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September 19-20, 2024, Kragujevac, Serbia

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# PROGRAMME

## Day 1 – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- 08:30 – 10:00 **Participants registration and posters mounting**
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Opening ceremony**
- 10:15 – 11:00 PL1 **Béla Gyurcsik**  
University of Szeged, Department of Molecular and Analytical  
Chemistry, Szeged, Hungary  
**Environmental effects on enzyme efficiency involved in  
bacterial defence systems**  
*Plenary/FEBS3+ Lecture*
- 11:00 – 11:30 IL1 **Jelica Milošević**  
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Chemistry, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Peptide inhibitors of amyloid aggregation**  
*Invited lecture*
- 11:30 – 12:15 **Coffee Break**
- 12:15 – 12:45 IL2 **Ana Obradović**  
University of Kragujevac Faculty of Science, Department of Biolog  
and Ecology, Kragujevac, Serbia  
**Hydantoin derivatives: Harnessing antitumor potential  
and immunomodulation**  
*Invited lecture*
- 12:45 – 13:15 IL3 **Suzana Stanisavljević**  
Institute for Biological Research “Siniša Stanković”, University of  
Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Transcription factor NRF2 as a key modulator of  
immune response**  
*Invited lecture*
- 13:15 – 13:30 OP1 **Maja Krstić Ristivojević**  
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Chemistry, Department of  
Biochemistry, Centre of Excellence for Molecular Food Sciences,  
Belgrade, Serbia  
**Interaction of beef meat extract proteins and  
microplastics in simulated gastrointestinal conditions**  
*Oral presentation*
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Poster Session 1 and 2 & Lunch break**

- 15:00 – 15:30 IL4 **Nikola Stojanović**  
University of Niš, Faculty of Medicine, Niš, Serbia  
**Neuroinflammation in schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders**  
*Invited lecture*
- 15:30 – 15:45 OP2 **Milica Markelić**  
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Biology, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Protective effects of H<sub>2</sub>S donors against injury of endocrine pancreas in diabetic mice include antiferroptotic action**  
*Oral presentation*
- 15:45 – 16:00 OP3 **Olgica Stefanović**  
University of Kragujevac Faculty of Science, Department of Biology and Ecology, Kragujevac, Serbia  
**Plant-derived metabolites affect different stages of biofilm formation of pathogenic bacteria**  
*Oral presentation*
- 16:00 – 16:15 OP4 **Nemanja Živanović**  
University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Environmental Protection, Novi Sad, Serbia  
**Rose oil distillation wastewater as a new source of pharmacologically active compounds**  
*Oral presentation*
- 19:00 – 24:00 *Conference dinner*

## **Day 2 – Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- 08:30 – 10:00 **Participants registration and posters mounting**
- 10:00 – 10:45 PL2 **Manfred Jung**  
University of Freiburg, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Freiburg, Germany  
**Chemical epigenetics - modulators of reversible lysine acetylation and methylation**  
*Plenary Lecture*
- 10:45 – 11:15 IL5 **Jelena Munjas**  
University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Gene expression of lipid transporters in peripheral blood mononuclear cells in pregnant women: A longitudinal study**  
*Invited lecture*
- 11:15 – 12:00 *Coffee Break*

- 12:00 – 12:30 IL6 **Dragana Robajac**  
 University of Belgrade - Institute for the Application of Nuclear Energy,  
 Belgrade, Serbia  
**Glycans in health and disease**  
*Invited lecture*
- 12:30 – 13:00 IL7 **Marija Lesjak**  
 University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Chemistry,  
 Biochemistry and Environmental Protection, Novi Sad, Serbia  
**The influence of plant-based food on the bioavailability  
 of iron**  
*Invited lecture*
- 13:00 – 13:15 OP5 **Edhem Hasković**  
 University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology,  
 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**Effect of trioxohydroxytetrafluoroborate on  
 haematological parameters *in vivo***  
*Oral presentation*
- 13:15 – 14:45 ***Poster Session 3 and 4 & Lunch break***
- 14:45 – 15:15 IL8 **Marko Stojanović**  
 University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine, Department of  
 Pharmacology, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Unlocking the potential: Harnessing biomarkers  
 commonly used in clinical practice to predict  
 complications and outcomes in febrile neutropenia**  
*Invited lecture*
- 15:15 – 15:30 OP6 **Darko Mihaljica**  
 University of Belgrade, Institute for Medical Research, National  
 Institute of Republic of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Preliminary characterization of putative tick cement  
 protein PA107 – implications for possible applications  
 in biomedicine**  
*Oral presentation*
- 15:30 – 15:45 OP7 **Nenad M. Zlatić**  
 University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Science, Department of Biolog  
 and Ecology, Kragujevac, Serbia  
**Secondary metabolites and biological activity of  
*Teucrium montanum* L. (Lamiaceae)**  
*Oral presentation*
- 16:00 – 16:15 ***Poster and oral presentation awards and closing ceremony***

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**Bermet wine polyphenolics as modulators of lipase activity *in vitro***

P216 Ivana Ivelja  
**Hepatotoxic effects of perfluorooctanoic acid on female Swiss mice**

*Poster Session 2*

P201 Jelena Purać  
**Molecular insights into aging in honey bees: RNA-Seq analysis of winter worker bees across different age groups**

P202 Jelena Radović  
**Investigation of the effect of algal chromopeptides on the activity of the SARS-CoV-2 main protease Mpro**

P203 Jelena Spremo  
**Evaluation of vitellogenin content in worker honey bees (*Apis mellifera* L.) during ageing**

P204 Jovana Jagodić  
**Exploring trace elements in adrenal tissues: New insights into Cushing's syndrome**

P205 Jovana Matic  
**Interactions of 2-thiohydantoin derivatives with DNA and human serum albumin as a part of their cytotoxic activity against human breast adenocarcinoma**

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**Diagnostic significance of miR-146a, miR-21 and miR-155 from PBMCs in gestational diabetes**

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**Bioactivity profiling of wine from Vojvodina: Antioxidant potential of Bermet wine**

P208 Marija Marin  
**Potential biological activity of the aqueous extract of *Fumana bonapartei* Maire et Petitm. from the serpentine substrate of the Rogozna mountain**

P209 Marija Novaković  
**Antioxidative potential of *Quercus pericarp***

P210 Marija Opačić  
**Long-term low-level exposure to perfluorooctanoic acid affects the survival of human endothelial cells *in vitro***

P211 Marija Paunović  
**Impact of aromatase inhibitor therapy on plasma phospholipid profiles in women with breast cancer**

P212 Marija Stanišić  
**Immobilization of chemically modified glucose-oxidase by biomineralization in ZIF-8**

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## **Diagnostic significance of miR-146a, miR-21 and miR-155 from PBMCs in gestational diabetes**

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MicroRNA-based mechanisms are heavily dysregulated in disorders of glucose metabolism, including gestational diabetes (GDM) and its common successor, type 2 diabetes mellitus. Since oxidative stress (OS) and the interconnected low-level inflammation (IFM) accompany GDM and the associated pregnancy complications, we selected known OS/IFM-related microRNAs as candidates for a study on biomarker properties in GDM. The aim of the conducted research was to evaluate the diagnostic and prognostic significance of miR-146a-5p, miR-155-5p and miR-21-5p from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), as well as their potential as indicators of glucose and lipid status in the second/early third pregnancy trimester. PBMCs were extracted from peripheral blood samples obtained from 45 women diagnosed with GDM and 45 healthy normoglycaemic pregnant controls (pregnancy weeks 24-30). Relative quantification of miR-146a-5p, miR-155 and miR-21-5p was conducted by quantitative real-time PCR after a reverse transcription step that utilized stem-loop primers. A significant increase in the level of expression of miR-146a-5p and miR-21-5p was observed in GDM patients, compared to normoglycaemic controls ( $p=0.009$  and  $p=0.003$ , respectively). Expression of both miR-155-5p and miR-21-5p demonstrated positive correlation with the values of anthropometric characteristics of the newborn of GDM patients, while for miR-146a an opposite direction of correlation was found in controls. However, the expression of these microRNAs did not associate with the later pregnancy or neonatal complications. MiR-146a-5p further proved indicative of the insulin resistance and iron status in GDM patients. The presented results illustrate the potential of OS/IFM-related microRNAs from PBMCs to serve as novel biomarkers in GDM.

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