

## Project Update: April 2010

Fieldwork research in Ogulin area, as a part of this project, was conducted during September 2009. During this research, scenes for educational and promotional film were made by speleologists and cave divers. A great number of photographs presenting endemic cave fauna, speleothems and cave passages were made, which will be used at the permanent exhibition at the Ogulin Local History Museum.

Collected data, photographs and filmed scenes from Ogulin caves were presented to the local primary and secondary school pupils through nine educational workshops during October 2009. Pupils and their teachers showed great interest in presented topics. An open lecture "Natura 2000 Region – What Does It Mean?" was held in November 2009 in Ogulin. As well as the citizens of Ogulin and its surroundings, the Deputy Major was also present at the open lecture as representative of local government. Future support of the town for biospeleological and speleological research was one of the topics in discussion followed after the open lecture.

Laboratory research of collected specimens of cave fauna and data are still under way. There are again some very interesting findings of endemic cave animals which show us the great biodiversity of underground fauna in Ogulin area. The full results of laboratory research are yet to come.



Left: A new species of aquatic isopod of genus *Monolistra* in Ogulin area. ©B. Jalzic.  
Right: Lake in cave Zagorska pec. ©K. Miculinic.