

## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference “The Holistic Approach to Environment“

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The Association for Promotion of Holistic Approach to Environment from Sisak, with the co-organization of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering, University of Applied Sciences Velika Gorica, the international association Balkan Environmental Association and Sisak-Moslavina County, organized the second international conference “The Holistic Approach to Environment”, which was held on May 28, 2021. The conference was originally planned to be held on May 20 - 21, 2020 in Sisak. Due to the pandemic caused by the coronavirus and the devastating earthquake that hit Sisak and the surrounding towns, the organizers postponed the conference on several occasions, and finally decided to hold it online.

The objective of the conference was to present the current scientific and technological, theoretical and practical knowledges and achievements in the field of environmental protection, to connect scientists and researchers more intensively, but also to inform and raise public awareness of the importance of environmental protection. During the conference, through 77 scientific, professional and review papers, topics from the field of air, water and soil pollution and protection were covered. One part of the lectures dealt with application, possible alternatives and recycling of certain materials and renewable energy sources. A very large number of presentations accompanied by an interesting discussion of participants and authors. Despite the virtual environment, one part of the papers is presented through the poster section. All received posters were shown on the conference website.

The interest in the conference was extremely high, both in Croatia and abroad, since the authors of the mentioned papers were from 10 countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Croatia, India, China, Poland, Slovenia and Serbia). All papers received at the conference were subjected to a review process in which 139 reviewers from 13 countries participated. Also, all papers (77 papers) were published in the Proceedings book (ISSN 2623-677X), which was sent to the participants in electronic form (pdf).

Conference participants, among other things, had the opportunity to listen to two invited lectures by renowned experts, Damir Rumenjak, Ph.D. head of the Department for Environmental Permits in the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia and Prof. Aleksandar Mešić, Ph.D. from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture. Through their lectures, the invited lecturers explained to the participants of the conference in detail the model approach in determining the conditions for permits in environmental protection, as well as the issues related to the use of agrochemicals.

The patrons of the 2<sup>nd</sup> international conference "The Holistic Approach to Environment" were the Ministry of Science and Education, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia. Leading Croatian companies supported the conference through sponsorship, donations, and co-financing (Hrvatske vode, INA, SOL group, Končar, Agroproteinka, Jasika, Kefo, AnAs, Oikon), which pay special attention to care for the environment.

In the end, it can be concluded that the conference achieved its objective, considering the large number of participants (102 participants), very positive comments and support of the participants, a significant response in the public, as well as the fact that the topics discussed at the conference are very current and interesting.

The fact that the selected papers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> international conference "The Holistic Approach to Environment" will be published in Textile Journal also contributes to the aforementioned. Therefore, on behalf of the organizers and co-organizers of the conference, I would like to especially thank the editorial board of Textile Journal for their support and help in promoting the conference "The Holistic Approach to Environment".

Guest editor

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