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Biographical Sketches of Contemporary Rotiferologists

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Maria Špoljar received a PhD in biology at the University of Zagreb, Croatia in 2003. She is a full professor at the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb where she teaches courses related to limnology, invertebrate biology, ecosystem ecology and nature protection

in the frame of Baccalaureus, Master and Doctoral studies. She was mentor on 45 graduate theses. On Department, Faculty and University as well as international level she was a member of many councils.

Her field of scientific activity refers to the functioning of freshwater ecosystems (i.e. karst and shallow lakes), zooplankton ecology, with particular assessment of Rotifera in biotic interactions and trophic networks, as well as the impact of macrophytes in the lake sustainability and restoration. She was a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholar at the Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (Berlin, Germany). She participated in more than 20 projects, in 10 as a leader, and is a member of editorial boards in 3 international scientific journals.

Maria Špoljar has published 65 scientific and expert papers, co-author is in 4 books and has 70, mainly international, conference presentations. In 2022 she will be main organizer of XVI International Rotifer Symposium, Zagreb (Croatia). Also, she was invited lecturer at universities and conferences, and reviewer of more than 70 scientific articles in the international journals. She is a member of several international (International Association for Danube Research IAD, Freshwater Biological Association FBA, European Pond Conservation Network EPCN) and national (Croatian Association of Freshwater Biologist HUSEK, Croatian Biological Association HBD) scientific and professional organizations and DAAD Alumni.