
PREFACE

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honor and pleasure to welcome you at the IX Conference “Diversity in Biochemistry”, in Belgrade, Serbia.

After organization of eight successful one-day conferences, the Serbian Biochemical Society made a step forward by organizing a three-day Conference with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technological Development, Republic of Serbia, and the Provincial Secretariat for higher education and scientific research, Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. Several faculties and research institutes joined their forces to organize this conference: University of Belgrade (Faculty of Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine, Institute for biological research Siniša Stanković, Institute for Applied Nuclear Energy, Vinča Institute of Nuclear Science, Institute for Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy, Institute for Multidisciplinary Research), Innovation Centre – Faculty of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, University of Kragujevac, and Faculty of Sciences, University of Niš.

We believe the IX Conference will be a successful gathering of molecular life scientists from Serbia and colleagues from the region. The scientific program will be headed by the plenary lecturer Snežana Đorđević, and the FEBS National Lecturer Dejana Mokranjac and 14 invited lecturers. The spirit of FEBS3+ meetings is highlighted by invited lecturers from Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, and

Serbia. Reflection on the FEBS activities will be presented by Jerka Dumić, Working Group on Integration, Ferhan Sagin, Working Group on Education, and Irene Diaz Moreno, Working Group on Carriers of Young Scientists. We believe that the Conference will provide an opportunity to showcase our latest results, find new and inspiring ideas and to establish novel collaborations.

The special issue of *Biologia Serbica* covers mini-reviews written by plenary and invited lecturers that address various aspects of molecular life sciences, particularly related to biochemistry and molecular biology. We would like to thank prof. Željko Popović, Managing Editor of the Journal and the whole Editorial board.

We would also like to thank all members of the Scientific and the Organizing Committee for their efforts to make this conference successful. We are very grateful to main conference sponsors: NanoTemper Technologies, Analysis d.o.o., Novos d.o.o., Biologist group d.o.o., and LKB Vertriebs d.o.o., hoping to extend our collaboration in the coming years.

At last, but not at least, we would like to thank all participants of the Conference and wish them fruitful sessions and enjoyable stay in Belgrade.

More information on the conference can be found on the web site <https://biochemistry-conference.org.rs/>.

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