



# BIOTOXMET PROJECT

## final overview

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*Ruđer Bošković Institute*

THIRD MEETING

Integrated evaluation of aquatic organism responses to metal exposure:  
gene expression, bioavailability, toxicity and biomarker responses  
(BIOTOXMET)

Zagreb, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# Conferences

Participation at around 40 conferences 12.2020-2.2025



# Workshops / scholarships

**“10th Acanthocephalan Workshop”  
Dijon, France 2021  
Merida, Mexico 2024**

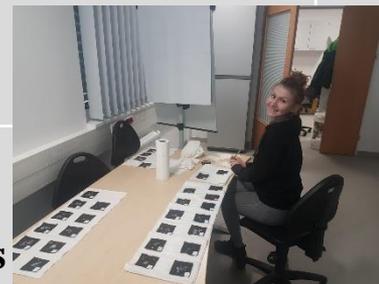


**Team member**

**V. Filipović  
Marijić  
S. Šariri**

**CEEPUS scholarship for one month visit in Austria  
(project collaborators from the Univ. of Vienna and  
Univ. of Leoben) – practice on LA ICP-MS**

**IRB programme resources - for one month visit in Slovenia  
(Mojca Bavcon Kralj, Faculty of Health Sciences, University  
of Ljubljana) – practice related to microplastics investigations**



**S. Šariri**

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**Scholarship programme of the City of Zagreb – EMEC 2023 conference  
Workshop „How to increase the visibility  
of your investigation?”**

**S. Šariri  
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M. Kuštro  
V. Filipović  
Marijić  
S. Šariri**

**COST action scholarship CA20101 PRIORITY (Plastics  
monitoRING detectiOn RemedIaTion recoverY) for the  
workshop Recent Trends in Microplastic Research - Jena**



# Practical workshops

Participation at around 25 practical workshops 12.2020-2.2025

**Jasika- Sample preparation and techniques of molecular spectroscopy**



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I. Karamatić  
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**Statistical workshops**

**MS Users Meeting - MASS WITH US**



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I. Karamatić  
D. Ivanković

Z. Dragun  
M. Kuštro

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**ERASMUS DAYS**

**Agilent Microplastics Meeting**

**Doručak s mikroplastikom, IMI**



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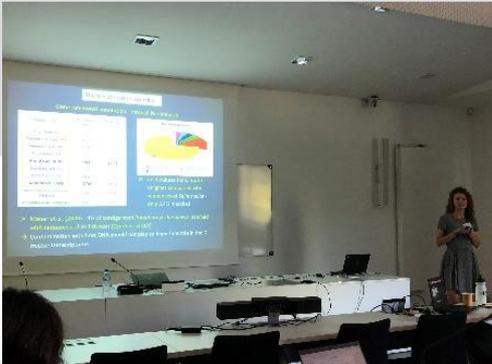
# Webinars

## Participation on around 20 webinars 12.2020-2.2025

	<b>Team member</b>
<b>Novogene:</b> <b>A Beginner's Guide to RNA-seq</b> <b>Introducing NovoMagic – Novogene's Online RNA-seq Bioinformatics Analysis Tool</b> <b>A Beginner's Guide to Next Generation Sequencing: Principles &amp; Recent Developments</b>	I. Vardić smrzlić S. Šariri V. Filipović Marijić
<b>„Ažurirajte svoj Scopus autorski profil – korak po korak upute”</b>	S. Šariri
<b>„How to overcome stage fright and become a communication artist?”</b>	V. Filipović Marijić
<b>„Introduction to R” (Data Camp)</b>	S. Šariri
<b>Early stage researchers retreat (project „ALLIANCE4LIFEACTIONS”)</b>	S. Šariri
<b>HPLC-Beginner Webinar Series</b>	S. Šariri I. Karamatić T. Mijošek M. Kuštro



# Rewards

	Team member
<p><b>“Young Climate Professionals”</b> (S. Šariri was awarded among other EU students for her project proposal on microplastics within the Erasmus+ 2022/2023 programme)</p> <p><b>CIVICS/HUB project: Understanding microplastics in our waters</b></p>	<p>S. Šariri</p>  A photograph showing three individuals standing in front of a wall covered with posters. The person on the left is a man in a dark hoodie, the middle is a woman in a light-colored top, and the right is a woman in a dark top. They are all holding white certificates or awards.
<p><b>Best oral presentation at the 11th ISE Satellite Student Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry</b></p>	<p>S. Šariri</p>  A photograph of two women standing on a stage next to a large projection screen. The screen displays a presentation slide with the text 'Fakultet kemije, prirodnih i matematičkih znanosti Sveučilište Zagreb' and a list of names: '1. ANJA ŠARIRI', '2. SANDA HADŽIĆ', and '3. KATJERKA'. The women are holding certificates.
<p><b>“10th Acanthocephalan Workshop”</b> (S. Šariri was chosen for student reward, which included registration fees)</p>	<p>S. Šariri</p>  A photograph of a woman standing at the front of a lecture hall, presenting to an audience. A large projection screen behind her displays a presentation slide with a pie chart and text. The room is dimly lit, and the audience is seated at tables.



# Student laboratory practices and supervisions

## Student laboratory practices

**Antonia Jelena Lučev**

University of Split, University Department of Marine Studies

1. 3. – 22. 3. 2021.

**Amalia Brkić**

University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Biology

15. 3. – 19. 5. 2021.

**Camille Boucaud  
(ERASMUS)**

France, Catholic University of Lyon (UCLY), Biology

7. 4. - 6. 8. 2021.

**Dubravka Tavra – MSc thesis**

**Marija Kuštro – MSc thesis**

University of Zagreb, Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology

2023.



## Team member

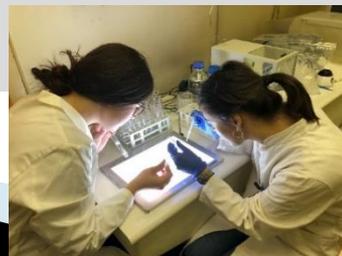
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V. Filipović  
Marijić  
T. Kralj



# Student laboratory practices and supervisions

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<p><b>Yasir Al Marsoomi</b> (ERASMUS) Ghent, Belgium</p>		<p>V. Filipović Marijić S. Šariri</p>
<p><b>Amalia Brkić</b> MSc Degree University of Zagreb, Department of Biology</p>		<p>Ž. Cvetković</p>
<p><b>Magdalena Litrčić</b> University of Zagreb, Department of Biology</p>		<p>V. Filipović Marijić T. Mijošek S. Šariri</p>
<p><b>Nela Košić</b> University of Zagreb, Department of Biology</p>		<p>V. Filipović Marijić</p>
<p><b>Marta Pinčić</b>, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology</p>		<p>V. Filipović Marijić S. Šariri</p>

# Student laboratory practices and supervisions

**SAID MAHAMOUD Souban**  
(ERASMUS)  
Ghent, Belgium

**Barbara Barušić**  
MSc Degree – in progress  
University of Zagreb, Faculty of Chemical Engineering and  
Technology

**Dora Katarina Kovač**  
Laboratory practice - volunteer

**Lara Vereecke**  
(ERASMUS)  
Ghent, Belgium



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# Popularisation of science



## Team member

### Open Days of the Ruđer Bošković Institute (ODI 2022)- „Environment”



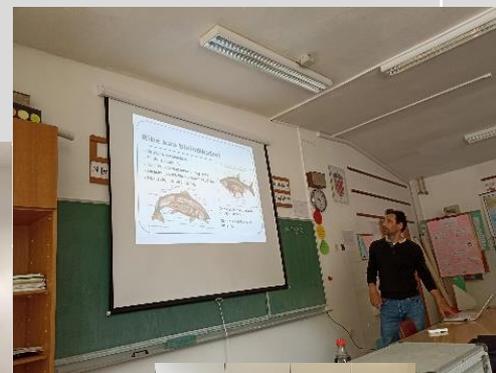
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### Scientific Picnic 2022., Gornja Stubica



### Scientific Festival in Čabar

### Science in the passage



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### Career Day (professional orientation for highschool students, 2023, 2024)



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# Invited lectures/ organising committees

		Team member
Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology – lectures for students		Z. Redžović V. Filipović Marijić
XVI Rotifer meeting – keynote speaker		V. Filipović Marijić
14th Croatian Biological Congress with international participation – organising committee		V. Filipović Marijić
PhD Student Symposium 2022, 2023 – organising committee		S. Šariri
SOBS 2023 – organising committee		T. Mijošek
ODI 2022 – organising committee		T. Mijošek V. Filipović Marijić
13th ISE Satellite Student Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry – president of the organising committee		S. Šariri



# Media

**HRT**  
**Documentary „Smeće i ja”**



**Liberta.hr**  
**Web prilog**



**Regionalni.hr**  
**Web prilog**

**IRB web and Facebook**  
**Best oral presentation 11th ISE**  
**Young Climate Professionals award**  
**Popularisation – ODI 2022, Children’s Festival in Šibenik, Science in the passage, Scientific Picnic**  
**Project Understanding microplastics in our waters**



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# New collaborations within the project

		Team member
<p><b>German-Croatian bilateral project</b> <b>ExpoMetAc</b> (continuation of collaboration within the new HRZZ project PlastOrgAnoTox)</p>		V. Filipović Marijić I. Vardić Smrzlić T. Mijošek S. Šariri
<p><b>Serbo-Croatian bilateral project – still waiting for the results of the call</b></p>		I. Vardić Smrzlić T. Mijošek S. Šariri
<p><b>Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology</b> (continuation of collaboration within the new HRZZ project PlastOrgAnoTox)</p>		Z. Redžović V. Filipović Marijić M. Kuštro
<p><b>Veleučilište Knin</b></p>		V. Filipović Marijić
		



# Publications

Šariri, S., Valić, D., Kralj, T., Cvetković, Ž., Mijošek, T., Redžović, Z., Karamatić, I., Filipović Marijić, V. Long-term and seasonal trends of water parameters in the karst riverine catchment and general literature overview based on CiteSpace, Environmental science and pollution research, 31 (2024), 3; 3887-3901. doi: 10.1007/s11356-023-31418-3.

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Vlatka Filipović Marijić, Tatjana Mijošek, Sara Šariri: Što skriva krška ljepotica Krka? Liberta.hr, 20.06.2023.

Vardić Smrzlić, Irena; Čolić, Barbara; Kapetanović, Damir; Šariri, Sara; Mijošek, Tatjana; Filipović Marijić, Vlatka: Phylogeny and genetic variability of Rotifer's closest relatives Acanthocephala: an example from Croatia // Hydrobiologia, 851 (2023), 2845-2860

Mijošek, Tatjana; Kljaković Gašpić, Zorana; Kralj, Tomislav; Valić, Damir; Redžović, Zuzana; Šariri, Sara; Karamatić, Ivana; Filipović Marijić, Vlatka: Spatial and temporal variability of dissolved metal(loid)s in water of the karst ecosystem: consequences of long-term exposure to wastewaters // Environmental technology & innovation, 32 (2023), 103254, 12



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Filipović Marijić, Vlatka ; Mijošek, Tatjana ; Dragun, Zrinka ; Retzmann, Anika ; Zitek, Andreas ; Prohaska, Thomas ; Bačić, Niko ; Redžović, Zuzana ; Grgić, Ivana ; Krasnići, Nesrete et al. Application of Calcified Structures in Fish as Indicators of Metal Exposure in Freshwater Ecosystems // *Environments*, 9 (2022), 2; 14, 16

Filipović Marijić, Vlatka ; Sara Šariri; Mijošek Pavin, Tatjana. Integrirana procjena odgovora akvatičkih organizama na izloženost metalima: ekspresija gena, bioraspoloživost, toksičnost i biomarkerski odgovori (BIOTOXMET). *Kem. Ind.* 73 (11-12) (2024) 497–504

1 paper under review (Scientific Reports) and 2 papers sent to journals (*Journal of Contaminant Hydrology*, *Aquatic Toxicology*)



# New equipment

- boat for the fish sampling
- boat engine
- incubator
- light table
- centrifuge
- adaptor for spectrophotometer
- freezer +4°C/-20°C
- ice maker
- spectrophotometer (Tecan Infinite)
- homogenizer (ultra-turax)
- teflon paste for homogenizing in eppendorf tubes
- PC and monitors
- digester



# Other activities

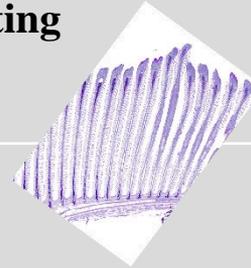


**Team member**

**Competition for the cover photo of the SOBS meeting**

T. Kralj

**HRZZ competition for the best scientific photo**



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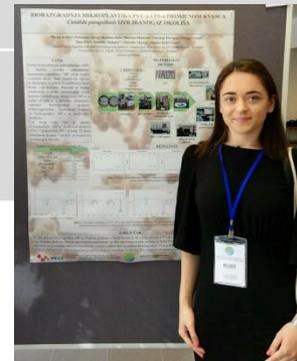
**Project photo selected as a cover photo of the Abstract Book of Znanstvena škola**



T. Mijošek  
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**Successfully finished doctoral thesis**

**HRZZ PhD students**



S. Šariri  
M. Kuštro







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