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EDUCATION

- 2017 – *in progress* **PhD student** (Experimental Neurobiology program), Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2016 – 2017 **Master of Science** (Neurobiology program), Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
- Master's thesis: ``17 β -estradiol modulates expression of ectonucleotidases in hippocampal astrocytes of ovariectomized female rats`` - Supervisors: dr Ivana Grković and prof. dr Nadežda Nedeljković (grade 10.00/10.00)
- 2012 – 2017 **Bachelor degree** (Molecular biology and physiology program), Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia (grade 9.77/10.00)
- 2008 – 2012 **High School**, XIII Beogradska gimnazija, Belgrade, Serbia

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – *in progress* **Teaching assistant** at Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Courses: General physiology, Neurobiology, Quantitative methods in neuroscience
- 2018– 2021 **Research assistant** at Laboratory for Neurobiology, Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2013 - 2016 **Undergraduate Research Trainee** at Laboratory for Molecular Biology and Endocrinology, Institute for Nuclear Sciences ``Vinča, University of Belgrade, Belgrade Serbia

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 **Science promotion grant** for science promotion through workshop ``Laboratory for neurophysiology – listen to your neurons`` for high school students (grant amount 1200 EUR) funded by Center for Science Promotion

- 2021 **IBRO-PERC conference, meeting and symposia grant** for organization of student's workshop – *Application of immunochemistry in neuroscience research* (grant amount 5500 EUR) funded by International Brain Research Organization
- 2021 **FENS-DANA Foundation Brain Awareness Week grant** for organization of Brain Awareness Week event in 2021 (grant amount 950 EUR)
- 2020 **IBRO-PERC conference, meeting and symposia grant** for organization of student's workshop – *Enzymes of brain – Patho(physio)logical aspects* (grant amount 4000 EUR) funded by International Brain Research Organization
- 2020 **Science promotion grant** for science promotion through workshop ``Brain in colors`` for high school students (grant amount 1600 EUR) funded by Center for Science Promotion
- 2019 **Global Engagement Seed grant** for science promotion through action ``Brain on Wheels`` for high school students (grant amount 4500 EUR) funded by International Brain Research Organization
- 2018 **IBRO-PERC conference, meeting and symposia grant** for organization of student's workshop – *Stain the Brain* (grant amount 4000 EUR) funded by International Brain Research Organization
- 2018 **Award ``Goran Ljubijankić``** for best master thesis in the field of Molecular biology awarded annually by Foundation ``Goran Ljubijankić``
- 2015 – 2016 **Fellowship for the best Master students in the final year**, Fund for young talents ``Dositeja``, Ministry of Youth and Sports of Serbia

PUBLICATIONS

Dragić M, Mitrović N, Adžić M, Nedeljković N, Grković I. Microglial- and Astrocyte-Specific Expression of Purinergic Signaling Components and Inflammatory Mediators in the Rat Hippocampus During Trimethyltin-Induced Neurodegeneration. ASN Neuro (2021) doi.org/10.1177/17590914211044882

Dragić M, Zeljković M, Stevanović I, Adžić M, Stekić A, Mihajlović K, Grković I, Ilić N, Ilić T, Nedeljković N, Ninković M. Downregulation of CD73/A_{2A}R-Mediated Adenosine Signaling as a Potential Mechanism of Neuroprotective Effects of Theta-Burst Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation in Acute Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis. Brain Sci (2021) doi.org/10.3390/brainsci11060736

Dragić M, Milićević K, Adžić M, Stevanović I, Ninković M, Grković I, Andjus P, Nedeljković N. Trimethyltin increase intracellular Ca²⁺ via L-type voltage-gated calcium channels and promotes inflammatory phenotype in rat astrocytes *in vitro*. Mol Neurobiol. (2021) doi.org/10.1007/s12035-020-02273-x

Dragić M, Zeljković M, Stevanović I, Ilić T, Ilić N, Nedeljković N, Ninković M. Theta burst stimulation ameliorates symptoms of experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis and attenuates reactive gliosis. Brain Res Bull. (2020) doi.org/10.1016/j.brainresbull.2020.06.013.

Dragić M, Zarić M, Mitrović N, Nedeljković N, Grković I. Two Distinct Hippocampal Astrocyte Morphotypes Reveal Subfield-Different Fate during Neurodegeneration Induced by Trimethyltin Intoxication. *Neuroscience*. (2019) doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2019.10.022.

Mitrović N, **Dragić M**, Zarić M, Drakulić D, Nedeljković N, Grković I. Estrogen receptors modulate ectonucleotidases activity in hippocampal synaptosomes of male rats. *Neurosci Lett*. (2019) doi.org/10.1016/j.neulet.2019.134474.

Zarić M, Drakulić D, **Dragić M**, Gusevac Stojanović I, Mitrović N, Grković I, Martinović J. Molecular Alterations and Effects of Acute Dehydroepiandrosterone Treatment Following Brief Bilateral Common Carotid Artery Occlusion: Relevance to Transient Ischemic Attack. *Neuroscience*. (2019) doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2019.05.006.

Dragić M, Zarić M, Mitrović N, Nedeljković N, Grković I. Application of Gray Level Co-Occurrence Matrix Analysis as a New Method for Enzyme Histochemistry Quantification. *Microsc Microanal*. (2019) doi.org/10.1017/S1431927618016306.

Grković I, Mitrović N, **Dragić M**, Adžić M, Drakulić D, Nedeljković N. Spatial Distribution and Expression of Ectonucleotidases in Rat Hippocampus After Removal of Ovaries and Estradiol Replacement. *Mol Neurobiol*. (2019) doi.org/10.1007/s12035-018-1217-3.

POSTERS

M. Zarić, D. Drakulić, **M. Dragić**, I. Guševac Stojanović, N. Mitrović, I. Grković, J. Martinović (2018) Lack of dehydroepiandrosterone treatment efficiency in rat model of transient ischemic attack? 14th International Conference on Fundamental and Applied Aspects of Physical Chemistry, Belgrade, Serbia, September 24-28, Abstract book, F-25-P;

N. Mitrović, **M. Dragić**, M. Zarić, D. Drakulić, I. Guševac Stojanović, J. Martinović, I. Grković (2018) Estrogen receptors modulate ectonucleotidases activity in hippocampal synapses of male rats. 14th International Conference on Fundamental and Applied Aspects of Physical Chemistry, Belgrade, Serbia, September 24-28, Abstract book, F-26-P;

Ivana Grković, **Milorad Dragić**, Nataša Mitrović, Marina Zarić, Marija Adžić, Nadežda Nedeljković (2019). Expression of ecto-5' nucleotidase on amoeboid microglia during neurodegeneration induced by trimethyltin indicates its role in phagocytosis. Immunology at the confluence of multidisciplinary approaches, Belgrade, Serbia, December 6-8, Book of Abstracts, Session 7;

Milorad Dragić, Nataša Mitrović, Nadežda Nedeljković, Ivana Grković (2019) Concomitant up-regulation of ecto-5' nucleotidase (CD73) and pro-inflammatory cytokines in neuroinflammatory model of hippocampal injury induced by trimethyltin. Immunology at the confluence of multidisciplinary approaches, Belgrade, Serbia, December 6-8, Book of Abstracts, Session 7;

Nataša Mitrović, **Milorad Dragić**, Marina Zarić, Nadežda Nedeljković, Ivana Grković (2019) Flaxseed oil modulates microglia activation in the hippocampus of ovariectomized rats following trimethyltin intoxication. Immunology at the confluence of multidisciplinary approaches, Belgrade, Serbia, December 6-8, Book of Abstracts, Session 7;

Milorad Dragić, Ivana Grković, Marija Adžić, Nataša Mitrović, Nadežda Nedeljković (2019). Anatomical and cellular distribution of ecto-nucleoside triphosphate diphosphohydrolase 2 in rat brain. FENS Regional Meeting 2019, Belgrade, Serbia, July 10-13, Book of Abstracts, P264;

Ivana Grković, **Milorad Dragić**, Nataša Mitrović, Marina Zarić, Dunja Drakulić, Nadežda Nedeljković (2019). Up-regulation of ecto-5' nucleotidase on activated microglial cells following trimethyltin-induced neurotoxicity of female rats. FENS Regional Meeting 2019, Belgrade, Serbia, July 10-13, Book of Abstracts, P266.

Marina Zarić, Dunja Drakulić, **Milorad Dragić**, Ivana Gusevac Stojanović, Nataša Mitrović, Ivana Grković, Jelena Martinović (2019). Brief cerebral ischemia/reperfusion injury in male Wistar rats as a model relevant to transient ischemic attack- effects of acute dehydroepiandrosterone treatment. FENS Regional Meeting 2019, Belgrade, Serbia, July 10-13, Book of Abstracts, P280.

Dragić Milorad, Mitrović Nataša, Nadežda Nedeljković, Ivana Grković (2019). Trimethyltin-induced neurodegeneration is associated with gradual up-regulation of ecto-5' nucleotidase on activated microglia. 13th Gottingen Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society, Gottingen, Germany, March 20-23, Book of Abstracts, T11-2B;

Drakulić Dunja, Veljković Filip, Pejić Snežana, Todorović Ana, Zarić Marina, Mitrović Nataša, Grković Ivana, Guševac Stojanović Ivana, **Dragić Milorad**, Martinović Jelena (2019). Ischemia/Reperfusion brain injury and dehydroepiandrosterone modulate oxidative stress and inflammatory response indicators in prefrontal cortex. FENS Regional Meeting 2019, Belgrade, Serbia, July 10-13, Nano Symposium II;

Dragić M, Mitrović N, Drakulić D, Zarić M, Gusevac Stojanović I, Martinović J, Grković I (2018). Histochemical characterization of trimethyltin-induced neurodegeneration in CA1 hippocampal region of ovariectomized female rat. 11th FENS forum of Neuroscience, Berlin, Germany, July 7-11, Abstract book, C130;

Mitrović N, **Dragić M**, Drakulić D, Zarić M, Gusevac Stojanović I, Martinović J, Grković I (2018). Regional-specific fluctuations of ectonucleotidases activity across estrous cycle of female rats. 11th FENS forum of Neuroscience, Berlin, Germany, July 7-11, Abstract book, B050;

Dragić M, Mitrović N, Drakulić D, Zarić M, Gusevac Stojanović I, Martinović J, Nedeljković N, Grković I (2017). 17 β -Estradiol upregulates ecto-nucleotidase triphosphate diphosphohydrolase 2 (NTPDase-2) in hippocampal astrocytes of female rats – Histochemical and molecular analysis. VII Neuroscience Society Congress, Belgrade, Serbia, October 25-27, Abstract book, A3;

Milorad Dragić, Marija Adžić, Nataša Mitrović, Ivana Grković, Nadežda Nedeljković (2019). Anatomical and cellular distribution of ecto-nucleoside triphosphate diphosphohydrolase 2 in rat brain. 2nd Symposium in Biomedicine: Basic and Clinical Neuroscience, Belgrade, Serbia, May 9. Abstract Book, P06;

Ivana Grković, Nataša Mitrović, **Milorad Dragić**, Marija Adžić, Nadežda Nedeljković (2019). Expression of ectonucleotidases in rat hippocampus after ovarian hormones deprivation and estradiol replacement. 2nd Symposium in Biomedicine: Basic and Clinical Neuroscience, Belgrade, Serbia, May 9. Abstract Book, P04;

Milorad Dragić, Marina Zarić, Nataša Mitrović, Ivana Grković (2018) Morfološka karakterizacija hipokampalnih astrocita ovarijektomisanih ženki pacova u modelu neurodegeneracije izazvane trimetil-

kalajem. Drugi kongres biologa Srbije, Kladovo, Srbija, Septembar 25-30, Knjiga sažetaka, Usmeno izlaganje;

RESEARCH VISITS

2018 Short visit at Faculty of Medicine, University of Pecs, Pecs, Hungary for learning and implementation of cerebral microdialysis

SCIENCE SOCIETIES MEMBERSHIP

Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)

Serbian Neuroscience Society (SNS)

Serbian Biological Society (SBS)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2019 **Lecturer** at panel discussion ``Science in Serbia like a extreme sports`` at student's conference **SIMPLAST**, Zlatibor, Serbia

2019 **Instructor and co-organizer** of Spring's school of biology ``Neuroanatomy and histochemistry of nervous tissue`` at Petnica science center, Valjevo, Serbia

2016 - 2017 Participation at **X and XI Serbian Science Festival**, Belgrade, Serbia

2014 - 2017 Organization and participation at **Brain Awareness Week** in Belgrade, Serbia funded by DANA Fondation