

Project Update: February 2018

Building a museum collection: legacy for the next generation

In Serbia, only one very old (from 1929) spider collection exists. Since it was lost in storage for a quite some time it's in a very bad condition and is not available to researchers or students. That means it could not be used as an educational tool and comparative collection. During this project lots of different spiders were collected, so we prepared a new collection that could be used by anyone having an interest in Serbian spiders. This is an important legacy for future generations.

The new museum collection has 120 spider species (385 individuals, 219 males, 166 females). This zoological wet collection was built according to general recommendations. Specimens were placed in glass vials filled with 70% ethanol, closed with a permeable material (cotton). The vials were placed in a larger glass jar filled with the same fluid. Labels were placed inside jars and vials, facing out for visibility. Additional written documentation about the collected species was included, e.g. the scientific name, locality, habitat, gender, and other data in the form required by the Museum. Photo documentation was also obtained and it will be uploaded to the facebook page of the museum and Paukovi Srbije, as soon as Museum catalogues our donation.



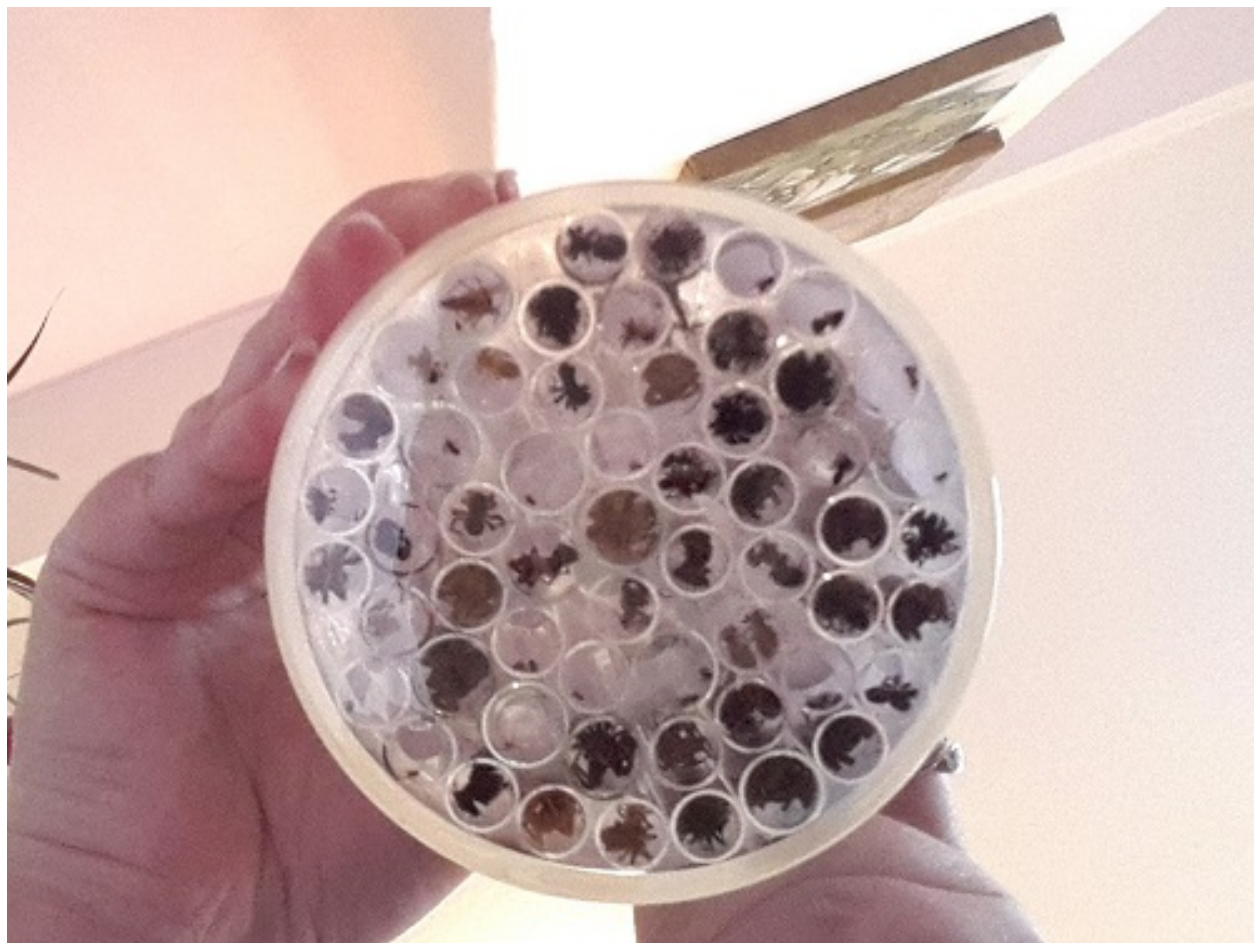


Photo1. The new spider Museum collection with 120 spider species placed at the Natural History Museum, Belgrade, Serbia