

Project Update: November 2011

During the first 4 project months, field research activities were conducted, where plenty of fungi species were collected. Due to the arid summer, most of the species were collected during October and early November 2011. Approximately 1,000 specimens were collected, about 700 of which were different species, 16 of which are new for Macedonia. IFA criteria have been developed based on presence of rare and threatened species, richness, and mycological significance of the habitat. It has been established that 15 areas meet the said criteria for nomination of Important Fungus Areas, and over 350 species have been selected for the Red List in compliance with IUCN criteria. Both the former and the latter activities will be supplemented in springtime, when field research will resume. An input of the new results has been made in the fungi database and exsiccates of the new finds have been deposited at the National Collection of Fungi.



Left: *Campanella caesia*, Right: *Hygrocybe turunda*.