

## Project Update – October 2016

During the period from August to the end of September 2016, we have implemented several important project activities.

- **Field and research activities:** Investigation and sampling material, accompanied by collection of valuable data at the river bank of Bregava (two field surveys in August 2016 near city of Stolac, Mediterranean part of country). Inventories of Pezizales in the mountain Igman in mid-August 2016, and Nišići at the end of same month. Continuation of the field activities on the Trstionica river bank in September 2016. Investigation of the rivers Janj and Pliva and area around virgin forest Janj near city of Šipovo in the second half of September 2016, and a couple of field researches in the area around city of Olovo in the central part of the country. At the beginning of October 2016 we have collected some fimicolous Pezizales on the Visočica Mountain and finished with field activities for this two and a half month period. It is very important to highlight the fact that among numerous species of Pezizales found, we have managed to register a couple of quite rare ascomycetes in the worldwide scale. All this information will be published in the scientific paper that will be published or at least in the review process till end of project. Microscopic analysis and examination had been done for all of the collected material.
- **Printing promotional material:** We have printed tri-fold brochures emphasizing ecological importance of Pezizales in the nature in general - we explained main features and characteristics of Pezizales too, and presented main project activities and project goals. Brochures will be distributed to the relevant stakeholders. We have printed scientific poster with currently known data about Pezizales in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the presentation purposes.
- **Educational activities:** We have taken a part in the European Researchers' Night 2016 (Sarajevo, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016) and presented our project among other activities in the Amateur Mycological Association. The number of visitors exceeded our expectation. We distributed new project flyers (tri-fold brochures) for all interested visitors, displayed scientific poster and banner about project activities and the importance of Pezizales in general, gave a few project t-shirt to kids, and gave an opportunity for many kids to look through the microscope and to see amazing ascospores of some “pezizalean” fungi. In the winter time period we will continue with implementation of educational part of the project (presentations in the school and at college).
- **Media and social media activities:**  
Throughout certain web portals and websites we have introduced public with some of the most relevant and significant Pezizales we have found in the National Park Sutjeska. Center for Environment from Banja Luka launched this web media campaign (please see links below).
  1. <http://www.klix.ba/lifestyle/carstvo-gljiva-rariteti-i-nove-vrste-nacionalnog-parka-sutjeska/160728102>

2. <http://www.atvbl.com/carstvo-gljiva-u-nacionalnom-parku-sutjeska-foto/>
3. <http://impulsportal.net/index.php/vijesti/4832-carstvo-gljiva-rariteti-i-nove-vrste-nacionalnog-parka-sutjeska-foto>
4. <http://www.radiosarajevo.ba/metromahala teme/ima-i-raritetnih-vrsta-nacionalni-park-sutjeska-je-carstvo-gljiva/233399>

We continued with our almost daily activity via our facebook page and our official website in order to raise awareness among local community and within relevant stakeholder group.

On our web site we have put public registration form for submission of all relevant Pezizales findings - [http://www.mycobh.com/prijava\\_nalaza/](http://www.mycobh.com/prijava_nalaza/)



River Bregava and surrounding vegetation (photo: Smiljan Tomić)



Fimicolous species - *Ascobolus immersus* Pers.



*Helvella crispa* (Scop.) Fr.



Project banner at Researchers' Night



at Researchers' Night – Stand of Amateur Mycological Association



Researchers' Night – T-shirt for some of  
the young visitors

Researchers' Night - visitors looking  
through microscope



Source of the river Pliva