

Project Update: December 2019.

Our partner organisation BID "Josif Pancic" from Belgrade, at this year's Science Festival, had a show called "Where the Serpent hid its legs". The setting was inspired by myths and legends present in the local folklore and are about wildlife. The main inspiration for this setting was the publication "Wild Animals and Folk Beliefs in Serbia", which was created under my previous RSG (22238-2). The setting consisted of two elements: one was devoted to Hermanns' tortoises and why they are endangered, but also to the problem of the red-eared turtle (*Trachemys scripta elegans*), which has become a serious problem as an allochthonous and invasive species in Serbia. The second element was directed generally to popular and folk beliefs, and the visitors were able to learn about wildlife beliefs and misconceptions by undertaking a knowledge quiz.

<https://festivalnauke.org/Program/Beogradski-sajam/Gde-je-zmija-sakrila-noge>



The colleagues from BID "Josif Pancic" from Belgrade – Belgrade Science Fest

Presentations at the universities of Serbia were held in October and November 2019. With the promotion of universities, the number of applicants for micro grants has increased. It turns out that this type of grant promotion is far better than online promotion, which led us to think that for future activities it may be better to invite volunteers from different cities personally. The presentations were held in collaboration

with other recipients of Rufford Small Grants, namely Miloš Popović, Aca Djurdjević and Dimitrija Savić Zdravković. Four mini conferences were organised at the universities of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Kragujevac and Niš. We would like to thank the organisations that made these presentations possible: BID Josif Pančić and the Faculty of Biology in Belgrade, EID Mladen Karaman and the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics from Kragujevac, NIDSBE Josif Pančić and the Faculty of Sciences in Novi Sad and BS "Dr Sava Petrović" and Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics from Niš.

<https://www.facebook.com/1636864726329387/photos/pcb.3010329332316246/3010316222317557/?type=3&theater&ifg=1>

We organised an education campaign for students of 12 primary and secondary schools in Nis, Leskovac, Grdelica, Kladovo, Babusnica, Pirot, Belgrade and Vranje.



In addition, besides the project brochures and publications, we also distributed calendars for 2020 to schools.

