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**„BIODIVERZITET – TEORIJSKI I PRAKTIČNI ASPEKTI“**

*Second International Colloquy „Biodiversity – Theoretical and Practical Aspects“*

( 3.12. 2010., Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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***Dr. Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaф***

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**Subject: Report on the activities to mark the International Year of Biodiversity**

On the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity - 2010, Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized the Second International Colloquium "*Biological Diversity - Theoretical and Practical Aspects*", 3. 12.2010., Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It was presented to the 45 papers (21 lectures and 24 posters) from all areas of biological diversity: flora, fauna, fungia, prokaryotes, human populations, vegetation, ecosystems, landscapes of all aspects ecology, taxonomy, phylogeny, genetics, molecular biology, anthropology, conservation biology, sustainable development, global change, applied ecology (forestry, agriculture, biotechnology, urban planning, fishing, hunting, phytopharmacy).

The reports of this Colloquium was prepared by 77 authors and co-authors from 30 institutions (academic, governmental and nongovernmental) from six countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro and France. Working part tests were followed by over 160 participants and representatives of print and electronic media.

The Colloquy began a solemn reading of the letter/statement of the Secretary General of the Convention on Biological Diversity H.E. Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaф which is accompanied by the expressed joy and gratitude to the organizer and all participants.

In the letter of Mr. Djoghla stressed that the importance of biodiversity at the global level and its role at the national level, particularly in countries which have a high degree of biodiversity, such as Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, He emphasized the power and role of the conclusions and views from the recently completed International Summit on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan. Particular emotions of all present, gave parts of letters relating to Sarajevo and Bosnia-Herzegovina as an attractive tourist destination as well as beautiful a desire to preserve the biodiversity of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian region.

In the introductory speech President of the Organizing Committee Prof. Dr. Sulejman Redžić stressed the importance of the Conference and its association with First Colloquy which was held in 1995. on the occasion of International Day of Biological Diversity, in time of war Sarajevo. The event is also addressed by representatives of the government sector, which showed the importance of biological diversity in future programs of sustainable development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its integration in the European Union.

Academician Ljubomir Berberović, founder of the Colloquium on Biological Diversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in his plenary lecture stressed the importance and significance of biodiversity in both theory and practice. Biological diversity is an inexhaustible source of new knowledge and new possibilities for its balanced use.

Associate Professor Dr. Senka Barudanović in her presentation emphasized the importance of biological diversity and achievements of International Year of Biodiversity, and the role of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the development of sustainable conservation and management.

After the all presented papers, it was concluded that the Biological diversity of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the region is still a big unknown and must be developed in future research that will enable the introduction of all forms of biological diversity in the context of contemporary intentions and needs.

Biological diversity needs our help, to be more efficient protection and management. Biodiversity should be a priority both in scientific circles and in government and NGO sector. Biological diversity is one of the best indicators of economic development, and indicators of global change.

More details about Colloquy can be found in the attached Book of Abstracts ([www.anubih.ba/Newsi/Colloquy of Biodiversity 2010](http://www.anubih.ba/Newsi/Colloquy_of_Biodiversity_2010)).

All presented papers will be published in a special edition of scientific journals RADOVI/WORKS of ANUBiH - Natural Sciences.

President of Organising Committee

Acc/Profesor dr. Sulejman Redžić

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## **LETTER OF THANKS**

*In the name of the Organizer's of Second International Colloquy "Biodiversity - theoretical and practical aspects" (3.12. 2010., Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina), and on behalf of all 160 participants, we want to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the Statements to us on this occasion sent H.E. Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, PhD, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.*

*The contents of the Statement were even more firmly established us in the commitment to biological diversity is the most important components of the Earth, this is our life and our future, and obligations to the generations to come.*

*With expressions of our great respect.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Acc/Professor Sulejman Redžić,*

*President of Organizing Committee*