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**8<sup>th</sup> CROATIAN BIOLOGICAL CONGRESS**  
**with International Participation**  
**Zagreb, September 27 – October 2, 2003**



## Second Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Zagreb and to the 8th Croatian Biological Congress.

The first Croatian biologists' meeting was initially organized by the Croatian Biological Society more than twenty years ago in Poreč, Istria in 1981. Since then, the Society, in its professional devotion to follow the latest developments in the world of biology, has carefully kept alive the tradition of its Congress. All of the past Congresses have served the Society's strategic decision to coordinate a central Croatian biological meeting in which an atmosphere of professional and objective presentation and critical estimation of biology in Croatia would be generated. Traditionally, a wide number of biologists from abroad helped the Society to promote its goals more easily. In addition to scientists and professionals, school biology teachers have also been participants at our meetings and in this way the Society has constantly been providing biology educators with at least a glance at the latest biological findings.

The present Congress comes at a time when biological research is producing new paradigms and profoundly changing our views of the principles of organization and function in the biological world. Simply, exciting and challenging times for all biologists...

Therefore, the 8th Croatian Biological Congress should provide all of us with a unique and complete insight into modern biology, should stimulate us to pose more courageous questions and call us to take part more actively in one of the biggest intellectual adventures of the day – a global understanding of living matter through an integrated scientific approach. In trying to find a better way to satisfy more successfully all the scientific and professional interests we have completed a Scientific Program in which all of the modern biological fields are to be presented: from genetics and genomics to evolution, from cell and molecular biology to proteomics, bioinformatics and genome-wide technologies, from botany to plant tissue culture and genetically modified plants, from zoology and marine biology to molecular systematic and animal behavior, from ecology and conservation biology to practical nature preservation and protection, *etc.* Yet, we are far from the claim that we have succeeded completely!

In addition to the plenary lectures by distinguished speakers, thematic and short lectures and the usual posters session, broader intellectual issues are meant to be met by several round table discussions on various topics in biology. Moreover, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the Croatian Society of Plant Physiology, the Spiridon Brusina Award Ceremony, Congress Fresh Water Day, and several professional »have-fun-and-learn« excursions present our inspired attempts to additionally engage your imagination as a researcher. Conceptually and in its contents, the 8<sup>th</sup> Croatian Biological Congress attempts to provide review of the latest scientific and professional Croatian biological research. After all, this is the central and largest Croatian biological meeting. Do not miss it!

This Second (and final) announcement of the 8<sup>th</sup> Croatian Biological Congress provides you with all the information needed to register and answers the most frequently asked questions. If you still have questions, please contact us at [www.hbd1885.hr](http://www.hbd1885.hr) or [pmitrik@public.srce.hr](mailto:pmitrik@public.srce.hr).

We really look forward to seeing/hosting you in September in Zagreb. Welcome!  
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