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FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

The year 2012 was largely characterised by measures to reduce public finance in accordance with the law adopted in the middle of the year, but their contents failed to have the expected effects. Namely, many of the actions taken in the current year would have absolutely no impact on the financial status, while others would constitute a violation of legal commitments of the higher education system towards enrolled students or employees. Management of public higher education institutions, including the management of the Faculty of Pharmacy, invested a lot of time and energy in finding reasonable opportunities to reduce costs which coincided with attempts and desires that the quality of work would not fall below an acceptable level, and that the number of staff would not decrease to such a critical limit where we would lack the momentum to overcome the crisis. It is not that the Faculty of Pharmacy would fail to realise the difficult economic situation. It is also not about what we at the Faculty want and what the reality is, but it is a question of what legal requirements we are facing each day through the financial and legal frameworks, when we have to implement study programmes laid down by law or even the European Directive. And we implement programmes that provide employable graduates in socially relevant areas.

The school stands and falls with its teachers, education in schools is linked to the teacher. However, the existing conditions, the framework set by the society or country is of paramount importance for the enforcement of the role of the Teacher. At the university level, doing a good job is closely related to teaching, research and profession, which are the three working pillars of a university teacher. In secondary schools, even though the classrooms are all intended for education, there are biology, chemistry or history classrooms. The faculties are obviously expected to place students in whatever laboratory irrespective of which exercises are carried out. But the specification of work significantly increases at university level thus increasing the need for different equipment and a larger number of different educational facilities. This is especially pronounced in natural science and engineering and medical study programmes which include also the interdisciplinary programmes of the Faculty of Pharmacy. The less than $3m^2$ which are available to each student at the Faculty are far from the recommended $15m^2$. And this is not just about the standard that we can not afford, but it is about the contextually extremely important question of our development, a question of quality, and a question of study safety. The number of students in a single laboratory group practice is based on three criteria. The first criterion is quality provided through the group norms within the accreditation programme. The second is security which is based on the size of the laboratory and the number of people who can simultaneously learn under the supervision of assistants and technicians. The third, financial criterion is related to the number of hours the teaching staff spends in direct contact with students. The more students there are in a group, the fewer groups there are in the class and the lower the need for teaching and technical staff resulting in lower labour costs. Working obligations increase as working with a group of 10 students is easier, safer, and of higher quality than with a group of twenty. If we had had an optimum space of $15m^2$ per student and adequate financial base for small, safe, and effective groups even before the crisis, then now in the middle of the crisis we could find reserves in larger groups. But at the Faculty of Pharmacy we have been witnessing the steady increase in the number of students in the last ten years despite the fact that the facilities have not expanded correspondingly. Moreover, with the legally extended study of pharmacy from 4 to 4.5, and 5 years, and the requirement of Bologna process for (yet) a greater proportion of contact hours in the form of laboratory exercises and seminars in small groups, we have been forced even without the crisis to seek internal reserves by enlarging groups, streamlining implementation, engaging demonstrators (senior students who were responsible for seamless work flow and safety at work in

larger groups). But somewhere there is a limit! Individual system (legal) "austerity" measures only additionally limit study quality assurance levels and safety at work. The number of students in a group during practice can be increased but only up to the limits imposed by space itself. Between the laboratory benches there should be 180cm spacing so that one student could work on each desk and there would still be a 60cm passage for the assistant to move around or for access to common equipment. So the laboratories would have to be from 100 to $120m^2$ in size. But they are not. Passages between laboratory benches are significantly narrower which means we need a larger number of supervisory staff (assistants, technical assistants, demonstrators). When you restrict payment of demonstrators (student work at the faculty) the number of people attending the tutorial for safety decreases. Increased number of contact hours above the norm is not settled as overtime work for teachers, but as "overloading": the teacher does 33% more teaching and gets 15% higher salary. However, when such payment is considered as performance payment and becomes limited we would have to employ more people - which is firstly, significantly more expensive and secondly, it is systematically limited in the public sector. On the other hand, reducing the number of contact hours in an accredited programme is in conflict with legal obligations of the faculty to the enrolled students, as well as to employers because they would not get graduates with the expected and required competencies (knowledge, skills, and abilities). And let's not forget that the graduates of the Faculty of Pharmacy are employable and represent an important intellectual force to overcome the crisis: whether it be the economic sector where pharmacy plays an important part for Slovenia (and its budget) or the public sector, where pharmacists in pharmacies and hospitals with proper pharmacy and clinical pharmacy organisation can contribute their cognitive services to reduce the cost of health insurance funds; or experts of laboratory medicine who may with preventive examinations in appropriate organisation of medical laboratories help to reduce the cost of health insurance funds due to some chronic diseases related to lifestyle.

It is not enough to figure out how, despite the difficulties, we managed to overcome the year 2012. This would only mean accepting the fact that we are in the same boat only when the times are hard. In times of crisis only the strategic decisions count. Fund providers and regulators should be aware that the safety and quality of study are becoming dangerously low, that working conditions are deteriorating and that all of this can not be compensated only by ethical drive. And what is worse, as a country we are reducing the intellectual power that we need to overcome the crisis. At the Faculty of Pharmacy we are innovative and flexible, we have a vision, and for years we have not been counting the statutory overtime hours we devote to our jobs. But we also need a margin of discretion for short-term measures with long-term consequences. In 2012, we did not have enough of this.

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Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D. Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy

1 PRESENTATION OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY

"FROM THE BEGINNING OF PHARMACY IN SLOVENIA TO THE MODERN PHARMACEUTICAL PROFESSION AND SCIENCE"

Drugs and the treatment of diseases have accompanied man throughout his existence. The area of Slovenia saw the education of pharmacists and introduction of the doctrine of quality work in the pharmaceutical profession in as early as the 17th and 18th centuries, with the 1710 introduction of the Pharmaceutical code for the Duchy of Carniola. In the 19th century most pharmacists from the area of present-day Slovenia studied at the universities of Vienna, Graz, and Padova, and later also at the faculty of Zagreb. The history of undergraduate pharmaceutical education in Ljubljana began in 1946. The study programme in pharmacy was carried out in the first purpose-built building, which was designed by the architect Plečnik in 1921. After the reorganisation of study programmes, a comprehensive study programme in pharmacy was introduced in 1960 at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology, the independent Faculty of Pharmacy was founded. In 1999, the Faculty of Pharmacy saw the completion of the south wing and in 2005 the attic of the old part of the building work. But it is still not sufficient for all the spatial needs of students and staff.

In addition to the rooms being renovated the same process of remodelling is evident in terms of the programmes, since keeping up with modern developments is a prerequisite for successful pedagogical, scientific, and professional work. The renewed unified masters programme of pharmacy, doctoral programme of biomedicine, undergraduate programme of laboratory biomedicine, and the new undergraduate programme of cosmetology and postgraduate programme of industrial pharmacy and laboratory biomedicine are all based on the integration of scientific research and solving practical tasks in all areas of the pharmaceutical and biomedical profession, science, and associated disciplines.

The mission of the Faculty of Pharmacy:

- 1. Development, planning, and implementation of higher education at all three levels, training of future professionals for conducting the most demanding scientific, development, and professional work in the fields of pharmacy and laboratory medicine.
- 2. Planning and implementation of scientific research work in the broader context of pharmacy, clinical biochemistry and natural sciences.
- 3. Care for professional activities in the fields of health and healthcare within the context of pharmaceutical activity, carrying out professional and development tasks for the needs of the pharmaceutical industry and government institutions, and promotion of the pharmaceutical profession in the Republic of Slovenia and abroad.

The primary objective of the Faculty of Pharmacy is to develop scientifically and professionallyqualified, high-quality graduates familiar with ethical principles, who can independently carry out demanding tasks in pharmacies, pharmaceutical industry in all four basic segments (research and development, production, analytics, marketing and sales), hospital pharmacies, clinical biochemical laboratories and other medical laboratories, in laboratories for control and analyses, research institutions, educational organisations, state bodies and wherever the work and presence of a pharmacist or laboratory medicine professional is required to increase health care and safety. We strive to ensure that the graduates of the Faculty of Pharmacy have equal qualifications to those of graduates of other modern, highly developed European faculties of pharmacy.

ORGANISATION OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY

The Faculty of Pharmacy is made up of six chairs. All chairs participate in the pedagogical processes and are involved in the formation and discovery of new active substances or drug forms within their research work, or in the detection and evaluation of disease markers.

The Chair of Biopharmacy and Pharmacokinetics

When a biologically active molecule (substance) is developed, it does not mean that a drug has been found. The substance must be delivered with the proper dosage and speed to the site of action of the body (tissue, organ, organ system), where the connection to the enzyme or receptor activates the effect (for example a fall in blood pressure, a fall in cholesterol, prevention of an asthmatic attack). For this purpose the substance is built into the delivery system with which we control the speed of the processes that are responsible for the start, the intensity, and the duration of the effect. If there is a delivery system, for example an oral sustained-release tablet, we must ensure that the process of the release in the alimentary canal enables the highest level of absorption into the main blood system. The substance should undergo minimal decomposition along the way so that most of it reaches the site of action from where it would be released as slowly as possible. For this purpose we have developed laboratory techniques by means of which we:

- Build substances into delivery systems (microcapsules, microspheres),
- Research the release of substances from delivery systems,
- Research the absorption of substances from the alimentary canal, and
- Research the distribution and decomposition of substances in the body.

Research at the level of laboratory experiments is urgently needed, since it is the only way to define the effect of biological and technological factors on the above mentioned processes.

When enough data is gathered, we mathematically describe the above mentioned processes and with computer-aided methods predict the concentration and effects of substances in different organs. The latter depend on the dosage, type of delivery system, delivery method (e.g., ingestion, vain injection, inhalation into the lungs), genetic predispositions and the function of secretory organs (kidneys, liver). In this way less reliance is placed on the testing of animals and humans in different phases of drug development and testing, final results are more quickly reached and we also get directions for performing new laboratory experiments.

Our research is the key to the transformation of a substance into a drug, which must provide the best action with minimum side effects.

The Chair of Pharmaceutical Biology

The Chair of Pharmaceutical Biology is engaged in the research of drugs of natural origin. It develops methods of analysis and quality verification of medicinal herbs and determines how to grow and where to gather top-quality medicinal herbs. By studying the biological efficacy of active substances in herbs and fungi that are not yet used for therapeutic purposes, it also searches for promising new drugs.

With the development of the techniques of genetic engineering came better possibilities for acquiring new active substances of recombinant origin. For the investigation of medicinal herbs as well as for recombinant drugs, i.e. proteins that are completely identical to human ones even though they were produced in fermentors, we use modern techniques of pharmaceutical biotechnology. Molecular biological techniques, such as biological combinatorial libraries are used for searching new chemical structures with the desired therapeutic effect. Using the methods of molecular and cellular biology we also research the molecular mechanisms of the development and progression of cancer,

anti-tumour immune response, atherosclerosis, obesity, neurodegenerative and other diseases, to identify the most important targets for therapeutic and diagnostic interventions.

The Chair of Pharmaceutical Chemistry

At the Chair of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, molecules of new active substances are prepared on the basis of validated targets. New molecules are designed by using modern computer-assisted methods based on the structure of their binding site. This is followed by a multi-stage chemical synthesis, which yields the desired compounds. We are currently preparing new enzyme inhibitors that are involved in the process of blood coagulation, compounds that inhibit the biosynthesis of a bacterial cell wall, and compound with anti-tumour action. The prepared molecules are biologically evaluated and their properties are optimised on the basis of the relation between their structure and action.

The Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology

The Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology carries out pedagogical and research work in the field of design, production, and evaluation of dosage forms. This field deals with building a synthesised substance with known pharmacodynamic properties into a dosage form. By choosing appropriate excipients and technological procedures we are able to produce a dosage form with desired properties.

Specifically, at the Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology we study the physical and chemical properties of substances and excipients develop solid dosage forms (granules, pellets, tablets), semi-solid and liquid pharmaceutical dispersion systems (macro- and micro-emulsions; gels) and new dosage forms with sustained release for targeted treatment (liposomes, nanoparticles, and nanocapsules). Nanotechnology techniques are the main new additions to the Chair.

The Chair of Clinical Biochemistry

For successful identification of diseases it is essential to know their causes. This is the subject of research at the Chair of Clinical Biochemistry. Clinical biochemistry determines the causes and consequences of the changed values of substances in the body essential for the organism to function properly. The increased or decreased values predict a change in the physiological condition of the body, which often leads to disease. We study changes in gene structure and expression, which cause the emergence of different proteins or changed quantities of individual proteins and lead towards the development of disease. Once the cause has been determined, we can start a targeted search for new and more effective drugs or choose the most suitable drug among existing ones. Knowledge of genes that are involved in pathophysiological mechanisms forms the basis for the development of potential genetic drugs.

Changes in genes are also responsible for different reactions of patients to a certain drug, so the investigation of these changes has become an important part of treatment tailored to the individual.

The Chair also works in pharmacogenomics. This is a field where genome-related knowledge is used in different segments of pharmaceutical science. In tumorigenesis and apoptosis, we use genetic technologies to search for answers to questions as to why a certain cell becomes malignant, and which of the molecules in the process of transformation into a tumour cell could be the target for a new drug. A great deal of our work focuses on the research of molecular mechanisms of cell death.

Our research activity is also carried out backwards, i.e., from a known drug to the human being. We can predict how a patient will accept a drug by means of genetic code analysis.

Laboratory diagnostics of immune-mediated diseases and hypersensitivity is the link between clinical biochemistry and immunology, which is taught at the Chair, while research in this field focuses on molecular bases of autoimmunity.

Within the Chair there is also the medical laboratory certified by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia:

Laboratory for Molecular Diagnostics – KKB

- Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D. (Head)
- Associate Prof. Darko Černe, Ph.D. (Deputy Head)

The Chair of Social Pharmacy

At the Chair of Social Pharmacy, we study the effect of substances on modern man and society. We mainly deal with drug control after drugs are placed on the market or reach the patient. We use the research methods of natural sciences, which are often intertwined with sociological ones. In pharmacoepidemiology we monitor drug safety and efficacy on a large number of people—in a certain population, and in pharmacoeconomics we examine the costs of drug use. We are particularly interested in the research of pharmaceutical activities in pharmacies. With the so-called pharmaceutical care programmes, which are first evaluated by our research teams, we try to improve the quality of a patient's life. To do this, we use modern information communication methods. At the Chair of Social Pharmacy, we also study the characteristics of national and international laws that regulate drugs and the pharmaceutical profession. In this way, we actively contribute to the creation of new legislation and introduction of the highest standards in everyday practice.

The Faculty of Pharmacy therefore combines the most modern approaches of pedagogical and scientific research work. The new developments introduced to higher education institutions and top research laboratories by high-tech, modern faculties are reflected also in the development strategy of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Ljubljana. We believe that the work of the Faculty of Pharmacy is an important factor in the creation of new knowledge and in the education of modern experts in the field of pharmacy, industrial pharmacy, laboratory medicine, cosmetology, regulatory bodies, in distribution systems and representative offices of foreign pharmaceutical companies as well as in pure and application-oriented research and education. We are convinced that the work and results of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Ljubljana over the last years put us on a par with the most modern higher education institutions in the European Community and in the wider region. "Let science win—Scientia vinces!"

2 THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

The Faculty of Pharmacy educates future experts qualified for work and management of sustainable development in the fields of pharmacy including cosmetology and clinical biochemistry as well as certain parts of laboratory biomedicine. It is registered for the following activities:

- Education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels,
- Pure, application-oriented and developmental research in the field of natural science and technology,
- Professional participation, technical testing, analysis, technical support, etc.

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		Informatics)

STUDY PROGRAMMES

In the field of study at the FFA, the year 2012 was among the latest to be characterised by the transition from the old to the new Bologna study programmes. In the academic year 2012/13 the process will also be complete in the pharmacy study programme, while other study programmes already follow the new Bologna programmes. This reduces the number of subjects realised simultaneously for two generations of students, which forces us to find bigger rooms for larger or united classes. The increased number of classes in all study programmes associated with overcrowding in previous years was reflected in a shortfall in the number of lecture rooms and laboratory facilities to carry out experimental work. Notwithstanding this, we reduced rental of premises outside the FFA to a minimum. In the period before re-accreditation of study programmes we monitored, as in previous years, the implementation of study programmes in terms of rational and high-quality performance, the distribution of contact hours and ECTS. Administrators of individual study programmes were deeply involved in the process of implementation and optimisation of individual study programmes and at the same time we have been in constant contact with representatives of the student body.

In the academic year 2011/12 the Faculty of Pharmacy carried out the following:

a) Undergraduate study programmes

- university study programme Pharmacy,
- uniform master's study programme Pharmacy,
- university study programme Laboratory Biomedicine and
- university study programme Cosmetology.

b) Postgraduate study programmes

- master's study programme Industrial Pharmacy,
- master's study programme Laboratory Biomedicine,
- interdisciplinary doctoral study programme Biomedicine,
- postgraduate programme Biomedicine to obtain the title Master of Pharmaceutical Science or postgraduate programme to obtain the title Doctor of Pharmacy and Clinical Biochemistry,
- specialist postgraduate study of Pharmacy together with Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia,
- specialist study of Medical Biochemistry.

The study programmes are interdisciplinary. They are implemented by teachers and other employees of the Faculty of Pharmacy, together with teachers from other faculties of the University of Ljubljana: Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, and Faculty of Health Sciences as specified in the lectures list for the academic year 2011/12. In subjects directly related to the outside economy, experts from that field participate in the programme as visiting guest lecturers.

In the academic year 2011/12 there were 1,243 students enrolled in the undergraduate programme, of which there were 668 students enrolled in the uniform master's study programme Pharmacy (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year), 333 students in university study programme Pharmacy, 165 students in university study programme Laboratory Biomedicine (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year), 77 students in the university study programme Cosmetology (1st and 2nd year), 66 students in the master's study programme Laboratory Biomedicine (1st, 2nd year), 121 students in the master's study programme Laboratory Biomedicine (1st, 2nd year and one additional year), and 87 students in interdisciplinary doctoral study programme Biomedicine (1st, 2nd, 3rd year). The total number of enrolled students in all the programmes was 1,517. Graph 1 shows the number of students enrolled from 2005 to 2010 and Graph 2 shows the number of students in 2011/12.

The increasing total number of students recorded since 2005 and the possibility of selection in all study programmes is reflected in space constraints and, consequently, the schedules, which are often unfriendly to students and employees. We do not have enough lecture rooms to accommodate full classes in EM FAR (over 150 students), there are also not enough smaller lecture rooms and there is a particular shortfall in laboratories for practical learning. By hiring rooms outside the Faculty we are looking for solutions that would not significantly decrease the quality and efficiency of study.

Analysis of enrolment in the academic year 2012/13 shows a slight decrease in the number of students in study programmes of Pharmacy and in the first cycle of study programme Laboratory Biomedicine which is the result of fewer entries in the past. The number of students enrolled in the 1st cycle of university study programme Cosmetology has increased; this is the first time that we have students in all three academic years.

The new (Bologna) programmes	No. of students 2012/13
EMŠ Pharmacy 5+0 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th year)	778
1st cycle university study Laboratory Biomedicine 3+ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and	144
additional year)	
1st cycle university study Cosmetology 3+ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year)	112
2nd cycle master's study Industrial Pharmacy (1st, 2nd, and additional year)	61
2nd cycle master's study Laboratory Biomedicine +2 (1st, 2nd, and additional	117
year)	
Biomedicine – university doctoral programme (3rd cycle)	84
(1st, 2nd, 3rd and additional year)	

Old programmes	No. of students 2012/13
University study Pharmacy (additional year)	194

Within the process of implementation of specialised studies and in collaboration with the Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy we provide specialised studies in the fields of drug design, drug testing, clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical services, and pharmacognosy. Students specialising in Medical Biochemistry may upon the decision of the Slovenian Chamber of Laboratory Medicine take on subjects at the third cycle in Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Biomedicine.

Specialist study programme	No. of students
	2012/15
LZS Specialised Study	18
Specialist Study of Medical Biochemistry	8

Based on analysis of average duration of study we can see that most students take advantage of their legal right to repeat one year of study and their graduation candidate period. Despite the length of the study, which we doubt will get any shorter with the current legal possibilities the students have, we can be satisfied with the transition of the generation between individual years of study, as the transition from year one to year two exceeds 90% in some programmes. This positive achievement attributed to students as well as teachers and non-teaching personnel at FFA.



Graph 1: Changes in the number of students at the Faculty of Pharmacy from 2003 to 2013.



Graph 2: The percentage of students in individual study programmes of the FFA in the academic year 2012/13. (Key: EM FAR=uniform master's programme Pharmacy, UP FARMACIJA=university programme Pharmacy, S1 LBM=university programme Laboratory Biomedicine, S1 KOZ=university programme Cosmetology, S2 INF=master's programme Industrial Pharmacy, S2 LBM=master's programme Laboratory Biomedicine, S3 BMF=interdisciplinary doctoral programme Biomedicine, course in Pharmacy, S3 BML=interdisciplinary doctoral programme Biomedicine, course in Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Biomedicine, S3 BMT=interdisciplinary doctoral programme Biomedicine, course in Toxicology, Spec. LZS=specialisations of Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy, Spec. medicinska biokemija=specialisation in Medical Biochemistry.)

In 2012, following the appointment of coordinators (administrators) of study programmes in 2009, we continued with the systematic verification of compliance with the requirements of the renewed Bologna programmes and recording problems or weaknesses so that we could eliminate them effectively before the re-accreditation. We organised meetings of coordinators with lecturers and student representatives on systemic issues of study and harmonised work during meetings between the deputy dean of academic fields and the coordinators. In 2012 we devoted a special session of the FFA Senate to teaching work in Bologna programmes. A number of decisions were adopted which hopefully will further raise the quality of studies at FFA:

- Amendments and tightening of the criteria for checking the suitability of previously acquired education at foreign universities with a view to further education. In this way we ensure that

foreign students who continue their studies at FFA have an adequate knowledge base allowing them easier fulfilment of study requirements.

- Analysis of the results of UL questionnaire (detailed in the chapter about questionnaires)
- Changes and improvements in preparation of undergraduate and postgraduate papers. As a result of some observations that certain tasks did not meet the ECTS in terms of volume and quality (too large), we adopted precise limits which apply to both categories.
- Changes in implementation of selectives. Due to austerity measures in higher education and science we wanted to streamline our study programmes as much as possible so as to prevent a possible decline in quality. In the academic year 2012/13 we intend to realise only selectives with at least 10 students registered and this policy will therefore be fully implemented. In this way, the realisation is definitely of better quality than that achieved in working in the form of individual consultations and reduced implementation for smaller groups. We saved some funds to hire lecture rooms; just the possibility of choice is a little more limited.
- Due to austerity measures we also reduced the number of invited lecturers, which to some extent reduces direct contact with the employees from the industry (including employers).

UNIFORM MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME IN PHARMACY

University study programme in Pharmacy faced two major changes – harmonisation and the Bologna reform. Slovenia became a member of the EU on 1 May, 2004 so it had to unify the study of regulated professions—the pharmacist profession being one of them—the FFA had to harmonise the study programme in pharmacy in compliance with the requirements of the industry Directive 2005/36/EC (formerly 85/432/EEC). The main change is that the study has been extended from 9 to 10 semesters due to the inclusion of 6-month practical



training in the curriculum, which replaces the existing traineeship. Also, the list of existing selectives was extended. **Harmonised university programme in Pharmacy** is being carried out and in 2008/09 the first generation of students already had access to practical training within the study. It is a transitional period until the Bologna study programme is introduced, which we launched with the enrolment of the first generation in the academic year 2008/09. After many discussions we have come to the conclusion that the profession of pharmacist with EU accredited qualifications is the only acceptable model of study 5 + 0. This means that the undergraduate and master's degrees will merge into a uniform programme that corresponds to 300 ECTS, which will enable direct enrolment in doctoral study. In 2007, the programme was checked and accredited by the Council for Higher Education as the **uniform master study programme in Pharmacy**, and the FFA launched the first-time enrolment procedure in 2008/09. In 2011/12 the last generation of students was enrolled in their 5th year of **harmonised university study programme in** Pharmacy. The aforementioned programme will actually be completed in 2012/13 with an additional year, in which the students complete their missing obligations (practical training, diploma thesis).

Uniform master's study programme in Pharmacy has the right combination of pharmaceutical, natural science, medical and other subjects to generate students that are qualified to perform professional jobs and tasks in any pharmaceutical segment; at the same time it forms a solid footing for doctoral study and is open to lifelong professional training.

The method of course selection was included in the study already during the harmonisation of the programme, and it was extended to three levels in the unified master's study: alternative courses, selectives offered by the Faculty, including a selection of the area of Master's thesis creation, and general selective options within the University. Selectives are offered across a spectre that covers all

standard areas of narrow specialisations, and follow the trends of professional developments. At the same time, we take care that the quality of teaching does not decline due to a high dispersion of students. The possibility of a greater degree and range of selective options is limited by time and space considerations. Namely, we are unable to provide a study schedule in a way that would enable students to choose any combination of selectives.

The uniform master's study programme in Pharmacy is rather popular among secondary school graduates, since 275 of them applied for 145 vacancies registered in the academic year 2012/13 not considering the parallel enrolments and enrolments of foreign students.

UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMME IN LABORATORY BIOMEDICINE



1st cycle of university study programme in Laboratory Biomedicine (180 ECTS, 6 semesters) combines a high-level of orientation towards practical technological knowledge and skills, but it also enables students to learn about scientific research and biomedicine. Our goal is to increase the prospects for our graduates to find employment in biomedical research institutions. Such research is very common and because of increased concern for our health and higher quality of life, we expect there to be even more

openings. At the same time we wish to enable top students to easily continue their education at second and third cycles and specialisation.

Selectives are available in the third year when students are familiar not only with the basis of natural science, but also with broader areas of laboratory medicine. The range and extent of selectives is enabled in three ways: through courses offered by the FFA, through the list of recommended courses of other study programmes at the FFA or within the UL and general selective options.

Interest for this type of study has been substantial so far, and the reform and possibility of the second cycle has significantly increased the interest among secondary school students. 116 secondary school graduates applied for 40 vacancies in the academic year 2012/13.

UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME IN COSMETOLOGY

The 1st cycle university study programme in Cosmetology is a 3-year programme with 180 ECTS credits and is the first of its kind in Slovenia. Its main aim is to train experts in the field of cosmetology science. In addition to basic knowledge of natural science, the programme also offers in-depth knowledge of professional science of cosmetology; organic and synthesis materials as ingredients of cosmetic products, cosmetically active substances, their desired, harmful and toxic effect, types of cosmetic products, their design,



formation and production, approaches to security and efficiency evaluation, use of proper analytical methods, control, marketing and advertising of cosmetic products. With a multitude of selectives, the programme expands the knowledge of natural science and cosmetology, complements service activities in the sense of care and maintenance of physical health, lifestyle and diet as the cosmetic profession dictates and offers additional skills of sociological science that go hand in hand with the cosmetic profession, such as communication science, foreign language, psychology of perception, marketing and advertising aspects, etc. The programme creates experts qualified to work in the cosmetic industry, regulatory and inspection services, in representative offices of cosmetic

companies as well as consulting and marketing of cosmetic products in different institutions. 72 secondary school graduates applied for 40 vacancies in the academic year 2012/13.

MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME IN LABORATORY BIOMEDICINE



The 2nd cycle master's study programme in Laboratory Biomedicine is a 2-year study programme with 120 ECTS credits. Its objective is to educate top-quality experts (Masters in Laboratory Biomedicine) in special fields of laboratory medicine, who will be able to quickly adapt to the many changes and challenges in the field of medical diagnostics of human biological material. After their studies, Masters in Laboratory Biomedicine will be qualified for independent

professional work in medical laboratories and will fill the existing gap in medical professions associated with current university education. They will also be qualified to apply pure research approaches and will be able to critically monitor the use of new technologies in practice. In 2012/13, 41 students enrolled in the first year, and there were 30 in the second year, as some of the students joined the full-time studies after finishing two courses of lifelong learning in Laboratory Medicine.

MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME IN INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY

Master's study programme in Industrial Pharmacy is a 2-year study programme with 120 ECTS credits. The professional title received by graduates is Master in Industrial Pharmacy. The main objective which led the FFA to organise the new study programme was to provide the graduates of natural science (chemical, biotechnical, biotechnological, etc.) and technical programmes (mechanical engineering, electro technology, etc.) with proper 2nd cycle education after completion of 1st cycle of the Bologna programme. This way the students are trained to find work in the pharmaceutical industry, in the field of production and analysis of drugs.

Postgraduate master's study programme and the curriculum were both developed on the basis of working experience in Slovenia and abroad together with the projected development of national and



international pharmaceutical industries. The programme includes lectures by Slovenian and foreign professors and industry experts, interactive acquisition of theoretic knowledge in the industrial environment, case studies, individual and teamwork, and innovative solutions to cases in question. 70 graduates of the 1st cycle applied for 40 vacancies in the academic year 2012/13.

DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMME IN BIOMEDICINE



This postgraduate study programme was renewed in compliance with the Bologna guidelines as early as three years ago. It is now a 3-year programme and corresponds to 180 ECTS credits and includes only the doctoral study. The 3rd cycle doctoral study programme in Biomedicine was first introduced in 2007/08. It is implemented within the University of Ljubljana, and the Faculty of Pharmacy is responsible for the areas of Pharmacy, Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Biomedicine and Toxicology. In 2012, we were intensively preparing for reaccreditation of the programme by thorough analysis of past

work and appropriate adjustments within the programme which will provide greater efficiency and competitiveness of the programme itself as well as of candidates for doctors.

PERSONNEL AND PREMISES AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

As of January 1, 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy employed 106 employees in permanent pedagogic and scientific positions (4 with 20% employment and 2 with 10% employment) and professional secretarial and technical staff, 26 young researchers employed for the duration of their training or study to obtain a doctor's degree, carrying out part-time assistant work, and 14 researchers with a fixed-term employment on research projects (2 with 10% employment).

The permanent staff includes:

- 35 university teachers (14 Prof., 7 Assoc. Prof. and 14 Asst. Prof.),
- 2 university teachers (Prof.) with 20 % employment,
- 2 senior scientific workers (Assoc. Prof.) with 20%- employment,
- 32 assistants, 7 with the title Assistant Professor,
- 2 assistants with 10% employment,
- 1 PE teacher,
- 15 technical staff,
- 1 librarian,
- 12 professional and secretarial staff and
- 4 technical staff (maintenance workers, receptionists, cleaning staff).

The number of students at the Faculty of Pharmacy increases each year but the teaching space does not increase correspondingly. In 2000 the Faculty of Pharmacy expanded its premises with the construction of the new south wing and now amounts to 5,600 square metres. In 2012 we hired additional laboratory space which still does not cover all our requirements. The results of the inspection, conducted by PROPLUS d. o. o. on behalf of the FFA, show that the Faculty needs another 6 small lecture rooms, one large tiered lecture hall, 14 laboratories, 39 cabinet rooms and additional space for the library. This means that the Faculty lacks around 45% of all required space.

Even more critical than the premises issue is the situation regarding employment of personnel. Most of the permanently employed teachers and assistants dedicate more than 100% of their time to teaching, so most of them do not have enough quality time for research. In the future, the Faculty will even more intensively encourage the acquisition of research projects, as in the present situation this is the only way to employ new staff to improve our scientific and consequentially our educational work.

3 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2012

Fitting the newly hired premises

In the past, we tried to make up for the lack of space by hiring additional premises, but laboratories to carry out teaching and research are simply not available. So after successful coordination with the management of Ilirija d. d. in 2011 we entered into an agreement to hire nearly 1,000m² of purpose-renovated space at the address Tržaška 32. It serves primarily for laboratory practise in the teaching process, and it is partially used for research work. Dispersion of activities of the Faculty to multiple locations does not facilitate the organisation of work, but the medium-sized lecture room, 6 generic laboratories, microscope room, and support premises shall substantially improve the conditions for the study.

In mid-2012, we successfully carried out a public tender for technological equipment of laboratories and began equipping the hired premises at Tržaška 32.

Our start-up work was facilitated by services, material, equipment, and finance provided by our business partners:

GOLDEN (above 10,000 EUR):

- Kemomed, d. o. o.
- Krka, d. d., Novo mesto
- Siemens, d. o. o.

SILVER (from 3,000 to 10,000 EUR):

- Sanolabor, d. d.
- ➢ Roche, d. o. o.

BRONZE (up to 3,000 EUR):

- Labena, d. o. o.
- > Novo Analitica, d. o. o.
- > Chemass, d. o. o.
- Mikro+Polo, d. o. o.
- > Mediline, d. o. o.
- Alba, d. o. o.
- Bia, d. o. o., Ljubljana
- > Pokojninska družba A, d. d.
- > Mettler Toledo, d. o. o.
- D-Net, d. o. o., Ljubljana
- ➢ ISS Facility Services, d. o. o.
- Aneti, d. o. o., Škofljica

Our gratitude for their assistance will remain in the minds of students and staff who use the equipment and it will also be marked on the memorial. These assets accounted for 6% of the total investment. The rest was covered from the reserve funds of the Faculty, which were accrued as a result of marketing activities in better economic times.

The Dictionary of Pharmaceutical Terminology

In early 2012, the new Pharmaceutical Terminology Dictionary was published. It represents a new milestone in the efforts of the Slovenian pharmaceutical profession to develop and standardise terminology in the broader field of pharmacy. A number of experts from different institutions actively contributed to the preparation of the dictionary, namely from the Faculty of Pharmacy (University of Ljubljana), Fran Ramovš Institute of the Slovenian Language ZCR SAZU, Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovene Chamber of Pharmacy, and Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society. Since the beginning of work and special efforts of Prof. Jelka Šmid - Korbar, Ph.D., the authors prepared explanations of more than 5,500 terms covering the area of pharmaceutical biology, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutical technology, pharmaceutical services, social pharmacy, bio-pharmacy with pharmacokinetics, clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical biotechnology, clinical chemistry, immunology, alternative treatment methods, and medical devices. In addition to terms and their explanations the dictionary contains English-Slovenian and Slovenian-Latin sections, and there are often-used Latin expressions and some of the basics of Latin and Greek language in the appendix. Before publication, the dictionary was thoroughly reviewed by reviewers, an expert of Latin, and a reviewer of English equivalents. Nevertheless, we are aware that our work in the field of pharmaceutical terminology is not yet complete, so the authors have agreed to complement the dictionary with new terms and prepare for the future expanded on-line edition. In doing so, the suggestions of both readers and users will be very helpful.

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Postgraduate lifelong education in the field of pharmacy COSMETOLOGY II THE SKIN AND THE SUN: COSMETICALLY-ACTIVE SUBSTANCES PRODUCTS FOR PROTECTION AND ACTIVE SKIN CARE

Lifelong postgraduate education in the field of pharmacy which is organised every year at the Faculty of Pharmacy was conceived as a thematic continuation of previously existing sets of lectures. In 2011 we analysed data, new insights, and guidelines on the efficacy and safety of substances in cosmetic products. Similarly, in 2012 we presented the trends in the field of cosmetically-active substances in products for protection against ultra-violet radiation and products for active skin care. The courses were attended by 191 masters of pharmacy, pharmaceutical technicians, and other professionals from the field of the general Slovenian pharmaceutical and medical profession.

Here is a brief summary of the contents. Borut Žgavec, Ph.D., specialist of dermatovenerology from the Faculty of Medicine, and Prof. Slavko Pečar, Ph.D., presented the link between the skin, the sun, UV-stress, and photo-aging. The efficacy and safety of protective sun care products was presented by Asst. Prof. Stamp Jakopin, Ph.D., and from the same perspective Katarina Bolko presented cosmetic products for active skin moisturising. Among the currently most up-to-date compounds for protection and active skin care products we also focused on antioxidants and vitamins (Asst. Prof. Tomaž Vovk, Ph.D.), together with peptides, proteins, and growth factors for photo-aging skin care (Asst. Prof. Kocbek Petra, Ph.D.), while Matjaž Ravnikar, Ph.D. gave a lecture on cosmetically-active substances that are used in skin care products for cellulite. Finally, Marjeta Rak, a representative of Maribor chemists Mariborske lekarne highlighted the role and importance of the pharmacist and his/her practical knowledge.

Cosmetology plays an active part in our everyday life; because of the interests of producers we are faced with intense media advertising of a whole range of cosmetic products. Amid the great volume of proven and also misleading information and without appropriate expertise, it is sometimes very difficult to choose credible sources. By combining the two subject-relevant frameworks of education we attempted to focus attention on such problems, but we have also sought to present Cosmetology as a rapidly developing scientific field of study.

Responsibility for the overall content, organisation and realisation of this postgraduate education scheme fell to Asst. Prof. Alenka Zvonar, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Nina Kočevar Glavač, Ph.D. - in collaboration with the FFA management board.



1st ESPT Summer School of Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics, Ljubljana 2012

The European Society for Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics (ESPT) in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy (University of Ljubljana) and Lloraine University, Nancy, France, together with RIBEF network and CEEPUS student exchange programme organised the 1st ESPT Summer School of Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics. The school took place in the premises of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Ljubljana between August 20 - 26, 2012. There were 52 participants and 25 speakers from 21 different countries from Europe and Latin America.

The Summer School programme consisted of 26 lectures, 4 workshops, and eight "Meet the professor sessions". The lectures were divided into 3 modules: Module 1: The basics of clinical pharmacology, Module 2: The basics of genetics and molecular diagnostics and Module 3, which included the use of pharmacogenetic tests in clinical practice. The one-hour lectures delivered a systematic and adapted overview of the issues and concluded with a discussion and interpretation of the interesting topics discussed. Workshops were held in four small groups. In workshops the participants learned about specific topics that may be associated with pharmacogenetics and theranostics. The workshop titles were as follows: Human leukocyte antigens (HLA) histocompatibility / immunogenetics, connection to disease and pharmacogenetics; Sequencer does not only perform sequencing; Intuitive biostatistics and Complex genetics of glycosylation. The participants could also choose two so-called "Meet the professor sessions" where they had the opportunity to talk directly with the lecturers, experts in certain fields, and discuss with them the specific problems they are facing in their own research. The school was accredited 5 ECTS credits. The students who wanted to exercise the credits had to pass the exam on the last day of the School and received a certificate. 19 candidates successfully passed the exam with an average of 86% points.

The organisers paid particular attention to the social part of the School, because we wanted to create a network of (future) professionals in pharmacogenomics and theranostics. So on the first day we organised a very effective get-to-know-each-other chat entitled "Speed dating", where the participants in a two minute conversation tried to learn as much as possible from their chat partner. We were honoured with a reception by the Mayor at the Town Hall Ljubljana, and the participants learned about our capital city in a special interactive way. The School rounded off the event with a gala dinner at Ljubljana Castle.

The questionnaires filled out by the participants at the end of the Summer School show that they were satisfied with the Summer School giving it an average rate of 4.6. They praised the professional programme, as well as the social element of the School and the overall organisation.



The president of the scientific committee on the part of FFA was Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D.

2nd Meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network

2nd Meeting of the Paul Ehrlich **MedChem Euro-PhD Network** 9th-11th September 2012, Ljubljana, Slovenia

From September 9 to 11, 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana (UL FFA) organised within its own premises an international scientific meeting entitled 2nd Meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network, which was attended by 103 participants (78 from abroad and 25 from Slovenia) from 14 European countries. Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network is a European network of 30 European universities providing doctoral studies in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry (medicinal chemistry), founded in 2009 in Palermo. The University of Ljubljana through the Faculty of Pharmacy is the founding member of the network. The scientific meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network in Ljubljana in 2012 was a regular scientific meeting of the network, which takes place every year and where doctoral candidates, their mentors, and teachers present the results of their scientific work in the form of lectures and posters. After the congress in Madrid in 2011, the 2nd Meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network represented the second scientific meeting in the said series of congresses to be held each year. The congress had great importance for the exchange of scientific results and establishing contacts between doctoral students and their mentors. Doctoral candidates were given the opportunity to present their scientific results in the form of a 15-minute lecture, which is rarely possible at other conferences in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry (medicinal chemistry). In addition to lectures by the doctoral candidates the programme of the congress in Ljubljana also included 5 invited guest lectures by prominent European researchers in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry (medicinal chemistry) who are predominantly members and mentors in the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network. The congress included a number of current topics in pharmaceutical chemistry (medicinal chemistry), which include planning, synthesis, and evaluation of substances in different therapeutic areas.

The organising committee of the congress which received numerous accolades consisted of the following members: Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Lucija Peterlin Mašič, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Janez Ilaš, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Tihomir Tomašić, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Nace Zidar, Ph.D.At the congress Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D., was elected coordinator of the **Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network** for the period from 2013 to 2015.



The first recipients of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD document, B. Parrino, Ph.D. and M.R. Buemi, Ph.D., after its presentation in the company of mentors G. Cirrincione and A. Chimirri, coordinator G. Ronsisvalle and organiser Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D.

Signing an agreement with the University of Semmelweis (November 2012)

The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Ljubljana and the University of Semmelweis shall participate in the European inter-university postgraduate programme in the development of drugs CEMDC (Cooperative European Medicine Development Course; www.cemdc.eu), which is part of the Pharmatrain programme funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative, imi. The formal sitting at the signing of the declaration on cooperation held in Budapest was attended by the rector of the University of Ljubljana, Prof. Radovan Stanislav Pejovnik, Ph.D., and Ms Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia in Budapest. Within the consortium the Faculty of Pharmacy led by Prof. Irena Mlinarič-Raščan, Ph.D., vice-dean for scientific research. The Innovative Medicines Initiative (imi) is an organisation set up as a public private partnership in research and drug development. One of the imi's projects is a programme for training in research and drug development EMTRAIN (The European Medicines Research Training Network; http://www.emtrain.eu/).

Outstanding research in the field of nanofibres

In August 2012, the research group of the Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology which within the framework of ARRS research project (J1-4236) deals with the production and evaluation of polymeric nanofibres published the results of its research in the European Polymer Journal, the major journal in the field of polymer studies.

The article entitled "The role of rheology of polymer solutions and predicting nanofibre formation by electro-spinning," by Romana Rošic, Jan Pelipenko, Petra Kocbek, Saša Baumgartner, Marija Bešter-Rogač and Julijana Kristl (European Polymer Journal 2012; 48 (8) 1374-1384) has achieved an unprecedented response, since immediately after the publication it ranked 7th among the "TOP 25" most widely read magazine articles in the period July-September 2012, and retained high visibility in the next quarter as well. The fact that the published research results are interesting and have future perspectives is supported by the fact that the article was also invited to be published on the Advances in Engineering website (www.advancesinengineering.com). The editors decided that the research findings are of great importance in the field of engineering as well as innovative and promising technologies.

FFA gains the European project EACEA in lifelong learning programme (July 2012)

UL FFA as a partner institution gained the European project EACEA in lifelong learning programme: *Quality assurance in pharmacy education and training in EU* (527194-LLP-1-2012-1-BE-ERASMUS-EMGR) in total value worth half a million Euro (72% of EU funds). UL FFA through its regional director Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D. coordinates one of the 4 geographic areas of partner and participating universities of EU Member States and other European countries.

The project objectives are as follows:

- 1. To establish a European network for quality assurance in education and training of pharmacists;
- 2. To review existing quality assurance systems,
- 3. To develop a model for quality assurance in the education and training of pharmacists (based on point 2 above and interactions between partners according to the Delphi / TUNING system)
- 4. To test and prepare the harmonised model of quality assurance in education and training of pharmacists,
- 5. To promote and exploit the final model through the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy through the creation of a European system of quality assurance in education and training for pharmacists and for the creation of the appropriate agency.

Article in the prominent journal Nature Genetics

in April 2012 researchers from the GEFOS consortium within the Seventh Framework Programme of the EU, among them Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D., and Asst. Simon Mencej-Bedrač, Ph.D., from the Chair of Clinical Biochemistry, published an article in the prominent journal Nature Genetics, the leading journal in the field of genetics.

In the context of the GEFOS consortium there is on-going research of the genetic background of osteoporosis. In the largest study ever, the researchers using a genomic approach sought genetic markers associated with bone mineral density (BMD). According to analysis of 32,961 DNA with micro arrays they identified 96 genetic changes that demonstrated significant (p <10-8) correlation with BMD. As a next step they analysed these genetic changes in an additional 50,933 subjects with data on BMD and in 31,016 patients with low-energy fractures and 102,444 control subjects. They confirmed correlation of 56 genetic loci with clinical signs of osteoporosis, of which 32 were new, something which until now have never been associated with the development of this disease. They showed that the identified genes are involved mainly in the regulatory system of RANKL / RANK / OPG in the differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells, endochondral ossification, and signal path Wnt / Beta-Catenin. Due to the extremely large number of subjects included, the results of the study are the most credible yet and therefore form a very good basis for further research. We shall try to continue to explore the functional significance of detected genetic changes at protein and cellular level, and for at least some of them also in animal systems and systems in vivo. Functionally important proteins will certainly represent good diagnostic and therapeutic targets for treatment of elderly patients with this very common disease.

The article is accessible at http://www.nature.com/ng/journal/vaop/ncurrent/pdf/ng.2249.pdf



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Physical education at the Faculty of Pharmacy is organised as extra curricular activity for first-year students of all classes and participation in sports programmes is verified with enrolment in the third year of study. Students of higher classes are invited to join all sports programmes depending on space limitations. In the academic year 2011/12, about 400 students were involved in regular sport programmes and another 70 participated in competitions organised by the University of Ljubljana.

In the previous academic year, the students and staff at UL FFA participated in many championships organised by the Sports Association of the University of Ljubljana and achieved some excellent results in both individual and league competitions.

Some of the more prominent results of UL FFA in 2011/12:

CHESS Team 1st place: FFA 1st place Students/men: Jure Borišek 1st place Employees: Robert Roškar 3rd place Students/women: Barbara Špendal



UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Students/women, 2nd place Students/men, 4th place



UNIVERSITY FUTSAL LEAGUE – Students/men, 8th-16th place

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE - Students/men, 12th place



<u>SWIMMING</u> 2nd place FFA Relay Students/women 2nd place back stroke: Mateja Stopinšek 2nd place breast stroke: Mateja Stopinšek 4th place crawl: Vita Sonjak

SAVATE – 2nd place: Barbara Sokolovič

TABLE TENNIS – 5th place: Jurij Zdovc

ATHLETICS

Team 2nd place: FFA Relay 4x100 Students/men, 3rd place: FFA Running 3,000m, 1st place: Tina Čačilo Long jump, 2nd place: Kaja Glavač Shot put, 2nd place: Kaja Doberšek Running 100m, 4th place: Jan Breznikar Running 100m, 3rd place: Kaja Glavač Running 60 m, 3rd place: Kaja Glavač





<u>BEACH VOLLEYBALL</u>, Students/women: 2nd place: Sara Vidovič and Petra Ropret 3rd place: Tia Grgičevič and Katarina Mehle



FFA women students represented the University of Ljubljana at the BeST international student volleyball tournament which was held in Belgrade from May 3 - 6, 2012, and came 3rd in the group.

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Prof. Borut Štrukelj, Ph.D. received a Golden Award of CCIS Slovenia



Prof. Borut Štrukelj, Ph.D., received a Golden award for innovational development of the nutrigenomic testing system bestowed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia. The system was developed within the development project VALOR which is taking place at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana in cooperation with GenePlanet Company.

Vita Majce – recipient of the international fellowship UNESCO L'Oréal "For Women in Science"



Paris/Ljubljana, 28 March 2012 – Vita Majce, Ph.D., a 27-year-old biochemist from Brežice who is a part-time employee of FFA is one of only 15 recipients from around the world of the international fellowship UNESCO L'Oréal "For Women in Science". She received a two-year scholarship in the amount of 40 thousand American dollars, which will facilitate her research work abroad, for the project to discover new antibiotics - a very important area particularly in light of the development of bacterial resistance to existing antibiotics and their resultant ineffectiveness.

CO-WORKER AT FFA, PROF. NICHOLAS A. PEPPAS, HONORARY DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA

The Faculty of Pharmacy made a strong contribution to the Week of the University of Ljubljana. On the proposal of FFA, Prof. **Nicholas A. Peppas** from the University of Texas received the title **honorary doctor** of the University of Ljubljana.





Nicholas A. Peppas completed his university studies with a diploma from the National Technical University of Athens (1971) and received his Ph.D. in the United States at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1973). He is world-known as a leading expert and inventor in the field of biomaterials, delivery systems, systems for controlled release, and bionanotechnology. Courage and cheerfulness, enthusiasm for ambitious, bold projects and genuine determination and capability to complete them are reflected in his many prominent results. Exceptional results made Prof. Peppas a member of two out of the three scientific academies in the USA: Institute of Medicine (IOM), National Academy of Engineering (USA) and two European academies: Academia Real (Spain), Académie Nationale (France) as well as the Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Sciences of Texas. He is the president of the International Union of Societies of Biomaterials, Science and Engineering, and has also been the president of: College of Fellows of AIMBE, Society for Biomaterials, Controlled Release Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and American Association of Pharmaceutical

Sciences (AAPS).

Prof. Peppas is not only an outstanding ambassador of the biomedical field, but also an eloquent teacher and educator. He has mentored more than 185 undergraduate students and visiting scientists, including 94 Ph.D.s (35 in his nine years at the University of Texas), of which 33 are now professors at other universities. In his lab he has hosted and passed on his knowledge and experience to more than 700 other researchers and postgraduate students. Many of them have become the leading scientists and engineers in biomedicine. Because of his proven scientific and pedagogical approach he has received awards demonstrating his excellence in these areas, namely the American *Association of Engineering Education* awarded him all of their major awards, including the 2000 General Electric Senior Research Award, making him the best engineering researcher in the USA. In 1992 he won the George Westinghouse Award for best teacher, in 1988, when he was less than 40, he received the Curtis McGraw Award for the best engineering research, and in 2006 he gained the Chemical Engineering Award. He has also received numerous other awards for counselling and teaching.

Prof. Peppas has published more than 1,150 peer-reviewed publications, 350 scientific papers, 480 abstracts and is an inventor with 40 U.S. and international patents. He is co-publisher and co-author of 37 books, including the classic fundamental justifications for "hydrogels in medicine and pharmacy". In the field of biomaterials and bionanotechnologies he is the author of two pioneering monographs published in the last five years. His pioneering contributions have attracted more **than 40,000 citations with H = 98 (Google Scholar), which ranks him among the world's three most cited engineers in chemistry and biology, and he is in the group of three most cited also in biomedical engineering.** *His WoS data show 615 articles, 25,050 citations and h-index of 80.*

The beginnings of our cooperation with Prof. Peppas date back to the time when Slovenia became an independent country, when Prof. Nicholas A. Peppas, on the initiative of Prof. Stane Srčič, on behalf of U.S. scientists, wrote a letter of support to the U.S. Congress to recognise Slovenia as an independent country. In 1999, as a plenary speaker at the invitation of Prof. Julijana Kristl, he attended the 3rd Central European symposium on pharmaceutical technology and biopharmacy in Portorož, where he presented his pioneering work in protein delivery. In the following year he invited Saša Baumgartner, Ph.D., to his laboratory at Purdue University, where she completed part of her research for her doctoral thesis. The result was publication of the article in the Pharmaceutical Research journal, with the article being cited on numerous occasions. Additionally, by his mentoring work he demonstrated an engineering approach to solving scientific challenges. Prof. Peppas has also contributed to the establishment of the Society of Experts on controlled release of bioactive substances (CRS-Slovenia Local Chapter), which is part of the Controlled Release Society, USA. In this way Prof. Peppas contributed to raising the recognition and reputation of Slovenian pharmaceutical science throughout the world. He has been and still is extremely open to scientific collaboration with researchers from Slovenia, either in the laboratory or in remote discussion.

PROF. SLAVKO PEČAR, Ph.D., PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIUBLJANA

Rector of the University of Ljubljana, Prof. Radovan Stanislav Pejovnik, Ph.D., at the proposal of the Faculty of Pharmacy awarded the title **"professor emeritus"** of the University of Ljubljana **to Prof. Slavko Pečar, Ph.D.**

Since his graduation at the Chair of Pharmacy, the Department of Chemistry at the Faculty of Science and Technology (FNT) of the University of Ljubljana, Professor Slavko Pečar has been working at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana, where he has gone



full cycle from assistant to full professor. In his nearly 40-year career, he has done his utmost to contribute to the implementation of pharmacy as a scientific discipline in the Slovenian territory and its rise to a level comparable to that of the developed world. His research work, which was the result of integration with domestic (IJS, KI) and foreign research institutes (DKFZ Heidelbeg), is very important. Professor Pečar has a rich scientific bibliography of more than 130 scientific papers in national and international journals and is the author or co-author of many patents in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry issued abroad (Europe, USA, Japan). Professor Pečar is a specialist in the design and synthesis of nitric oxide radicals with programmed properties and biologically active compounds, especially peptidomimetics.

Professor Slavko Pečar has outstanding achievements in the development and implementation of the Faculty of Pharmacy as a world-class educational and research institution in the Slovenian higher education and research area, and its image abroad. In the course of three mandates he was a member of the FFA governance, and from 1995 to 1999 he was also the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. His greatest achievement in this period is that due to his visionary mindset we succeeded in building the new south wing of the FFA. The new extension and refurbishment of the laboratories in the old building of FFA brought the standard, equipment, and the conditions of teaching and research to a European level. This achievement has given new impetus to teaching and scientific research work.

In nearly forty years of work as a university teacher, scientist and the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Professor Slavko Pečar has unfalteringly contributed to the successful development and flowering of FFA.

ASSOC. PROF. ALEŠ OBREZA, Ph.D. AND ASSIST. MIRJAM GOSENCA, Ph.D. - BEST PEDAGOGUES IN 2012

This year, the Student Council of the University for the first time prepared a ceremonial session at which they granted **diplomas to the best pedagogues** and awards for the best administrative staff. Among them there are two co-workers from our Faculty, namely **Assoc. Prof. Aleš Obreza, Ph.D.** and **Asist. Mirjam Gosenca, Ph.D.**



NEWLY ELECTED PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA IN 2012

Prof. Odon Planinšek, Ph.D., M.Sc. Pharm.



He was born in 1967 in Ptuj where he finished primary school and attended secondary school in Maribor. After military service in 1987 he started studying pharmacy at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Ljubljana. During his studies he worked as a demonstrator in practical exercises within the field of Pharmaceutical Technology. During this period, in 1992, he received Krka awards for student research and was the initiator and coorganiser of the first patient counselling contest. After graduation in 1993, he worked as a junior researcher at the Institute of Pharmacy and Drug Research. In 1995 he passed his professional examination. In 1996 he completed his master's thesis and in 1999 his doctorate at the Faculty of Pharmacy, under the supervision of Prof. Stanko Srčič.

In 2002 he attended post-doctoral studies at the London School of Pharmacy where he studied the surface properties of solids, and in 2004 he made a study visit to the University of Tübingen.

Prof. Odon Planinšek, Ph.D., has been employed at the Faculty of Pharmacy since 1999. He now teaches Physical Pharmacy in the uniform master's study programme of Pharmacy and is the head of practical exercises. He also lectures in several courses at the university study programme of Cosmetology, master's study programme of Industrial Pharmacy and postgraduate study programme of Biomedicine.

His research is focused on research and development of applications to be used in the pharmaceutical industry. He also works on development of solid dispersions of poorly soluble active substances using porous insoluble excipients and production of cocrystals. He is beginning to research precipitation particles in the laboratory on a chip. In the field of research on the use of silica dioxid xerogels in pharmacy he cooperates with the Laboratory for Materials Electrochemistry and the Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry and Technology at the Institute of Chemistry.

In addition to research work he attends various training sessions, such as training in the field of intellectual property, didactic training, and those organised by the Ljubljana University Incubator, based on which he co-founded a company in 2004 which operated until 2008. He is a member of the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society, co-editor of the Acta Pharmaceutica international journal, and a member of the Commission for Innovation of the University of Ljubljana.

Prof. Odon Planinšek. Ph.D. is the author or co-author of three Slovenian patents and three international patent applications. He has published 49 articles in scientific journals, of which 31 appear in journals indexed by SCI. The popularity of his research work is evident from the 36.25 citation index. He is also the co-author of a university textbook and multiple study materials, mentor of 45 diploma papers, one university Prešeren Award and a doctoral thesis.

In 1996 he was elected Assistant, in 2001 Assistant Professor, in 2006 Associate Professor, and in January 2012 Full Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology.

Prof. Franc Vrečer, Ph.D., M.Sc. Pharm.



He was born in 1959 in Celje where he completed primary and secondary school. In 1978 he started studying pharmacy at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Ljubljana. He graduated in 1983 and a year later enrolled in postgraduate studies at the Department of Pharmacy at the Faculty of Science and Technology. He finished his master's degree in 1988 with great success. In 1992, he successfully presented his doctoral dissertation. For both, his master's and doctoral thesis he received Krka Awards.

Upon completion of the fourth year of study in pharmacy he started working at the Department of Pharmacy at the

Faculty of Science and Technology in 1982 as a technical assistant. After military service he was employed at the same institution, first as a young researcher then as an assistant at the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology. In 1991, he joined the Krka pharmaceutical factory, Novo mesto, where he now works as an Assistant Director of Research and Development. In 2008, he participated in his post-doctoral research - pedagogical training at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Since 1994, Prof. Franc Vrečer, Ph.D., has been the leader of three applied research projects cofinanced by the Ministry of Science and Technology. As a researcher and coordinator he has participated in several research projects co-financed by the Municipality of Novo mesto since 1991. From 2009 to 2011 he was project manager at the Ministry of Commerce and at Technology Agency of Slovenia.

He is an active member of the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society where he actively participates mainly in the Technology Section and Pharmaceutical Science Section performing different functions since 1991. On his initiative, in 1993 the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society established the Commission for Slovenian Pharmaceutical Technology Terminology, which was led by Prof. Vrečer until 2000. During this time it published, among others, a booklet "Standardni farmacevtsko tehnološki izrazi" ("Standard Pharmaceutical Technical Expressions"), which represents the first published terminology glossary of pharmaceutical technology and packaging and is also a welcome study material. In the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society he has been active in the editorial board and as a member or president of professional and organisational committees of consultations organised by the Technology section or parent society. Ever since its inception he has been a member of the organising committee for the preparation of the Central European Symposium on Pharmaceutical Technology. The latter has thus far organised 6 international symposia. Since 2001, he has been a member of the national committee for the European Pharmacopoeia at the Agency for Medicinal Products, a member of the scientific committee for the organisation of the International Symposium within the Krka Awards, and Chairman of the Scientific Committee at the Krka Awards Council fund. Under his leadership the first international symposium of analysis was organised in 2008, which was attended by many domestic and foreign experts. Prof. Vrečer is also a member of three international professional associations: APV, APGI, and CRS. As a reviewer of technical and scientific papers he is involved in various national and international scientific and professional journals.

In addition to Krka Awards he received the Minarik Acknowledgement for his work in the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society in 1995. In 1996 he gained an award from the Municipality of Novo mesto for research and innovation achievements, and along with co-authors, three gold awards from the Chamber of Commerce of Dolenjska and Bela Krajina for the best innovations in 2010 and 2011.

As a co-author he has published 49 scientific articles in journals indexed by SCI, he cooperates in pharmaceutical technology research, especially in preformulation studies, and in the manufacture of

solid dosage forms. His contribution to the transfer of research results into industrial practice is very important. He is co-author of 29 patent applications and 4 international patents, he co-authored a university textbook, and he is a mentor to 29 diploma papers, a faculty Prešeren award, seven master's papers and five doctorates.

As a representative of Krka, Novo mesto, he has been actively involved in the preparation and implementation of the new master's study programme of Industrial Pharmacy. As a lecturer, holder or co-holder of courses, and mentor or co-mentor he participates in undergraduate study of Pharmacy, master's study programme of Industrial Pharmacy, and doctoral study programme of Biomedicine.

Franc Vrečer, Ph.D. was elected assistant at the University of Ljubljana in 1988 in the field of pharmaceutical technology, in 1996 he received the title of Assistant Professor, in 2003 the title of Associate Professor, and in March 2012 the title of Full Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology.
RESEARCH DAY AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY

During the Week of the University of Ljubljana, there was held on December 5, 2012 the so-called "Research day at FFA", which included a scientific symposium, a ceremony of granting awards, acknowledgements and commendations to the best students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, a lecture by honorary doctor of the University of Ljubljana Prof. Nicholas Peppas, Ph.D. of the University of Texas, granting dean awards to young researchers for the best scientific achievements of the past year and faculty Prešeren awards.





Besides Prof. Peppas, the keynote speaker was also Prof. Stanislav Gobec, Ph.D., recipient of the prestigious Zois Award in 2011. He gave a lecture on the development of substances for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

There followed lectures by researchers - winners of the Dean Awards of the Faculty of Pharmacy for the best scientific achievements at the faculty in the past year. The Dean Awards were granted to young professionals who had completed their doctoral study not more than one ago, and who in the previous or the current academic year (regarding the date of grant) were the first authors to publish an original scientific article in a journal with a high impact factor, or in a journal belonging to the top 10% of journals within each individual field. The candidate for the award may be a student of the FFA or an employee of the FFA - and the FFA should be cited in the article at least as a participating organisation.

DEAN AWARDS IN 2012

The Dean Awards 2012 were bestowed to:

<u>MARTINA GOBEC</u> for her scientific article entitled: "Selective cytotoxicity of amidinopiperidine-based compounds against Burkitt's lymphoma cells" published in PLoS one journal.

<u>BOJANA MIRKOVIČ</u> for her scientific article entitled: "Redox-Based Inactivation of Cysteine Cathepsins by Compounds Containing the 4-Aminophenol Moiety" published in PLoS one journal.

JAN PELIPENKO for his scientific article entitled: "The Topography of Electrospun Nanofibers and Its Impact on the Growth and Mobility of Keratinocytes" published in the European journal of pharmaceutics and biopharmaceutics.

<u>ANJA PIŠLAR</u> for her scientific article entitled: "Gama-enolase C-terminal peptide promotes cell survival and neurite outgrowth by activation of PI 3-K/Akt and MAPK/ERK signaling pathways" published in Biochemical Journal.

<u>MATIJA ROJNIK</u> for her scientific article entitled: "In vitro and in vivo characterisation of temoporfinloaded PEGlytated PLGA nanoparticles for use in photodynamic therapy" published in Nanomedicine.

<u>MARKO ŠTEFANIČ</u> for his scientific article entitled: "The influence of gastric emptying kinetics on the drug release from enteric coated pellets in fasted state: An in vitro/in vivo correlation" published in European journal of pharmaceutics and biopharmaceutics.

<u>VERONIKA ŠKEDELJ</u> for her scientific article entitled: "6-arylpyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidines as novel ATP-competitive inhibitors of bacterial D-alanine: D-alanine ligase" published in PLoS one journal.

PREŠEREN AWARDS IN 2012

University Prešeren awards were granted to:

<u>MATEJA PRUNK and NUŠA PRISTOVŠEK</u> for their paper entitled: "The relationship between polymorphisms in the gene for the α 2A adrenergic receptor and interleukin 1 α , and markers of osteoporosis" (mentor: Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D., co-mentor: Assist. Janja Zupan, Ph.D.)



Faculty Prešeren awards for 2012 were granted to:

MARSEL BRATUŠA for the work entitled: "Binding of fluoride ions to the cationic polyelectrolytes (ionen) in water" (mentor: Assoc. Prof. Barbara Hribar-Lee, co-mentor: Miha Lukšič, Ph.D.)

<u>ANDREJA EMERŠIČ</u> for the work entitled: "Serum amyloid A as the autoimmune target of inflammatory diseases" (mentor: Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D. co-mentor: Asst. Prof. Snežana Sodin Šemrl, Ph.D.)

<u>URBAN KOŠAK</u> for the work entitled: "Synthesis of 3-ketopalmitoil coenzyme A" (mentor: Prof. Stanislav Gobec, Ph.D., co-mentor: Assist. Andreja Kovač, Ph.D.)

<u>BOR KRALJIC</u> for the work entitled: "The development of a procedure to identify permeability properties of different "in vitro" models with a large number of compounds in a particular experiment" (mentor: Asst. Prof. Simon Žakelj, Ph.D. co-mentor: Asst. Prof. Robert Roškar, Ph.D.)

<u>ANA MEVC</u> for the work entitled: "Amphiphilic nytroxide radicals as inducers of caspase-3 dependent pathway of apoptosis" (mentor: Prof. Janko Kos, Ph.D.)

ŽIGA URLEP for the work entitled: "Evaluation of cytotoxic effects of acyl hydrazide and sulphono hydrazide serine protease inhibitors" (mentor: Prof. Irena Mlinarič Raščan, Ph.D.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

In 2012, we conferred 43 Acknowledgements of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

FACULTY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS are given to students with an uninterrupted course of study and an average mark of 8.5 or above in all study requirements (excluding dissertation) in the period of one year after completing the full-time study programme. Failing marks are included when calculating the average mark.

The faculty acknowledgement comprises a diploma (plaque) and a material prize.

The 2012 acknowledgements of the Faculty of Pharmacy were awarded as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY OF PHARMACY

Brajkovec Melita Cesar Blanka Černe Ana Emeršič Andreja Janžovnik Tatjana Jeraj Žiga Kavčič Mateja Klančar Anita Kojc Rok Kopač Janez Kos Špela Kramarič Valerija Lemovec Ana Lumpert Mateja Mandić Jelena Meglič Sandi Miler Amadeja Mitrović Ana Nabergoj Dominik Pliberšek Vanja Rijavec Nika Rožman Eva Tičar Erik Urlep Žiga Vidak Marko Vidovič Sara Zinrajh David

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ACKONWLEDGEMENTS FOR MASTER'S PROGRAMME OF INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY Brule Katarina





COMMENDATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

In 2012, we conferred more than 200 Commendations of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

FACULTY COMMENDATIONS are awarded to the best students of the year – Unified master's study programme in Pharmacy, University study programme in Pharmacy, University study in Laboratory Biomedicine, Higher professional study programme in Laboratory Biomedicine, Postgraduate master's study of Industrial Pharmacy, and Postgraduate master's study of Laboratory Biomedicine. Eligibility criteria are uninterrupted course of study and an average mark of 8.5 or above for all study requirements in a given year, regardless of the requirements for proceeding to the next year. Failing marks are included when calculating the average mark.

The faculty commendation is presented in the form of a diploma (plaque).

Commendations were awarded to:

• UNIFORM MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME OF PHARMACY 1ST YEAR, 2011/12

Bernik Petra	Klobučar Simona	Skok Žiga
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Blagajac Iza	Kosmač Anita	Starič Maja
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Ćatić Sabrina	Krsnik Mateja	Strah Nina
Dolinar Patricija	Matko Ana	Šrot Luka
Donko Tadeja	Mirt Matic	Štravs Nina
Drofenik Lea	Nemec Katarina	Tibaut Maja
Frelih Tjaša	Ozimič Nina	Trogar Urška
Gantar Kaja	Pahor Nika	Tuta Nika
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Jeromel Aljaž	Regner Žiga	Zajec Špela
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- Blagotinšek Špela Božič Klemen Brcar Tjaša Bunc Marko
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Avbelj Judita	Jošić Danijela	Tomažin Martina
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Hadžidaova Petra	Pušnik Žan	

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Kramberger Urška	Pirnat Vesna	Unkovič Ana
Kravos Klara	Struna Alenka	
Krivec Nuša	Štepic Barbara	

• UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMME OF COSMETOLOGY 2ND YEAR, 2011/12

Avbelj Maja Konečnik Nuša Toporiš Janja

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Čas Teja	Kos Špela	Ogrič Manca
Farič Jasmina	Malavašič Tina	Prunk Mateja

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• MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME OF INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY 1ST YEAR, 2011/12

Založnik Živa

• MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME OF INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY 2ND YEAR, 2011/12

Brulc Katarina Skok Mateja

WINNERS OF KRKA AWARDS IN 2012



Krka Awards for special achievements in research were conferred to:

Devjak Novak Sabina (mentor Saša Baumgartner, co-mentor Franc Vrečer): "The study of some functionally-related characteristics of hypromellose used as a matrix forming agent" COBISS.SI: 3350641.

Kovačič Borut (mentor Odon Planinšek, co-mentor Franc Vrečer): "Improving pharmaceuticaltechnological properties of carvedilol with solid dispersions and cocrystal preparation" COBISS.SI-ID: 3342961.

Ravnikar Matjaž (mentor Borut Štrukelj, co-mentor Mojca Lunder: "Development of recombinant probiotics and interactions between probiotic lactic acid bacteria and drugs" COBISS.SI-ID: 3343217.

Krka Awards for research work were conferred to:

Dolenc Tadej (mentor Franc Vrečer, co-mentor Darko Uršič): "The influence of buffer systems on solubility of selected salts of naproxen and ciprofloxacin at constant pH" COBISS.SI-ID: 3350897.

Dular Aleša (mentor Franc Vrečer, co-mentor Polona Bukovec): "The influence of crystallisation conditions on selected properties of model active ingredient particles" COBISS.SI-ID: 3351153.

Govedarica Biljana (mentor Stanko Srčič, co-mentor Miha Škarabot): "Evaluation of mechanical and surface properties of pharmaceutical materials and products on a single particle level by atomic force microscopy" COBISS.SI-ID: 3343473.

llić Miloš (mentor Danijel Kikelj, co-mentor Janez Ilaš): "Structural optimization of novel dual anti-thrombotic compounds and their effect on angiogenesis" COBISS.SI-ID: 3380593.

Luštrik Matevž (mentor Stanko Srčič): "Development of methods and evaluation of solid particle local characteristic in the fluid-bed coaters and their influence on particle coating uniformity" COBISS.SI-ID: 3380849.

Majce Vita (mentor Slovenko Polanc, co-mentor Stanislav Gobec): "Design, synthesis and evaluation of diazenes and their analogues as potential inhibitors of some enzymes" COBISS.SI-ID: 36308485.

Pršina Aleš (mentor Odon Planinšek): "Formulation of tablets by compressing hydroxypropylcellulose to achieve bimodal release of active ingredient" COBISS.SI-ID: 3351409.

Škedelj Veronika (mentor Anamarija Zega): "Design, synthesis and evaluation of inhibitors of d-aspartate ligase and d-alanyl-d-alanine ligase" COBISS.SI-ID: 3381105.

4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN 2012

In 2012 the Faculty of Pharmacy strengthened its international activities in numerous areas and in particular, the percentage of students attending one of the forms of exchanges has increased. It should be noted that in 2012 we successfully organised two international summer schools, gained significant international agreement on the participation of the Faculty in European inter-university post-graduate education in drug development, and we have established new research links either through bilateral projects or in the context of research projects.

Table: number of our students finishing part of their study programme requirements abroad and number offoreign students in exchange study programmes or are regularly enrolled in the FFA in 2012

Number of	TOGETHER	ERASMUS	BASILEUS	CEEPUS	IPSF practical	Full-tin enrolle	ne ed
students					training	studen	ts
						1st, 2nd	3rd
						cycle	cycle
FFA students							
abroad	94	68	0	2	24	-	-
Foreign							
students	85	30	6	6	14	23	6
at FFA							

The number of students of the Faculty of Pharmacy involved in exchange programmes as well as foreign students at our Faculty has been increasing. In the first and second cycle of study approximately 6.7% of all regularly enrolled students or 25% more students than in 2011 complete part of their study programme requirements abroad or obtain additional competencies for future work. The number of foreign students at our Faculty has also increased. Namely, in 2011 there were 48 exchange students, 33 regularly enrolled, and in 2012 we increased the number of exchanges to 56 while the number of enrolled decreased to 29.

International recognition of FFA is being expanded and further strengthened by the exchange of university teachers and researchers. FFA hosted 23 foreign teachers and researchers, while 16 FFA teachers and researchers visited foreign universities.

We were extremely successful in the international arena by organising two summer schools: **1st summer school entitled Basic concepts in Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics** and **2nd Meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network**. Both were attended by more than 180 participants, the majority of whom were students of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes coming from over 30 different countries.

Mobility programmes

The promotion of student exchange programmes was carried out within the framework of organised meetings at the Faculty of Pharmacy in cooperation with the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Students' Association. There were many individual interviews organised and students were kept informed through the updated website of the Faculty of Pharmacy: International Activity. International mobility at the FFA is coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Saša Baumgartner, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for International Cooperation.

The Faculty enables practical lectures in English, and English is also used in individual consultations with lecturers. Written and oral exams are carried out in English. Corresponding study literature is provided in English, too. Upon arriving to the Faculty, students are welcomed by the coordinator and

the tutoring student who show them around the Faculty, explain study methods, and provide details of extra curricular activities.

ERASMUS

Erasmus is a sectoral programme and is an integral part of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme. Its primary objectives are to support the implementation of the European higher education area, improving the quality and quantity of mobility, promotion of multilateral cooperation, and strengthening the links between educational institutions and industry. The main tool for achieving these objectives is the organisation of exchanges of students, teachers, and staff within the recognised periods of study, which means that students can complete part of their regular academic study or practice in one of the institutions with which the parent faculty has signed cooperation agreements. Erasmus exchange enables students to get to know student and working life abroad, provides personal growth, ensures greater employability, visibility, and new experiences, all of which the students consider an advantage in finding their first job.

In 2012 the Faculty of Pharmacy concluded 46 bilateral agreements, 7 more than in the previous year, 90 vacancies for student exchanges and 52 vacancies for teacher exchanges. It is also necessary to highlight the extraordinary commitment of our students in finding venues for student practice especially in research laboratories and practical training in pharmacies. In so doing, they receive considerable help from professors through their personal connections in the international arena.



ERASMUS Partner Universities with which the Faculty of Pharmacy has signed a bilateral agreement

BASILEUS

Basileus (**B**alkan **a**cademic **s**cheme for the internationalisation of learning together with **EU** universities), a European Commission project, promotes academic mobility from the countries of the Western Balkans and the EU. The programme is carried out within the Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EMECW) project, which enables student and teacher exchanges at one of the

twelve partner universities. Together with the other eight universities from EU members, students and teachers from the University of Ljubljana have the possibility of exchange at twelve universities from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo. In the framework of the Basileus project there were 6 undergraduate students at our Faculty. They have all completed their exchange very successfully.

CEEPUS

CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) is a regional programme with the aim to establish and promote student and teacher mobility among the participating countries and make use of friendly links and possibilities to form common study programmes.

For a number of years, the Faculty of Pharmacy has collaborated in several networks in the areas of pharmaceutical technology and clinical biochemistry. At the moment, we are actively engaged in two CEEPUS programmes. The first is the CEEPUS II programme entitled *Developing a network for monitoring the impact of environmental and nutritional factors on fertility and neonatal health*, organised by Prof. Marius Alexandru Moga, Ph.D., from the Transylvania University of Brasov, Romania. The coordinator at the Faculty is Assoc. Prof. Irena Mlinarič-Raščan, Ph.D.

The second CEEPUS programme is *Novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to complex genetic disorders* (CIII-HR-0611), coordinated by the University of Zagreb, Croatia. Faculties in the project are from partner countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, and Montenegro. The coordinator on the part of FFA is Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D.

TEMPUS

The TEMPUS programme is intended to support the modernisation of higher education in the partner countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Western Balkans, and the Mediterranean, primarily by means of cooperation projects among universities financed by the European Union.

In 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy was a member of the TEMPUS programme consortium called *Postgraduate Qualification in Pharmacy: The way Forward*, coordinated by the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Belgrade. The goals of the TEMPUS project are: designing and updating undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes in Serbia, creating a training programme and installing an "e-learning" application platform. One of the goals is also the provision of new possibilities for professional and scientific collaboration among the faculties of the consortium members which include the Universities of Dublin, London, Greenwich, Strathclyde, Novi Sad, Niš, and Kragujevac in addition to those already mentioned. Membership of the Faculty of Pharmacy within the project is coordinated by Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D.

New international inter-university postgraduate programme

In 2012, the University of Ljubljana and the Faculty of Pharmacy signed an important cooperation agreement with Semmelweis University in Budapest (more information on page 26).

The European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy

The European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (EAFP) meeting took place in May 2012 in Utrecht (NL) and was attended by over 100 representatives of faculty members. At the EAFP General Assembly there was presented the legal status of the association, which is an international non-profit organisation involving 80 European faculties. FFA was selected to organise the EAFP meeting in 2014. On the last day of the meeting, the final results of the Pharmine project (http://www.pharmine.org/) which also included FFA were presented. FFA entered into the activities for continuing EAFP

international projects in the field of education for pharmacists in South Eastern Europe. The latter was presented as a continuation and upgrade of the Pharmine project named Phar-QA. A few months after the event this new project was confirmed. Cooperation with EAFP was coordinated by the Dean of FFA, Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D., and Assoc. Prof. Aleš Obreza, Ph.D. also attended the conference.

International summer schools

1st summer school of Basic concepts in Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics

ESPT (European Society for Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics) organised the first international summer school of Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics which took place at the University of Ljubljana, the Faculty of Pharmacy (more information on page 24).

2nd international meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network

In the period from 9 to 11 September 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy organised the international scientific meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network (more information on page 25).

Conclusion

Today, the goal of every modern and successful University and Faculty is not only training highly skilled professionals and conducting research for domestic needs, but also the proliferation of these activities in the international arena. In this regard, the Faculty of Pharmacy was very successful in 2012. We have increased the number of exchanges, organised international summer schools, we were the initiators of the establishment of a new inter-university programme, and we participated in several international research projects. We would like to point out that the majority of our students abroad fulfilled with flying colours all their obligations of our study agreements. It is evident that the students of the Faculty of Pharmacy and, indirectly, our programmes are comparable with similar faculties in Europe. However, our aim in the future is to improve the ratio of incoming / outgoing students, which will be achieved by organising lectures partly in the English language. We shall try to get awarded the organisation of international conferences and summer schools which greatly contribute to the popularity of our faculty in the international arena.

LINKING UP WITH FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANISATIONS

VISITING TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY

a) Teachers

- Prof. Jeannine S. McCune, Ph.D., University of Washington, Department of Pharmacy, Seattle, USA
- Prof. Anahid Jewett, Ph.D., University of Los Angeles UCLA, California, USA
- Prof. Duško Ilić, Ph.D., King's College London, Great Britain
- Prof. Jerka Dumić Belamarić, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- Prof. Ljiljana Mitar Tasić, Ph.D., University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Belgrade, Serbia
- Prof. Aliosha Bakuridze, Ph.D., State University of Batumi, Georgia
- Prof. Dali Berashvili, Ph.D., State University of Tbilisi, Georgia
- Prof. Nora Urbanetz, Ph.D., Research Center Pharmaceutical Engineering GmbH, Graz, Austria
- Prof. Giovanni Piersanti, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Urbino, Italy
- Prof. Martin Doležal, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, Charles University, Hradec Kralove, Czechoslovakia
- Prof. Geronikaki Athina, Ph.D., School of Pharmacy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Prof. Nurredin Al Bouzeidi, Ph.D., Medical Supply Organization, Tripoli, Libya
- Prof. Athanassiov Nikolaos Peppas, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Assis Prof. Snežana Savić, Ph.D., University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Belgrade, Serbia
- Asst. Prof. Nataša Bogavac, Ph.D., University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Belgrade, Serbia
- Asst. Prof. Jelena Kotur Stevuljević, Ph.D., University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Belgrade, Serbia

b) Researchers

- Prof. Eric Sauvage, University of Liege, Belgium
- Prof. Mohammed Terrak, University of Liege, Belgium
- Prof. Eric Zhijian Huang, Hangzhou Normal University, China
- Paula Kiuru, Ph.D., University of Helsinki, Finland
- Xinyuan Lin, Hangzhou Normal University, China
- Sotirios Katsamakas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Julia Hurler, University of Tromsø, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Pharmacy, Tromsø, Norway
- Emilija Arsovska, Macedonia
- Ivana Mašić, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Edina Vranić, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo, BIH
- Daris Grizić, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo, BIH
- Lali Lomtadze, Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia
- Milica Miljković, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Belgrade, Serbia
- Ruđer Novak, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- Tanja Dujić, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Pharmacy, BIH
- Tamer Bego, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Pharmacy, BIH

VISITING TEACHERS, ASSISTENTS, AND RESEARCHERS FROM FFA (ON TRAINING) ABROAD

- a) Teachers, assistants
 - Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D., State University and Institute of Solid State Chemistry and Mechanochemistry, Novosibirsk, Russia
 - Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo, BIH
 - Prof. Odon Planinšek, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo, BIH
 - Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D., Universty of Zagreb, Croatia

- Assoc. Prof. Saša Baumgartner, Ph.D., Karl-Franzens Universität, Graz, Austria
- Assoc. Prof. Darko Černe, Ph.D., University of Pecs, Hungary
- Asst. Prof. Simon Žakelj, Ph.D., University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland
- Assist. Ilija Ilić, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Assist. Matevž Prijatelj, Ph.D., Laboratory of Onko-Hematology, CEA, Paris, France
- Assist. Tihomir Tomašić, Ph.D., Xention Ltd, Cambridge, Great Britain

b) Researchers

- Assist. Biljana Janković, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Assist. Biljana Janković, Ph.D., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Assist. Samo Turk, Ph.D., Institute Enveloppes Bacteriennes et Antibiotiques IBBMC, Paris, France
- Assist. Martina Hrast, Institute de Biologie Structural (IBS), Grenoble, France

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGES IN 2012

Socrates/Erasmus exchanges:

 number of Faculty of Pharmacy exchange students abroad: 	68
 number of foreign students at the Faculty of Pharmacy: 	30
Basileus exchanges:	
 number of Faculty of Pharmacy exchange students abroad: 	0
 number of foreign students at the Faculty of Pharmacy: 	6
CEEPUS exchanges:	
 number of Faculty of Pharmacy exchange students abroad: 	3
 number of foreign students at the Faculty of Pharmacy: 	1
SEP 1-month exchanges	
 number of Faculty of Pharmacy exchange students abroad: 	24
 number of foreign students at the Faculty of Pharmacy: 	14

5 SCIENTIFIC, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

The Faculty of Pharmacy is responsible for scientific research areas in pharmaceutical sciences and clinical biochemistry and it is integrated into interdisciplinary scientific research in Slovenia and abroad. Scientific research work at the FFA is realised in the context of the programme and project funding by the Research Agency of the Republic of Slovenia (ARRS), in cooperation with industry, in the context of bilateral international projects, and projects of the Seventh Framework Programme of the EU.

Faculty research work is conducted under four programme groups operating at the FFA as follows:

<u>Pharmaceutical Technology: planning, preparation, and valuation of modern delivery systems of</u> <u>active substances</u>, headed by Prof. Aleša Mrhar, Ph.D., which combines the Chair of Biopharmacy and Pharmacokinetics, the Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology, and the Chair of Social Pharmacy.

<u>Pharmaceutical Chemistry: planning, synthesis, and valuation of active substances</u>, headed by Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D., which combines the Chair of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, the Chair of Clinical Biochemistry, and the Chair of Pharmaceutical Biology.

<u>Pharmaceutical Biotechnology: the human and environment</u>, headed by Prof. Janko Kos, Ph.D., which combines the Chair of Pharmaceutical Biology, the Chair of Clinical Biochemistry, and the Department of Biotechnology at the Jožef Stefan Institute.

<u>Clinical Biochemistry: genes, hormones and personality disorders in metabolic changes</u>, headed by Prof. Janez Preželj, Ph.D., at UKC Ljubljana and FFA, The chair of Clinical Biochemistry, coordinator Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D.

Faculty researchers also participate in research programmes undertaken at other institutions, namely <u>Experimental Biophysics of complex systems</u>, headed by Prof. Janez Stepinšek, Ph.D., at the Jozef Stefan Institute, and <u>Systemic autoimmune diseases</u>, headed by Asst. Prof. Snežna Sodin Šemrl, Ph.D., at the UKC Ljubljana.

The funds for research work of programme groups within the national programme are provided by the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS). In 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ljubljana conducted 9 basic research projects, 4 applied research projects, a large number of research and development projects with industry, three European projects, and several bilateral projects.

ARRS basic research projects:

- · Inhibitors of cysteine carboxypeptidases as regulators of autoimmune and neurodegenerative processes (head: Prof. Kos Janko, Ph.D.)
- Design, formulation and characterisation of biomimetic nanocomposite systems for effective tissue regeneration (head: Prof. Julijana Kristl, Ph.D.)
- Development and evaluation of radiolabelled bio-molecules for targeted radionuclide therapy and imaging of neuroendocrine tumours (coordinator at FFA: Prof. Irena Mlinarič Raščan, Ph.D., head: Jurij Fettich, Ph.D., UKC LJ)
- Transport and RNA binding of TDP-43 and FUS implications for ALS/FTLD spectrum of neurodegenerative disease (coordinator at FFA: Asst. Prof. Tomaž Bratkovič, Ph.D., head: Boris Rogelj, Ph.D., Zavod BRIS)
- The role of genetic polymorphisms in treatment result and occurrence of side effects in children with cancer (coordinator at FFA: Prof. Irena Mlinarič Raščan, Ph.D., head: Asst. Prof. Janez Jazbec, Ph.D., Paediatric Clinic of Ljubljana)

- The influence of active transport and patients' genotypes on the therapeutic outcome of chronic myeloic leukemia (head: Prof. Albin Kristl, Ph.D.)
- Pharmacogenetic approaches to research, diagnosis and therapy of leukemia (head: Prof. Irena Mlinarič Raščan, Ph.D.)
- Fungal cytochrome P450 enzymes involved in the detoxification of plant defence compounds as targets of new antifungal substances (coordinator at FFA: Prof. Stanislav Gobec, Ph.D., head: Nada Krašovec, Ph.D., KI)
- · Genetic factors for osteoporosis (head: Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D.)

ARRS applied research projects:

- Protective pleiotropic effects of low-dose inhibitors of the renin-angiotensin system and statins in healthy middle-aged population (coordinator at FFA; Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D., head: Mirza Šabović, Ph.D. UKC)
- Complex hyperspectral system for automatic analysis and control of pharmaceutical pellet coating processes (coordinator at FFA: Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D., head: Prof. Likar Boštjan, Ph.D., UL FE)
- Pre clinical development of new antibacterial drugs (head: Prof. Stanislav Gobec, Ph.D.)
- Theoretical and practical aspects of terminology and terminography in connection with Internet terminological resources (coordinator at FFA: Prof. Aleš Obreza, Ph.D., head: Žele Andreja, Ph.D., ZRC SAZU)

Outside industry-related projects

In 2012, the Faculty of Pharmacy successfully carried out a range of development and research projects with the following companies: Lek-Sandoz, Krka, Vzajemna, ZZZS, Servier Pharm, Novartis Pharma, Inštitut za matematiko, fiziko in mehaniko (Institute for Mathematics, Physics and Mechanics), Orthopaedic Hospital Valdoltra, Astra Zeneca, Abbott, Clinres Farmacija and Brinox.

7th framework programme projects

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to Sustainable Production and Industrial Applications. The project involves 19 partners from 9 European and 4 non-European countries. The project is coordinated by the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Helsinki, Finland, project coordinator at UL FFA is Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D.

Exploring Marine Resources for Bioactive Compounds: From Discovery

ORCHID



Open Collaborative Model for Tuberculosis Lead Optimisation (ORCHID). The aim of the project is the optimisation of lead compounds with anti-tuberculosis effect to the point where they can be passed to clinical trials. The project is coordinated by the pharmaceutical corporation GlaxoSmithKline, Diseases of the Developing World, Spain (David Barros, Ph.D.). Coordinator at UL FFA is Prof. Stanislav Gobec. Project duration: 2010 – 2014.

Other EU projects



European Social Fund: Knowledge for the future - A new generation of life sciences researchers within the framework of the Operational Programme for Human Resources Development. The project is coordinated by the National Institute of Chemistry Ljubljana; besides UL FFA and Faculty of Arts there are also 13 secondary schools participating. The project coordinator at UL FFA is

Asst. Prof. Tomaž Bratkovič, Ph.D. Duration of the project: 2012-2014.

EPTA: EP4 receptor: potential target. The purpose of the project is to search for and evaluate signalling molecules, which can also cause resistance to chemotherapy, radiation, and immune-regulated cell death. The project is conducted in cooperation with the Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission from France, the head is Prof. Irena Mlinarič-Raščan, Ph.D. Duration of the project: 2009-2013.

COST New Drugs for Neglected Diseases. The main objective of the project is to bring together researchers and partners from industry that are engaged in the development of new drugs for the treatment of tropical diseases such as *African sleeping sickness, Chagas disease* and *Leishmaniasis,* and combine inter-related areas of molecular genetics, biochemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, crystallography and bioinformatics. The project involves researchers from 17 countries. The coordinator at UL FFA is Asst. Prof. Lucija Mašič-Peterlin, Ph.D. Duration of the project: 2008-2012.

COST Chemical Approaches to Targeting Drug Resistance in Cancer Stem Cells. Participation in the project enables links with European researchers in the research of the role of cancer stem cells in the treatment of malignancies. Members of the COST CM1106 administrative board are also Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Lucija Mašič-Peterlin, Ph.D. The project coordinator at UL FFA is Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D.

TEMPUS Postgraduate Qualification in Pharmacy: The Way Forward. The project involves faculties from Dublin, London, Greenwich, Ljubljana, and Belgrade. Its goal is modernisation of postgraduate education in the country coordinator, Serbia. The duration of the project: 2009 – 2012. The project coordinator at UL FFA is Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D.

Other projects:

There was also a significant degree of international cooperation within a number of bilateral research projects (Table 5-1).

Project title	Head	Partner country
		Belgium and
New inhibitors of penicillin-binding proteins	Prof. S. Gobec, Ph.D.	Wallonia
Preparation and characterisation of porous micro-		
and nano-particles based on silicon, and the		
evaluation of their impact on the absorption of		
active substances	Prof. A. Kristl, Ph.D.	Finland
Evaluation system for delivery of curcumin		
according to its absorption characteristics	Prof. A. Kristl, Ph.D.	Norway

Table 5-1: Bilateral projects of the Faculty of Pharmacy in 2012.

Project title	Head	Partner country
	neau	
Synthesis and biological evaluation of new drugs	Asst Drof L Datarlin	
marine ergenieme	ASSL. Prof. L. Peteriin	Finland
	Masic, Pli.D.	Filliallu
Bacteriophages as carriers of peptide probes for	Asst. Prof. T.Bratković,	
the detection of leptin receptor	Ph.D.	China
The development of composites of some		
pharmacologically effective substances and their		
analysis	Prof. S. Srčič, Ph.D.	Russia
The creation of pulse-release tablets of substance		
scarcely soluble in water	Prof. O. Planinšek, Ph.D.	BIH
Modification of physicochemical properties of		
particles by crushing and the study of these		
changes on the processes of compression and		
mechanical characteristics of the tablets	Prof. S. Srčič, Ph.D.	Finland
Studies of polymorphism and amorphousness of		
pharmaceutical agents with IGC and 14N nuclear		
quadrupole resonance	Prof. S. Srčič, Ph.D.	Denmark
Influence of process parameters on the process of		
granulation of molten fluid-tier layers	Prof. S. Srčič, Ph.D.	Serbia
	,	
Diagnostic value of new indicators for early	Assoc Prof D Černe	
detection of atherosclerosis	Ph.D.	Serbia

Overview of published works

Most of the employees at FFA are partially involved in the research process while their primary task is teaching. In 2012 there were 13 researchers and 31 young researchers working at research posts. The quality of scientific and professional work is reflected in the number of publications, their impact on the international scientific and professional public, and their applicability in the outside economy and other areas. In 2012, the researchers of the Faculty of Pharmacy published 170 reviewed articles, of which 132 were published in journals with an impact factor (Figure 5-1).

An important measure of the importance of research results are citations of published works, which increase during the analysed period, from 1,675 citations in 2008 to 3,759 in 2012. Such successes are the result of the activities of researchers and teachers, the acquisition of projects and stimulus measures that have been taken, such as the organisation of the research day at the Faculty and granting awards to young researchers for their outstanding achievements. Our goal is to build on the quality of publications, the promotion of interdisciplinary approaches to research and increased integration into the European research area (Figure 5-2).



Figure 5-1: The dynamics of all peer-reviewed publications and publications in SCI journals. (SOURCE: COBISS)



Figure 5-2: Number of all direct citations by researchers of the Faculty of Pharmacy in the last five years. (SOURCE: Sicris)

In 2012 the Faculty of Pharmacy received resources for the work of 17.55 full-time researchers (FTE) from the Slovenian Research Agency through programmes and projects, and 20.33 FTE for young researchers, and an additional 4.95 FTE from EU projects. The number of publications and citations for received resources per full-time researcher in the last five years is presented in Table 5-2, showing that the resources were used very efficiently.

Source of resources	Year	Resources for full-time researchers	Number of all scientific articles/FTE	Number of scientific articles in journals with an impact	Number of direct citations/FTE
	2008	(FTE) 12.65 ARRS 4.42 EU 24.70 MR	3.4	2.8	40.1
ARRS and	2009	14.09 ARRS 3.16 EU 20.25 MR	3.8	3.2	56.4
EU programmes and	2010	14.67 ARRS 0.92 EU 24.60 MR	2.9	2.4	66.4
projects and MR	2011	15.42 ARRS 6.33 EU 19.60 MR	3.9	3.4	86.8
	2012	17.55 ARRS 4.95 EU 20.30 MR	4.0	3.0	87.8

Table 5-2: Presentation of scientific articles and citations for resources per full-time researcher (FTE)

The teachers of the Faculty of Pharmacy in different bodies

- University of Ljubljana Management
 - Prof. Julijana Kristl, Ph.D. pro-rector
- <u>University of Ljubljana Committee for Research and Development</u> • Prof. Borut Štrukelj, Ph.D. - chairman
- <u>University of Ljubljana Committee for Master's Study</u> · Assoc. Prof. Darko Černe, Ph.D.

<u>University of Ljubljana - Committee for Doctoral Study</u> • Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D.

- <u>University of Ljubljana Committee for Innovations</u> · Prof. Odon Planinšek, Ph.D.
- <u>University of Ljubljana Committee for Prešeren Awards</u> · Prof. Janko Kos, Ph.D.
- <u>University of Ljubljana Programme Council Biomedicine</u> · Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D. – vice-chairman
- <u>University of Ljubljana, Institute for Innovation and Development Council</u> • Prof. Franc Vrečer, Ph.D.
- JAZMP Agency Council
 - · Prof. Borut Štrukelj, Ph.D.

JAZMP – Drug Committee I:

- · Prof. Danijel Kikelj, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Aleš Krbavčič, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Aleš Mrhar, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Marija Sollner Dolenc, Ph.D.

JAZMP – Drug Committee II:

- · Prof. Mirjana Gašperlin, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Samo Kreft, Ph.D.
- Prof. Aleš Krbavčič, Ph.D.
- · Asst. Prof. Damjan Janeš, Ph.D.
- · Asst. Prof. Andrej Umek, Ph.D.

JAZMP – Committee for Homoeopathic Medicinal Products

- · Assoc. Prof. Aleš Obreza, Ph.D.
- · Assoc. Prof. Saša Baumgartner, Ph.D.
- · Asst. Prof. Damjan Janeš, Ph.D.

JAZMP – Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use:

- · Prof. Stanko Srčič, Ph.D. expert in pharm. technology
- \cdot Assoc. Prof. Lucija Peterlin Mašič, Ph.D. expert in pharm. chemistry

JAZMP – Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use:

· Asst. Prof. Mitja Kos, Ph.D.

JAZMP – Drugs Committee for preparation of opinions for determining exceptional higher allowed prices of drugs

· Asst. Prof. Mitja Kos, Ph.D.

JAZMP - Pharmacopoeia Committee:

· Prof. Jelka Šmid Korbar, Ph.D.

- · Prof. Uroš Urleb, Ph.D.
- · Asst. Prof. Tanja Gmeiner Stopar, Ph.D.

JAZMP - Commission for Preparing Formularium Slovenicum within the European Pharmacopoeia:

- · Prof. Jelka Šmid Korbar, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Mirjana Gašperlin, Ph.D.
- · Assoc. Prof. Aleš Obreza, Ph.D.

ARRS – Professional Board of Biotechnical Science:

· Prof. Janko Kos, Ph.D.

<u>ARRS – Professional Board of Interdisciplinary Research:</u> • Prof. Borut Štrukelj, Ph.D.

- <u>ARRS Professional Board of Natural and Mathematic Science:</u>
 - Prof. Julijana Kristl, Ph.D.

<u>Slovenian Chamber of Laboratory Medicine - Committee for Professional Issues</u> · Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D. - chairman

Slovenian Chamber of Laboratory Medicine - Registry Committee

· Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D.

<u>Slovenian Chamber of Laboratory Medicine - Specialisations Committee</u> · Assoc. Prof. Darko Černe, Ph.D.

Slovenian Chamber of Laboratory Medicine - Licences and Education Committee

· Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D. - chairwoman

Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts – Slovenian Dictionary of Pharmaceutical Terminology:

- · Prof. Mirjana Gašperlin, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Jelka Šmid Korbar, Ph.D.
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- · Asst. Prof. Mitja Kos, Ph.D.
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· Prof. Julijana Kristl, Ph.D.

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Ministry of Health of RS, Chemical Office - Inter-ministerial Sub-Commission for Good Laboratory Practice: • Asst. Prof. Bojan Doljak, Ph.D.

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· Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D.

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- · Prof. Borut Božič, Ph.D.
- · Prof. Janja Marc, Ph.D.

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· Prof. Uroš Urleb, Ph.D.

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· Prof. Samo Kreft, Ph.D.

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6 STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT IN 2012

Pharmacist Month

The 6th Pharmacist Month took place at the beginning of the academic year 2012/13. In October, there were many activities to help first-year students get used to the intensity and variety of extracurricular events at the Faculty of Pharmacy. They also received useful advice to facilitate the start of the academic year.

On October 1, 2012 when first-year students were given their index-books we informed them of the extra-curricular opportunities on offer during their studies. They also received information folders containing information about study programmes and other activities. At the same time, at Prešeren Square, as part of the event: Acceptance for first-year students of the University of Ljubljana, the Faculty of Pharmacy was presented to the general public.

Throughout October there was an information stand in the lobby of the Faculty and there were a number of activities to give students the chance to exchange informal information about the study programme and about obtaining study literature (Book Fair).

International pharmaceutical summer camp

During the period July 13 – 20 the students organised the 16th international pharmaceutical camp at the Medved Centre for School and Outdoor Education, Medvedje brdo. The theme of the camp was Stimulants - with lectures delivered by renowned lecturers from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine and lectures from pharmacies. After the lectures, we organised a public campaign in Logatec and Vrhnika raising awareness about the use of stimulants among the public. The camp was attended by 28 Slovenian students and 2 students from abroad.

Spatula

Spatula is the gazette of the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Students' Association (Student section of the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society) informing students of pharmacy about current extra-curricular events and news in the world of pharmacy at the local and international level.

It is a periodical publication where articles are published in Slovenian, except for articles by foreign authors which are published in English.

Regular sections in Spatula include:

- Professional articles
- Interview
- What went on at the expert evenings
- Presentation of the pharmaceutical activity in Slovenia
- Erasmus exchanges
- Study of pharmacy abroad
- LBM corner
- News from the world of pharmacy
- Traveller's journal
- Report on extra-curricular activities
- Sudoku and prize crossword
- FFarmaskop

In 2012 we produced 3 issues of the gazette:

• Issue number 56 was published in April with a print run of 2,000 copies (circulation was higher for the purpose of promotion of DŠFS and ŠS SFD at the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society symposium).

It had 56 pages.

• Issue number 57 was published in late September with a print run of 1,000 copies. It was published under the direction of a new editor-in-chief, as the management structure of Spatula changed. Now, it consists of the managing editor, the editor-in-chief, and the editorial board.

It had 40 pages.

Issue number 58 was published under the supervision of the new editor-in-chief. It was
released in December with a print run of 1,500 copies. Two new sections were added: the
pharmacist at graduation and pharmapractise and pharmasports. We have a new designer,
too, so the image of the gazette changed slightly.
It had 56 pages.

Patient consultation

This project is well regarded and recognised among pharmacy students as well as in the wider pharmaceutical sphere. An individual competition is divided into two stages. The first consists of a lecture about a disease and then a lecture about a drug. The second part is a competition and takes place directly at the pharmacy. The competition involved treatment of an imaginary patient. Practical application of theory, performance, appearance, communication with the patient, and general impression were graded. This competition is therefore suitable for first-year and final-year students alike.

The project was carried out in three stages: two semi-finals and the finals. The topics of the competitions were Osteoporosis, Epilepsy and Glaucoma. The first four competitors from each qualifying round met in the finals to compete for attractive prizes, such as participation in the international summer camp of pharmacists and the IPSF congress.

For every competition, a booklet with abstracts of lectures and instructions for the competition was published.

Volunteer work at the Faculty of Pharmacy

Student volunteers have been active also in 2012. In April and November, we organised a humanitarian party, where we raised money for two socially disadvantaged families. In December, we organised the now already traditional Christmas bazaar. All projects were a great success.

Public campaigns

In the first half of 2012, we carried out 2 'real' public campaigns, namely, on February 29 - International Rare Disease Day and on March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day.

On February 29, within the framework of European Pharmaceutical Students' Association in DŠFS we organised a public campaign on the occasion of Rare Disease Day. On the ground floor of FFA we had a stand and distributed leaflets and offered students the opportunity to solve a quiz on some rare diseases to raise their awareness.

And on March 21, we organised a public campaign on tuberculosis within the context of International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation. At the stand in FFA we raised student awareness using "True or False" type questions, we had a quiz, and offered information leaflets. The students wore green surgical masks and distributed green balloons as the colour green is the colour of this day.

Later, we performed 3 Internet campaigns on the occasion of the World No Tobacco Day (May 2012), World Diabetes Day and the European Antibiotic Awareness Day (November 2012), and World Aids Day (December 2012).

In these campaigns we used social networks (Facebook, Twitter) to share photos, interesting facts, and links to official websites, the websites of the World Health Organisation and the like. We encouraged students to share the links with their friends, which many of them did.

On European Antibiotic Awareness Day (18 November), we encouraged some teachers at FFA to start their lectures by mentioning the importance of antibiotics and their safe and efficient use.

EPSA Train new trainers 4 – TNT4

TNT is an event intended for a small group of highly motivated students. Its main purpose is to obtain, through various training sessions, a new generation of trainers who will develop training sessions for other EPSA events and local events of different associations. Participants learn the skills of organising workshops, communication with participants, learning styles, etc.

This year from March 28 to April 1 the 4th EPSA TNT event took place in Ljubljana, in DŠFS. 18 participants from Slovenia and Europe practised and honed their communication skills over the weekend - how to deliver 'feed back' and other useful bits of know-how that they will be able to use in preparation of their own training sessions.

Farma Vešč(a)

This is a relatively new DŠFS project which has been organised only since 2011. It is intended for anyone wishing to expand their horizons and develop their personality.

In 2012 we organised 2 Farma Vešč(a) events, one in spring and one in autumn. Training topics were motivation, project management, communication, team building, and presentation techniques. Besides professional work, there is a good deal of social gathering going on, meeting other students and trainers.

In spring we joined the event with TNT4, and in autumn with the TWIN exchange with Serbia.

IPSF Student Exchange Programme

SEP (Students Exchange Programme) within the IPSF (International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation Organisation) is a programme of international professional training sessions for pharmacy students in more than 50 countries. The programme runs throughout the year and offers students 1 to 3 months practical training and experience in general and hospital pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry, research and work of the clinical pharmacist. Most of the practices are carried out in the summer.

From July to September 2012, 14 foreign students who came from Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Tunisia, Poland, Serbia, Germany and the Czech Republic finished their practical training in Ljubljana, Maribor, and Kranj. In 2012 the Faculty of Pharmacy enabled four students to participate in SEP

practical training at the Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology, two students at the Chair of Social Pharmacy and three students at the Chair of Pharmaceutical Biology, the Chair of Biopharmacy and Pharmacokinetics, and the Chair of Pharmaceutical Chemistry respectively. Altogether it facilitated 9 posts.

Students of the Faculty of Pharmacy show increased interest in practical training every year. In 2012 there were 23 students who had the chance to participate. In 2013 we received as many as 45 applications. And 23 of them applied for practical training this summer. The number of students eligible to do practical training abroad depends on the number of students that are hosted with us.

EPSA Individual Mobility Project

The EPSA Individual Mobility Project (IMP) is a long-term project which gives pharmacy students and recent graduates in pharmacy and pharmaceutical science the opportunity to obtain work and research experience in all areas of the pharmaceutical profession. IMP was created to interconnect the European pharmaceutical industry, institutions, and organisations of pharmacy students.

The IMP programme has the potential to unify the European countries in terms of the mobility of students of pharmacy. The project offers students and recent graduates paid internships lasting a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 months in an international pharmaceutical company.

This year, we participated in three IMP practical training opportunities which corresponded to the number of vacancies available. In 2011, as part of this project, we managed to find and offer two IMP vacancies for foreign students and graduates also in Slovenia in Lek d. d. but unfortunately, due to reconstruction of the company in 2012, we lost the placement. This year we will try to regain the placement or try to start cooperation with another company.

Other projects in 2012

- Information Days and the event called Informativa
- **Ffarmakopeja** this monthly information bulletin, with a print run of 400 copies, is aimed at informing FFA students about Faculty activities.
- Website the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Students' Association website is diverse and rich in content. It gives students up to date information on what is going on at FFA and also information about study literature.
- Skiing on Kanin this time, the pharmaceutical skiing was organised on Kanin in early March 2012.
- **Vstala farma** stand-up evening at the faculty with the stand-up actor Pižama.
- *Picnic* organised in May is the last gathering before the end of the year and the summer exam period.
- Healthy breakfast project on healthy eating in cooperation with ŠOU consisting of a lecture by Prof. Kreft about dietary supplements and a stand on the ground floor of FFA offering fruit, yoghurt, and cereals.
- Medical team joint project of students of pharmacy, medicine, and nursing, which was held in October, featuring all-week lectures on the theme 'Colon Cancer'.
- Professional evenings in 2012, in addition to lectures within the Counselling Patients project we also organised 3 separate evenings on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), hydroxy acids, and the travel health kit.
- Mobility day project of FFA and the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Students' Association, where students were given information about study, exchange, and practical training opportunities in other countries (ERASMUS exchange, ERASMUS, SEP and IMP practice).

- Professional and fun trip to Prague at the beginning of December, 88 FFA students went on a three-day trip to the Czech Republic, where we visited Zentiva, a member of Sanofi – Aventis group. During the fun part of the trip we visited the tourist attractions of Prague guided by Czech pharmacy students. The main purpose is the mobility of students, socialising, and getting to know your colleagues.
- **Cooperation in 'Medimedo' and 'Virus' projects** (Slovenian Medicine Students' Association).

Participation in projects

• IPSF World Congress (Hurghada, Egypt, August 2012)

In early August, the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) organised its 58th World Congress which was held in Egypt. The primary purpose of this 10-day gathering of pharmacy students from around the world is the annual General Assembly of the IPSF, which is composed of all national member organisations of pharmacy students. The General Assembly is the supreme IPSF organ where the annual reports of the events in the Federation are presented, decisions are taken, and Executive Committee is elected.

While 3 official delegates from each country attend the meeting, in parallel there are also lectures, workshops, and soft skills training sessions.

Within the IPSF congress there are two daily symposia: in 2012 one theme was Advances in pharmaceutical sciences and practices (scientific symposium) and the second was Pharmacy education: Beyond borders (educational symposium).

The Congress in Egypt was attended by 23 Slovenian students.

• EPSA Annual Congress (Istanbul, Turkey, April 2012)

The European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA) annually organises its biggest event in the spring, namely its annual congress with a rich professional and social programme. At the Congress delegates from each of the member organisations meet (two delegates per organisation). They have the right to decide and vote at the official General Assemblies. Both delegates have also the role to represent the views of Slovenian pharmacy students, to promote the organisation of study of pharmacy in Slovenia, and to search for new ideas and possibilities to improve extra-curricular activities of students. Thus they learn of mobility projects, offers for students to participate in various conferences of the partners (DIA, EAHP...), training options, and opportunities for funding various projects. Throughout the Congress they also have the opportunity to forge new or improve existing links with other member organisations to enhance cooperation among students across Europe. Other student participants are also afforded opportunities for interaction and participation in the professional part of the programme.

This year, students could attend training sessions, workshops, and symposia on a common theme "The Future of Pharmacies: new therapies, solutions and medicines!" The programme was accompanied by a richly diverse social event available only to students who had previously participated in the professional programme. At the end of the congress and upon evaluation students were able obtain points for the LLC certificate (Life-long learning certificate) awarded by EPSA for attendance at professional events.

• EPSA Summer University (Brasov, Romania, August 2012)

Summer University is the most informal EPSA event. This year it took place in Transylvania, where students from Europe had the opportunity to socialise while also acquiring new skills through training sessions and workshops in a relaxed atmosphere. The theme of the Summer University was "Shaping future pharmacists, optimising care" and under this theme were conducted training sessions and workshops on networking, European Union, communication.

• EPSA Autumn Assembly (Sofia, Bulgaria, October 2012)

The Autumn Assembly is the second largest EPSA event, which brings together representatives of member organisations who upon completion of half their mandate present their work to date and plans for the future. Two Slovenian delegates attend assemblies and represent the opinion of Slovenian students of pharmacy and have the opportunity to vote. Like the annual congress, the Autumn Assembly includes both professional and social elements. The professional element was entitled **"Pharmacoeconomics – Beyond Euros and Pills" which included a symposium with panel discussion with experts from the field, training sessions, and workshops. Here too, the students could obtain LLC points.**

• TWIN Slovenia-Serbia (Ljubljana, October 2012 and Niš, October 2012)

Twin is a project of mobility within the EPSA, which is based on the exchange of pharmacy students and includes a professional and social programme that allows students to meet each other and exchange views and experiences.

This year we organised the Twin project on a popular theme The Future of Pharmacy. This is also one of this year's Twin project themes in EPSA. With the help of our employees under this theme we enabled 15 students from Niš to visit and see our faculty and our current research work. At the end we had a discussion on the topic of ethical aspects of pharmacogenomics, where students could prepare their own arguments and formed their own opinion and possible scenarios for the development of this area in the future. We also organised a tour of Lek pharmaceutical company, where the students were able to get an insight into the planned future development of the pharmaceutical industry. To enable students to reflect opon and carefully consider what they experienced we prepared additional training on critical thinking focused on their soft skills development to facilitate their study and work in the future.

In return, we visited Belgrade and Niš a week later. In Serbia, we received a warm welcome. They prepared a great week of activities on the theme of steroids, which contained numerous tours and leisure activities.

7 THE GRADUATES AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN 2012

7.1 GRADUATES IN HIGHER STUDY OF LABORATORY BIOMEDICINE

Ficko Uroš (mentor Marija Sollner Dolenc, co-mentor Robert Roškar): Primerjava vsebnosti bisfenola A v plastenkah z gazirano in negazirano vodo = Comparison of bisphenol A concentration in plastic bottles with carbonated and non carbonated water, COBISS.SI-ID: 3281777.

Gladek Jerneja (mentor Joško Osredkar): Določanje 8-hidroksidegvanozina v urinu pri otrocih glede na to, ali živijo v mestnem, kmečkem ali z živim srebrom obremenjenem okolju = Determination of 8-hidroxydeoxyguanosine urine concentration in children, whether living in urban, rural or in mercury laden environment, COBISS.SI-ID: 3246705.

Herman Mojca (mentor Joško Osredkar): Primerjava dveh metod za določanje spolne hormone vezočega globulina (SHGB) = Comparison of two methods to determine sex hormone binding globuline (SHGB), COBISS.SI-ID: 3301233.

Mežik Maja (mentor Marija Sollner Dolenc, co-mentor Ester Lovšin Barle): Ugotavljanje varne uporabe organskih topil v obratih LEK-a = Determining the safe use of organic solvents in plants of the pharmaceutical company Lek, COBISS.SI-ID: 3200881.

Novak Lucija (mentor Joško Osredkar): Korelacija rezultatov bilirubina in žolčnih kislin pri intrahepatični holestazi v nosečnosti = Correlation of results of bilirubin and bile acids in intrahepatic cholestasis in pregnancy, COBISS.SI-ID: 3330161.

Oražem Bojana (mentor Joško Osredkar, co-mentor Mladen Krsnik): Primerjava dveh nefelometričnih metod za določanje prostih lahkih verig K[kapa] in [lambda] v serumu = Comparison of two nephelometric methods for the determination of presence of free light chaines K[kappa] and [lambda] in the serum, COBISS.SI-ID: 3304817.

Pangeršič Karmen (mentor Miroslav Petrovec): Primerjava dveh metod za dokazovanje specifičnih protiteles proti virusu Epstein Barr = Comparison of two methods for the detection of specific antibodies against the Epstein Barr virus, COBISS.SI-ID: 3219313.

Peček Jelka (mentor Joško Osredkar): Vloga inzulinu podobnega rastnega faktorja proteina 3 (IGFBP-3) pri bolnikih z rakom in benigno hiperplazijo prostate = The role of insulin-like growth binding factor protein-3 (IGFBP-3) in patients with prostate cancer and benign hyperplasia prostate, COBISS.SI-ID: 3349361.

Pečovnik Barbara (mentor Barbara Ostanek): Povezanost polimorfizmov v genih SLCO1B1 in SLCO1B3 s koncentracijami bilirubina pri bolnikih z Gilbertovim sindromom = Association of SLCO1B1 and SLCO1B3 polymorphisms with biliriubin concentration in patients with Gilbert's syndrome, COBISS.SI-ID: 3273841.

Poljanc Anja (mentor Primož Rožman, co-mentor Matjaž Urbajs): Pomen določitve titra protiteles proti eritrocitom v tranfuzijski medicini = The significance of determining antibody titres against erythrocyte in transfusion medicine, COBISS.SI-ID: 3241841.

Poš Klavdija (mentor Milan Skitek): Primerjava avtomatiziranih analitskih metod za določanje urinskega sedimenta = Comparison of automated analytical methods for determination of urinary sediment, COBISS.SI-ID: 3219569.

Rakuša Polonca (mentor Joško Osredkar): Korelacija rezultatov določitve horionskega gonadotropina s kemiluminiscenčno metodo v plazmi in polni krvi = Correlation of results of chorionic gonadotropin determination with the chemiluminiscence method in plasma and whole blood, COBISS.SI-ID: 3216497.

Simončič Katja (mentor Joško Osredkar): Primerjava dveh imunokemijskih metod za določanje anti-Müllerjevega hormona = Comparison of two immunochemical methods for determining anti-Müllerian hormone, COBISS.SI-ID: 3282033.

Sitar Nataša (mentor Barbara Ostanek): Primerjava uspešnosti izolacije DNA iz različnih bioloških vzorcev z raztopino natrijevega hidroksida = Comparison of DNA isolation efficiency from different biological samples, COBISS.SI-ID: 3282545.

Staroveški Ana (mentor Joško Osredkar): Določanje 17-hidroksisteroidov v urinu pri motnjah v delovanju nadledvične žleze = Determination of urinary 17-hydroxysteroids in adrenal gland disorders, COBISS.SI-ID: 3282289.

Stojčovska Florenca (mentor Joško Osredkar): Spremljanje urejenosti sladkorne bolezni preko določitve povprečne koncentracije glukoze v krvi = Monitoring of diabetes orderliness according to definition of average glucose concentration in blood, COBISS.SI-ID: 3279473.

Šimunić Sandra (mentor Joško Osredkar, co-mentor Elizabeta Božnar Alič): Primerjava diagnostične uporabnosti rezultatov kvalitativne in kvantitativne metode za določanje prikrite krvavitve v blatu = Comparison of diagnostic application of results from qualitative and quantitative method for determination of concealed blood in faeces, COBISS.SI-ID: 3201137.

Turek Simon (mentor Albane le Maire, co-mentor Matjaž Jeras): Isolation and attempted crystallization of the catalytic set domain of the MLL5 protein = Izolacija in poskus kristalizacije katalitične domene set proteina MLL5, COBISS.SI-ID: 3282801.

7.2 GRADUATES IN UNIVERSITY STUDY OF PHARMACY

Adamič Tanja (mentor Nataša Obermajer): Identifikacija in pomen različnih endogenih CD4+[sup] -T celičnih dejavnikov pri nastanku Th17 celic = Identification and evaluation of different endogenous CD4+[sup] Th17-driving factors, COBISS.SI-ID: 3302769.

Bačnik Ana (mentor Katarina Černe, co-mentor Mojca Kržan): CD44 in osteopontin kot biomarkerja pri raku jajčnikov = CD44 and osteopontin as biomarkers in ovarian cancer, COBISS.SI-ID: 3369585.

Bartol Urša (mentor Mitja Kos): Vsebinska dejavnost kompetenčnega modela "general level framework" glede na želeno zaposlitev absolventov farmacije v Sloveniji = Content validity of the general level framework in relation to preferred employment of the last year pharmacy students in Slovenia, COBISS.SI-ID: 3331953.

Bečan Darja (mentor Mitja Kos): Sistematični pregled raziskav vrednotenja korist klinične farmacije in farmacevtske skrbi = Systematic review of studies evaluation clinical pharmacy and pharmaceutical care benefits, COBISS.SI-ID 3234929.

Bedene Tjaša (mentor Irena Mlinarič Raščan, co-mentor Fernando Escrivá Pons): Consequences of early undernutrition on rat hypothalamic insulin and leptin signaling = Vpliv zgodnje podhranjenosti na signalizacijo inzulina in leptina v hipotalamusu podgan, COBISS.SI-ID 3277425.

Bedič Tina (mentor Aleš Obreza, co-mentor Damjan Janeš): Prevod in kritično ovrednotenje farmacevtsko-kemijskega dela Ehrmannovega učbenika iz leta 1834 s pomočjo Hagarjeve podatkovne zbirke = Translation and critical assessment of the pharmaceutic-chemical part of Ehrmann's textbook from the year 1834 with the help of Hager database, COBISS.SI-ID 3328625.

Bernat Urban (mentor Mitja Kos, co-mentor Igor Locatelli): Primerjalna učinkovitost antiepileptikov za dodatno zdravljenje žariščnih epileptičnih napadov = Mixed treatment comparison of antieplieptic drugs for add-on treatment of partial seizures, COBISS.SI-ID 3216753.

Bevc Katarina (mentor Aleš Obreza, co-mentor Damjan Janeš): Izolacija karotola iz eteričnega olja plodov korenja (Saucus carota), sinteza derivatov in olfaktorno vrednotenje = Isolation of carotol from essential carrot seed oil (Daucus carota), synthesis of its derivatives and olfactory evaluation, COBISS.SI-ID: 3328113.

Bogataj Jerneja (mentor Marija Bogataj): Vrednotenje sproščanja natrijevega diklofenakata iz tablet v različnih mlečnih medijih in citratnih pufrih = Evaluation of diclofenac sodium release from tablets in various media containing milk and citrate buffers, COBISS.SI-ID: 3257713.

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Šimunić Sandra (mentor Joško Osredkar, co-mentor Elizabeta Božnar Alič): Primerjava diagnostične uporabnosti rezultatov kvalitativne in kvantitativne metode za določanje prikrite krvavitve v blatu = Comparison of diagnostic application of results from qualitative and quantitative method for determination of concealed blood in faeces, COBISS.SI-ID: 3201137.

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Škof Katarina (mentor Aleš Obreza, co-mentor Rok Frlan): Selektivna sinteza amfifilnih derivatov dihidroksibenzojske kisline in dihidrosibenzaldehida z antioksidativnim delovanjem = Selective synthesis of amphyphylic derivatives of dihydrobenzoic acid and dihydrobenzaldehyde with antioxidant activity, COBISS.SI-ID: 3348337.

Škulj Alenka (mentor Janja Marc, co-mentor Simona Jurković Mlakar): Vpliv sprememb v genih GSR, GSTT1 in GSTM1 na koncentracije težkih kovin pri nosečnicah = Influence of GSR, GSTT1

and GSTM1 gene variation on heavy metal concentration of pregnant women, COBISS.SI-ID: 3240817.

Šoštarić Sabina (mentor Aleš Mrhar): Interakcije med zdravili pri geriatričnih bolnikih in analiza delovanja avtomatskega sistema za spremljanje interakcij med zdravili = Drug-drug interactions in geriatric patients and analysis of the automated drug-drug interaction system, COBISS.SI-ID: 3318641.

Španić Vesna (mentor Joško Osredkar, co-mentor Simona Jurković Mlakar): Pomen določanja koncentracije endotelina pri pacientkah s policističnimi ovariji = Diagnostic value of endothelin at patients with polycystic ovaries, COBISS.SI-ID: 3332209.

Štrajhar Monika (mentor Aleš Obreza, co-mentor Damjan Janeš): Izolacija santalola iz eteričnega olja indonezijske sandalovine (Santalum album L.); sinteza derivatov in njihovo vrednotenje = Isolation of santanol from essential oil of Indonesisan sandalwood (Santalum album L.); synthesis of its derivaties and their evaluation, COBISS.SI-ID: 3369841.

Štubljar Maja (mentor Mirjana Gašperlin): Izdelava in vrednotenje samomikroemulgirajočih sistemov z dolgoverižnimi lipidi = Formulation and evaluation of self-emulsifying systems with long-chain lipids, COBISS.SI-ID: 3197297.

Temova Biljana (mentor Petra Kocbek): Optimizacija obdelave polimernih delcev s superparamagnetnim železovim oksidom in in vitro vrednotenje celičnega odziva = Optimisation of polymeric superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles preparation and in vitro evaluation of cell response, COBISS.SI-ID: 3375729.

Terbuc Vesna (mentor Mojca Kržan): Kinetika prezema histamina v astrocite novorojene podgane in vpliv biogenih aminov na ta proces = Uptake of histamine into neonatal rat astrocytes: kinetics and the influence of biogenic amines, COBISS.SI-ID: 3349105.

Tikvič Birk Uršula (mentor Mitja Kos): Sistematični pregled raziskav o težavah povezanih z zdravili v javnih lekarnah = Drug related problems in community pharmacies - a systematic review, COBISS.SI-ID: 3241329.

Tišler Štuflek Jana (mentor Joško Osredkar, co-mentor Rado Janša): Permeabilnostni indeks kot pokazatelj prizadetosti tankega črevesa pri celiakiji = Permeability index as indicator of small intestine permeability changes in patients with coeliac disease, COBISS.SI-ID: 3353201.

Tišler Mateja (mentor Joško Osredkar): Vpliv različnih postopkov zunajtelesne oploditve na koncentracijo steroidnih hormonov v krvi = The impact of different in vitro fertilization procedures on the concentration of steroid hormones in the blood, COBISS.SI-ID: 3193969.

Tomažič Petra (mentor Darko Černe): Preučevanje izražanja gena za protein SPOT 14 v nedrobnoceličnem pljučnem rakavem tkivu = Study of SPOT 14 protein gene expression in non-small cell lung cancer tissue, COBISS.SI-ID: 3225713.

Torkar Simona (mentor Joško Osredkar): Pomen določanja koncentracije receptorja za alfa fetoprotein pri bolnikih z rakom prostate = Diagnostic value of alpha fetoprotein receptor in discrimination prostate cancer, COBISS.SI-ID: 3280497.

Turk Erika (mentor Samo Kreft): Razvoj spektrofotometrične izvedbe Karl Fischer-jeve metode za ugotavljanje vsebnosti vode in optimizacija topil za ekstrakcijo polifenolov iz lubja navadne jelke (Abies alba MILL.) = Development of spectrophotometric implementation of Karl

Fischer method for determination of water content and optimization of solvents for extraction of polyphenols from European silver fir (Abies alba MILL.) bark, COBISS.SI-ID: 3319409.

Tušar Eva (mentor Aleš Mrhar, co-mentor Cvetka Bačar Bol): Spremljanje skladnosti uporabe antibiotikov s smernicami v Psihiatrični bolnišnici Idrija = Monitoring of compliance with guidelines for antimicrobial therapy in Psychiatric hospital Idrija, COBISS.SI-ID: 3329137.

Uranič Ahačič Nataša (mentor Samo Kreft): Razvoj analizne metode za določanje polisaharidov ob prisotnosti monosaharidov in disaharidov v sirupih = Analytical method development for determination of polysaccharides in the presence of monosaccharides and disaccharides in syrups, COBISS.SI-ID: 3277937.

Urlep Žiga (mentor Irena Mlinarič Raščan): Vrednotenje citotoksičnih učinkov acilhidrazidnih in sulfonohidrazidnih zaviralcev serinskih proteaz = Evaluation of cytotoxic effects of acyl hydrazide and sulphono hydrazide serine protease inhibitors, COBISS.SI-ID: 3298929.

Veber Nika (mentor Borut Štrukelj, co-mentor Radovan Komel): Vpliv polimorfizma c.2846A>G v genu MSH3 na tveganje za razvoj raka na požiralniku v južnoafriški populaciji = Polymorphism c2846A>G in MSH3 gene and risk for oesohageal cancer in South African population, COBISS.SI-ID: 3281009.

Vidak Marko (mentor Albin Kristl, co-mentor Katja Berginc): Vpliv flavonoidov v prehranskih dopolnilih na permeabilnost levotiroksina skozi monosloj Caco-2 celic = Influence of flavonoids in dietary supplements on the permeability of levothyroxine through Caco-2 monolayer, COBISS.SI-ID: 3332465.

Vidic Tina (mentor Julijana Kristl): Vgrajevanje učinkovine v nanovlakna iz polivinilnega alkohola z el[e]ktrostatskim sukanjem = Incorporation of the drug into poly (vinyl alcohol) nanofibers by electrospinning, COBISS.SI-ID: 3218801.

Virant Leon (mentor Marija Bogataj): Vpliv sladkorjev, pektina in natrijevega klorida na sproščanje paracetamola iz tablet s prirejenim sproščanjem = The influence of sugars, pectin and sodium chloride on the release of paracetamol from modified-release tablets, COBISS.SI-ID: 3328881.

Vivod Valentina (mentor Damjan Janeš, co-mentor Samo Kreft): Optimizacija pridobivanja eteričnega olja iz plodov navadnega komarčka (Foeniculum vulgare) = Optimization for extraction of essential oil of fennel fruit (Foeniculum vulgare), COBISS.SI-ID: 3257969.

Vrhovski Repka Vedrana (mentor Saša Baumgartner): Izdelava hidrogelov za vlažno celjenje ran na osnovi alginata = Alginate hydrogels for moist wound healing, COBISS.SI-ID: 3211633.

Zdovc Cirila (mentor Mitja Kos): Analiza ambulantnega predpisovanja kontraceptivov v Sloveniji v obdobju 2002 -2008 = Primary care prescription of contraceptives in Slovenia for the period 2002 – 2008, COBISS.SI-ID: 3302513.

Žagar Bojan (mentor Rok Dreu): Razvoj laboratorijske metode za slikovno analizo pelet = Development of a laboratory method for image analysis of pellets, COBISS.SI-ID: 3332977.

Žerdoner Nika (mentor Saša Baumgartner, co-mentor Franc Vrečer): Proučevanje vpliva elektrolitov na reološke lastnosti karagenanskih hidrogelov in na sproščanje pentoksifilina iz karagenanskih ogrodnih tablet = Influence of electrolites on rheological properties of carragenan hydrogels and dissolution of pentoxifylline from carrageenan hydrophilic matrix tablets, COBISS.SI-ID: 3333489.

Žibert Maja (mentor Marija Bogataj): Vrednotenje sproščanja na pretočnem modelu ob upoštevanju kinetike prehoda gastrorezistentnih pelet skozi želodec = Evaluation of drug release from enteric coated pellets using flow-through model considering the kinetics of gastric emptying, COBISS.SI-ID 3279217.

Živec Borut (mentor Tomaž Bratkovič): Priprava rekombinantne zunajcelične domene leptinskega receptorja = Preparation of the recombinant extracellular domain of the leptin receptor, COBISS.SI-ID: 3261809.

Žvar Sandra (mentor Marija Bogataj): Proučevanje vpliva časa zdrževanja gastrorezistentnih pelet v biorelevantnem želodčnem mediju na sproščanje učinkovine = Study of the impact of enteric coated pellets residence time in biorelevant gastric media on the drug release, COBISS.SI-ID: 3331697.

7.3 MASTERS OF SCIENCE

Cesar Tanja (mentor Stanko Srčič): Vrednotenje vpliva sorbitola in izomalta na procesne lastnosti manitola pri proizvodnji trdnih farmacevtskih oblik = Evaluation of an impact of sorbitol and isomalt on manitol's properties in manufacturing processes of solid dosage forms. (Master of Science), COBISS.SI-ID: 3318385.

Cvirn Novak Mateja (mentor Aleš Mrhar): Vloga lekarniškega farmacevta pri obvladovanju čezmerne telesne mase in debelosti = Community pharmacist's contribution to overweight and obesity management in community pharmacy setting. (Master of Science), COBISS.SI-ID: 3227505.

Čerkić Karmen (mentor Uroš Urlep): Zaščitna Vloga Pegilacije Pri Stabilnosti Zelo Hidrofobnega Proteina V Tekoči Farmacevtski Obliki = Protective Role Of Pegylation On Stability Of Very Hydrophobic Protein In Liquid Pharmaceutical Formulation. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), Cobiss.Si-Id: 3246961.

Delić Katja (mentor Barbara Ostanek, co-mentor Jurij Trontelj): Vpliv polimorfizmov v genih za prenašalne proteine OATP1B1, OATP1B3, P-GP in MRP2 = The influence of OATP1B1, OATP1B3, P-GP and MRP2 genetic polymorphisms on raloxifene treatment in osteoporotic women. (Master of Science), COBISS.SI-ID: 3365745.

Drab Renata (mentor Odon Planinšek): Proučevanje fizikalno-kemijskih lastnosti amorfne in kristalnih oblik klaritromicina = Study of the physico-chemical properties of amorphous and crystalline forms of claritrhromycin. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3201393.

Grabarić Gosarić Nina (mentor Matjaž Jeras, co-mentor Snežna Levičnik Stezina): Primerjava presejalnega testiranja krvodajalcev na označevalce povzročiteljev okužb v Sloveniji in na Hrvaškem = A comparison of blood donors screening for markers of infective agents in Slovenia and Croatia. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3217521.

Hribar Manca (mentor Marko Anderluh): Optimizacija proizvodnega procesa perindoprila = Perindopril process optimisation. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3333745.

Judež Aleš (mentor Jožko Cesar): Razvoj in validacija analiznega postopka za določanje kadmija, svinca in niklja v magnezijevem stearatu z masno spektrometrijo z induktivno sklopljeno plazmo (ICP-MS) = Determination of cadmium, lead and nickel in magnesium stearate by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS): analytical method development and validation.- (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3262833.

Kalin Irena (mentor Franc Vrečer, co-mentor Valentina Zaletel-Mišmaš): Implementacija nekaterih vidikov vitke proizvodnje na pakiranje farmacevtskih izdelkov = Implementing certain aspects of lean production in the packaging of pharmaceutical products. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3216241.

Koželj Mateja (mentor Borut Božič, co-mentor Snežna Sodin-Šemrl): Vpliv visoko avidnih protiteles proti ß2-glikoproteinu I na izločanje vnetnih molekul iz človeških endotelijskih celic koronarne arterije = Effects of high avidity anti ß2-glycoprotein I antibodies on expression of inflammatory molecules from human coronary artery endothelial cells. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3242097.

Kulovec Primož (mentor Janez Kerč): Proučevanje prepustnosti oblikovnih folij za plastične pretisne omote = Permeability investigation of a thermoformable plastic foils for blister packages. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3211889.

Lah Antonela (mentor Marija Sollner Dolenc, co-mentor Majda Zorec Karlovšek): Določanje fluoridov s plinsko kromatografijo s tehniko nadprostora v nohtih otrok kot dokaz obremenitve s fluoridi = Determination of fluoride in fingernail clippings by gas chromatography as an indicator of exposure of children to fluorine compounds. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3301745.

Lužar Polona (mentor Marija Dolenc, co-mentor Janez Ilaš): Določevanje izpostavljenosti ksilenom v histološkem in citološkem laboratoriju = Determination of exposure to xylene in histology and cytology laboratory. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3279729.

Mohorčič Katja (mentor Matjaž Jeras, co-mentor Vesna Koblar): Pregled pravne podlage za izvajanje laboratorijskih raziskav na človeških tkivih in celicah in predlog za dopolnitev nacionalne zakonodaje = Review of the legal basis for carrying out laboratory research on human tissues and cell and a proposal to amend the national legislation. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3194481.

Oštir Mevželj Darinka (mentor Jana Lukač Bajalo, co-mentor Daijela Furlan): Neinvazivno odkrivanje hiperbilirubinemije novorojenčkov = Noninvasive determination of hyperbilirubinemia in newborns.-(Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3258737.

Prah Krumpak Marjana (mentor Joško Osredkar): Določanje kotinina v urinu, kot biološkega označevalca izpostavljenosti nikotinu iz tobaka = Determination of urine cotinine as a biomarker of nicotine exposure to tabacco. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3262577.

Premzl Katarina (mentor Jožko Cesar): Študij nezdružljivosti ubidedekarenona in askorbinske kisline v mehkih želatinastih kapsulah = Study on incompatibility of ubidecarenon and ascorbic acid in softgel capsules. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3375985.

Stopar Polonca (mentor Janez Mravljak, co-mentor Stane Pajk): Vrednotenje od pH odvisnih fluorescentnih spojin rodaminskega tipa = Evaluation of pH dependent rhodamine type fluorescent compounds. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3376241.

Svetej Mateja (mentor Borut Božič, co-mentor Evgenija Homšak): Primerjava rezultatov določitve antigliadinskih protiteles in protiteles proti tkivni transglutaminazi z encimsko imunsko metodo in metodo multipleks v diagnostiki celiakije = Comparison of the results of antigliadin antibodies and antibodies against tissue transglutaminase determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay and multiplex method in the celiac disease diagnostic.- (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3201649.

Šavc Alenka (mentor Samo Kreft): Ugotavljanje skladnosti monografij skupnosti za zdravila rastlinskega izvora z izvedenskimi poročili, zakonodajo in smernicami = Conformity assessment of the community herbal monographs with assessment reports, legislation and guidelines. (Master of Science), COBISS.SI-ID: 3260529.

Škerjanec Maja (mentor Janja Marc): Vpliv polimorfizma V433M v genu CYP4F2 na zdravljenje z varfarinom = Influence of polymorphism V433M in gene CYP4F2 on treatment with warfarin. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3284849.

Štefanič Katja (mentor Mirjana Gašperlin): Analiza ponudbe kozmetičnih izdelkov za nego aknaste kože v Sloveniji = A study of cosmetic products for acne care in Slovenia. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3284593.

Šturm Andrej (mentor Tomaž Vovk): Razvoj in validacija analizne metode za kvantifikacijo levetiracetama v plazmi s tekočinsko kromatografijo visoke ločljivosti = Development and validation of analytical method for quantification of levetiracetam in plasma by high performance liquid chromatography. (Master of Industrial Pharmacy), COBISS.SI-ID: 3285105.

Tomšič Timea (mentor Barbara Ostanek): Presnova železa pri bolnikih z osteoporozo in osteoartrozo = Iron metabolism in patients with osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3332721.

Zupan Mojca (mentor Joško Osredkar): Določanje koncentracije everolimusa v krvi pri bolnikih po presaditvi srca s potrjeno koronarno vaskulopotijo = Determination of everolimus blood concentration in heart transplant recipients with confirmed cardiac allograft vasculopathy. (Master of Laboratory Biomedicine), COBISS.SI-ID: 3279985.

Žunič Klun Darja (mentor Vojko Kmetec): Stabilnost zmesi primarnega amina z nekaterimi farmacevtsko pomembnimi pomožnimi snovmi = Stability of mixtures between primary amine and some pharmaceutical important excipients. (Master of Science), COBISS.SI-ID: 3258225.

7.4 SPECIALISTS

Bizjak Vesna (mentor Metka Štefančič, co-mentor Janez Tomažič): Vloga kliničnega farmacevta pri farmakoterapevtski obravnavi bolnika s HIV okužbo = The role of the clinical pharmacist in the pharmacotherapeutic management of patients with HIV infection, COBISS.SI-ID: 3206769.

Debeljak Nadja (mentor Uroš Urleb): Vloga lekarniškega farmacevta pri zdravljenju hiperlipidemij = The role of community pharmacist in hyperlipidemia treatment, COBISS.SI-ID: 3267697.

Vernig Katja (mentor Monika Sonc): Farmakoterapijski pregledi dializnih bolnikov v Splošni bolnišnici Novo mesto = Pharmacotherapeutic reviews of dialysis patients in Novo mesto General Hospital, COBISS.SI-ID: 3254897.

7.5 PhD GRADUATES

Brvar Matjaž (mentor Tomaž Šolmajer, co-mentor Lucija Peterlin Mašič): Strukturno podprto načrtovanje inhibitorjev DNA giraze B = Structure-based design of DNA gyrase B inhibitors, COBISS.SI-ID: 262426624.

Devjak Novak Sabina (mentor Saša Baumgartner, co-mentor Franc Vrečer): Proučevanje nekaterih s funkcionalnostjo povezanih lastnosti hipromeloze kot tvorilca ogrodnih tablet = The study of some functionality-related characteristics of hypromellose used as a matrix forming agent, COBISS.SI-ID: 262185728.

Dragojevič Jana (mentor Janja Marc): Adipogeneza in lipotoksičnost v kostnem tkivu = Adipogenesis and lipotoxicity in bone tissue, COBISS.SI-ID: 3226225.

Gobec Martina (mentor Irena Mlinarič-Raščan): Vrednotenje sinteznih inhibitorjev serinskih proteaz kot induktorjev apoptoze in modulatorjev imunskega odziva = Synthetic serine protease inhibitors: relevance in apoptosis triggering and immune response modulation, COBISS.SI-ID: 263090176.

Kokalj Meta (mentor Samo Kreft): Identifikacija rastlinskih vrst s pomočjo infrardeče spektroskopije = Identification of plant species with infrared spectroscopy, COBISS.SI-ID: 261103104.

Lakić Dragana (mentor Mitja Kos, co-mentor Ljiljana Tasić): = Farmakoekonomsko vrednotenje bolezni srca in ožilja = Pharmacoeconomics of cardiovascular disease, COBISS.SI-ID: 3235953.

Magister Špela (mentor Janko Kos): Regulacija cisteinskih proteaz z inhibitorjem cistatinom F v imunskih celicah = Regulation of cysteine proteases by inhibitor cystatin F in immune cells, COBISS.SI-ID: 261103360.

Petelin Petra (mentor Janez Kerč, co-mentor Simona Bohanec): Proučevanje vpliva stabilizatorjev in drugih pomožnih snovi ter tehnoloških parametrov nanonizacije na stabilnost slabo topne učinkovine v trdni farmacevtski obliki = Study of the influence of stabilizers and other excipients and technological parameters of nanonisation on stability of poorly soluble drug substance in solid dosage form, COBISS.SI-ID: 262427136.

Reven Sebastjan (mentor Julijana Kristl, co-mentor Ema Žagar): Dendritski polimerni nosilci za izboljšanje vodotopnosti težko topnih zdravilnih učinkovin = Dendritic polymeric carriers for solubility improvement of poorly water-soluble drugs, COBISS.SI-ID: 3194225.

Rojnik, Matija (mentor Janko Kos): Vloga in delovanje katepsina H v človeških celicah = The role of cathepsin H in human cells, COBISS.SI-ID: 262426880.

Sosič Izidor (mentor Stanislav Gobec): Strukturno podprto načrtovanje in sinteza encimskih inhibitorjev s potencialnim protibakterijskim in protitumornim delovanjem = Structure-based design and synthesis of enzyme inhibitors with potential antibacterial and antitumor activity, COBISS.SI-ID: 3215985.

Šantl Maja (mentor Saša Baumgartner, co-mentor Franc Vrečer): Vpliv načina aglomeriranja trdnih delcev na proces stiskanja in lastnosti tablet = The effect of agglomeration method on compaction and on the properties of tablets, COBISS.SI-ID: 3334001.

Škedelj Veronika (mentor Anamarija Zega): Načrtovanje, sinteza in vrednotenje inhibitorjev D-aspartat ligaze in D-alanil-D-alanin ligaze = Design, synthesis and evaluation of inhibitors of D-aspartate ligase and D-alanyl-D-alanine ligase, COBISS.SI-ID: 3283569.

Vehar Blaž (mentor Dušanka Janežič, co-mentor Stanislav Gobec): Uporaba molekularnega modeliranja pri načrtovanju encimskih inhibitorjev kot potencionalnih protibakterijskih učinkovin = Use of molecular modeling to design enzyme inhibitors as potential antibacterial agents, COBISS.SI-ID: 262620672.

Vehovec Tanja (mentor Aleš Obreza): Vpliv s funkcionalnostjo povezanih in ostalih lastnosti mikrokristalne celuloze na stabilnostni profil zdravilnih učinkovin = Influence of functionality-related and other characteristics of microcrystalline cellulose on stability profile of active substances, COBISS.SI-ID: 264191744.

Zelenik Andreja (mentor Janja Marc, co-mentor Ingrid Falnoga): Biotransformacija arzenovega trioksida in uravnavanje izražanja metalotioneinov v humani glioblastni celični liniji U87 MG = Arsenic trioxide biotransformation and metallothionein expression in human cell line U87 MG, COBISS.SI-ID: 3283313.

Zupan Janja (mentor Janja Marc): Vpliv vnetnih citokinov na sistem dejavnikov RANK/RANKL/OPG v kostnem tkivu pri bolnikih z osteoporozo = The influence of the proinflammatory cytokines on RANK/RANKL/OPG system in human osteporotic and osteoarthritic bone tissue, COBISS.SI-ID: 3283825.

8 SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY

8.1 CHAIR OF BIOPHARMACY AND PHARMACOKINETICS

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