

Project Update: January 2014

Winter is a period when there is no fieldwork, so we used that time to prepare our laboratory for the upcoming season, and to find and educate new researchers who would be interested to pursue future research in sandflies.

First action was to purchase all necessary consumable chemicals and laboratory supplies. After that we started with lectures and promotion of the project at University of Novi Sad.

In that time, we had two lectures at Faculty of Agriculture, one for veterinarians and one for students and researcher from phytomedicine (Photo 1).

Both lectures were open for all interested public, so we had even several students from Faculty of Science (Photo 2).

After each lecture there were organised laboratory practical exercise in which all interested students and researchers had the opportunity to work on specimens kindly given to us by our Turkish colleagues.

Also, we had a visit from one MSc student from Skopje (Macedonia) who came to Faculty of Agriculture for a training course on vector insects (mosquitoes, black flies and sand flies).

Great outcome of first block of lectures and laboratory practical exercise you can see on Photo 3.



Photo 1. 3rd year student from phytomedicine doing dissection and mounting slides for identification. Photo 2. 4th year student from Faculty of Science taking pictures from slides for identification and archive.



Photo 3. Good work of our young students – properly dissected abdomen of sand-fly and correctly placed on slide.