović Marijić, V., Mijošek, T., Barac, F., Valić, D., 2021. Characterization of the water and sediment quality of the lower course of the Mrežnica River: the effect of long-term historical contamination. (poster presentation)
- <u>Dragun, Z.</u>, Krasnići, N., Valić, D., Barac, F., Ivanković, D., Fiket, Ž., Filipović Marijić, V., Mijošek, T., Matanović, K., Kužir, S., Gjurčević, E., 2021. Bioaccumulation and intracellular distribution of trace elements in the liver of northern pike (Esox lucius L., 1758) from the Mrežnica River: THE METABIOM PROJECT. (poster presentation)
- <u>Ivanković, D.</u>, Mandić, A., Krasnići, N., Lajtner, J., Trgovčić, K., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Dragun, Z., 2021. Comparison of metal accumulation, intracellular metal distribution and metal-binding biomolecules in the digestive gland of two freshwater bivalve species from the Mrežnica River. (poster presentation)

3. 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress "Veterinary Science and Profession" (VSP2021; online meeting)

#### 9 October 2021 Zagreb, Croatia

1. <u>Koutis, I.</u>, Gjurčević, E., Kužir, S., Benko, V., Valić, D., Barac, F., Dragun, Z., Ivanković, D., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Matanović, K., 2021. Health assessment of northern pike (Esox lucius) from the Mrežnica River, Croatia. (poster presentation)



4. 21<sup>st</sup> European Meeting on Environmental Chemistry (EMEC21) 30 November - 3 December 2021 Novi Sad, Serbia

 <u>Mijošek, T.</u>, Ivanković, D., Kiralj, Z., Cvitanović, M., Valić, D., Barac, F., Filipović Marijić, V., Gjurčević, E., Matanović, K., Kužir, S., Dragun, Z., 2021. Multibiomarker responses in the liver of the northern pike (E. lucius) from the Mrežnica River as an indication of water contamination. (poster presentation)

<u>Kiralj, Z.</u>, Dragun, Z., Krasnići, N., Lajtner, J., Trgovčić, K., Mijošek, T., Mandić, A., Filipović Marijić, V., Valić, D., Ivanković, D., 2021. Deeper insight into the metallome of the digestive glands of Unio crassus mussels at different metal exposures: Distribution of metals among cytosolic biomolecules. (poster presentation)



5. Scientific school on the environment 2021 at Institute Ruđer Bošković (online meeting)

### 7-10 December 2021 Zagreb, Croatia

1. <u>Kiralj, Z.</u>, Dragun, Z., Lučić, M., Lajtner, J., Trgovčić, K., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Valić, D., Fiket, Ž., Ivanković, D., 2021. Assessment of heavy metals contamination in water and biota of the Mrežnica River. (oral presentation).



6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Online ACE Seminar on Chemistry and the Environment Led by Early-Career Scientists: Environmental Chemistry Towards Global Change – CHEM2CHANGE

15-16 March 2022

1. <u>Kralj, T.</u>, Stipaničev, D., Repec, S., Barac, F., Kiralj, Z., Ivanković, D., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Valić, D., Dragun, Z., 2022. Assessment of drug contamination of Mrežnica River water in Croatig during COVID pandemic (2020-2021). (oral presentation)



7. 6<sup>th</sup> PhD Student Symposium at Faculty of Science

23-24 April 2022 Zagreb, Croatia

1. <u>Kiralj, Z.</u>, Dragun, Z., Krasnići, N., Mandić, A., Lajtner, J., Trgovčić, K., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Valić, D., Ivanković, D., 2022. Differences in the subcellular distribution of the toxic metals Ag and Cd in the digestive glands of three mussel species from the family Unionidae. (oral presentation)

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### 8. SETAC Europe 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

1. <u>Kiralj, Z.</u>, Dragun, Z., Lajtner, J., Trgovčić, K., Mijošek, T., Filipović Marijić, V., Valić, D., Ivanković, D., 2022. **Analysis of molecular biomarkers in the digestive glands of Unio crassus as a useful tool for assessing pollution of aquatic ecosystems: a study in the Mrežnica River (Croatia).** (poster presentation)

#### 15-19 May 2022 Copenhagen, Denmark









### The award for the best poster presentation



<u>Dr. Tatjana Mijošek</u> was awarded by Princ Sultan Bin Abdulaziz for the best poster presentation, titled:

"Multiobiomarker responses in the liver of the northern pike (E. lucius) from the Mrežnica River as an indication of water contamination."

She was presented with the award at 21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Environmental Chemistry in Novi Sad.

### Scientific papers

#### 1. Journal of Fish Diseases - published

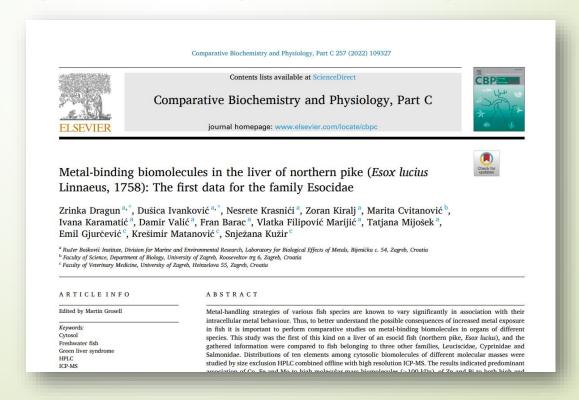
Bekavać, A., Beck, A., Dragičević, P., Dragun, Z., Maguire, I., Ivanković, D., Fiket, Ž., Gračan, R., Hudina, S., 2021. Disturbance in invasion? Idiopatic necrotising hepatopancreatitis in the signal crayfish Pacifastacus Ieniusculus (Dana, 1852) in Croatia. Journal od Fish Diseases, 00:1-16.

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## Scientific papers

2. Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology Part C -Toxicology and Pharmacology – published

Dragun, Z., Ivanković, D., Krasnići, N., Kiralj, Z., Cvitanović, M., Karamatić, I., Valić, D., Barac, F., Filipović Marijić, V., Mijošek, T., Gjurčević, E., Matanović, K., Kužir, S., 2022. Metal-binding biomolecules in the liver of northern pike (Esox lucius Linnaeus, 1758): the first data for the family Esocidae. Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology Part C - Toxicology and Pharmacology, 257:109327.

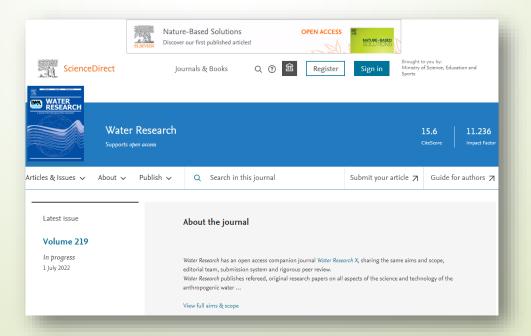


### Scientific papers

#### 3. Water Research – in preparation

Dragun, Z., Stipaničev, D., Fiket, Ž., Lučić, M., Udiković Kolić, N., Puljko, A., Repec, S., Šoštarić Vulić, Z., Čerkez, T., Ivanković, D., Krasnići, N., Filipović Marijić, V., Mijošek, T., Barac, F., Kiralj, Z., Kralj, T., Valić, D., (2022) Yesterday's contamination – a problem of today? The case study of discontinued historical contamination of the Mrežnica River. Water Research, in preparation.

#### Submission – by the end of June 2022



## **Graduation theses**

### 1. Toni Čerkez

- graduate programme of Environmental Sciences Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
- supervisors: prof. dr. Gordana Medunić and assist. prof. dr. Željka Fiket
- title: Geochemical characteristics of water and sediment of the Mrežnica River
- date of defense: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### 2. Antonela Mandić

- graduate programme of Environmental Sciences Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
- supervisors: dr. Dušica Ivanković and assoc. prof. dr. Jasna Lajtner
- title: Accumulation and intracellular distribution of metals in the digestive glands of two freshwater bivalve species from the Mrežnica River
- date of defense: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

## **Graduation theses**

### 3. Lucija Runje

 integrated undergraduate/graduate program in veterinary medicine

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb

- supervisors: assist. prof. dr. Krešimir Matanović and assoc. prof. dr. Jasna Lajtner
- title: Investigation of frequency of trematodes of the genus Aspidogaster in freshwater fish and molluscs
- date of defense: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### 4. Ema Omrčen

- graduate programme of Environmental Sciences Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
- supervisors: dr. Dušica Ivanković and assoc. prof. dr. Jasna Lajtner
- title: Biomarker responses and accumulation of metals in the muscles of northern pike (Esox lucius) from the Mrežnica River as indicators of water pollution
- in progress

## **Graduation theses**

### 5. Marita Cvitanović

- graduate programme of Environmental Sciences Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
- supervisors: dr. Zrinka Dragun and assoc. prof. dr. Jasna Lajtner
- title: Impact of environmental exposure and physiological factors on metal bioaccumulation in the liver of northern pike (Esox lucius)
- <u>in progress</u>



## **Other activities - dissemination**

Lecture at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ljubljana held by prof. dr. Snježana Kužir



Lecture at Science Festival 2022 in Čabar held by dr. Damir Valić

DSVRTI, Kem, Ind. 71 [3-4] [2022] 248-255 Biomolekule koje vežu metale Z. Dragun,\* D. Ivanković\*\* i D. Valić\*\*\* Institut Ruđer Bošković i zdravstveni poremećaji kod Bijenička 54 slatkovodnih organizama izloženih industrijskom otpadu (METABIOM) Šifra: IP-2019-04-2636 Prijavitelj: Institut Ruder Bošković Partneri: Veterinarski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu; Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu; Kemijski fakultet Sveučilišta u Oviedu, Španjolska inanciranja: Hrvatska zaklada za znanos piekta METABIOM primii Jatovna je zamisao projekta ME IABIUM primjeniu metaiomiku području kolišnih istraživanja u Hivatskoj. Znanstvena discipila a metalaomike razvijena je početkom 2.1. stoljeća s ciljem uvođe-ja sustavnog i opešenog pristuga zučavanju metala ili metaloida biološkom kontekstu (Lobinski i sur., 2010.). Primjena načela netalomike u razvjetljavanju sudbine metala u klivima i stani-ama akvatičnih organizama, poput riba i školjkaša, još uvijek je m svijeta, U skladu s tim, cili je pr HPIC tehnika ( ske i kationske izmjene) u kombinaciji raspodjele metala među citosolskim b zličitih veličina i naboja za dva bioindikatorska organizma: štuki

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 Short review on METABIOM project in the journal Chemistry in Industry

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