

## Project Update: November 2017

### Description of event:

Spiders are usually associated with various myths and superstitions that make them an unpopular group of animals. We decided to establish THE SPIDER DAY for popularisation purpose. It was a day dedicated to spiders only, with popular lectures, workshops, exhibitions, and all kinds of activities that could help increase their popularity. The larger number of potential arachnologists appeared together with nature lovers. It was organised on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017, in the The Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province. The programme was for adults and children. For adults, there were some popular lectures, as well as a photo and art exhibition. The experts gave lectures. Ambros Haenggji talk about dangerous love in spider world; Olivera Vukovic presented first arachnophobia research results in Serbia; Luka Katusic talked about vegetarian spiders, Igor Gajic about social spiders, and Igor Idjusi presented spiders as symbols in different countries through the centuries. The amphitheatre was full. After the lectures, there was a cocktail party with food and cookies special design for this event.



Photo A, B, C, D – program for adults with logo of the event The Spider day.

For children, workshops and competitions were organised. The mosaic and graphic art from The Vocational School of Design “Bogdan Šuput”, Novi Sad were exhibited as were the drawings of primary school children “Petefi Sandor”. Photo exhibition was also provided. These were work of professional nature lovers.

Local media were present. Photos from the event were uploaded to the spider website and Facebook page. Please see the album at Facebook page Paukovi Srbije or click on link:

<https://www.facebook.com/paukovisrbije/photos/a.1874423236204390.1073741837.1600094226970627/1874423272871053/?type=3&theater>

Popularity and public awareness are sometimes crucial in developing conservation measures. Creating this special event, people will start to care, observe and I hope finally even to protect.

Hopefully, this will become a traditional event that will make spiders more friendly animal.

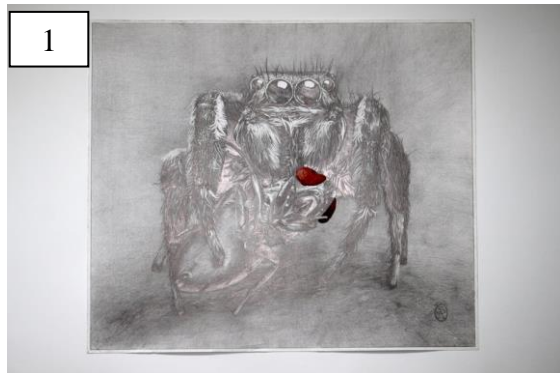


Photo 1, 2, 3, 4 – programme for children with workshops and exhibitions at the event The Spider day.



Cocktail food and drink – specially designed for the event The Spider Day