

PLANT PROTECTION SOCIETY OF SLOVENIA 1993-2013

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- professional organisation of experts from agriculture and other scientific fields, researchers, advisers, employees from public administration and companies, which all acts as a communication forum, through events and publications, for the profitable and sustainable use of plant protection products,
- about 200 society members,
- a status of organisation which acts in favour of public interest in the fields of research activity and agriculture,
- common interest and desire to exchange knowledge and experiences with the aim of informing and solving problems in the field of plant protection in Slovenia,
- aims and tasks of society are defined in Rules of Plant Protection Society of Slovenia (PPSS) and the most important ones are about discussing professional questions and representing professional interests, collaboration at skilled orientation of integrity of plant protection, educational training of professional and research meetings, lectures and in the future we want also to have more active collaboration with related domestic and international organisations.



DRUŠTVO ZA VARSTVO RASTLIN SLOVENIJE

Table 1: So far organized Slovenian plant protection conferences with international participation

	Location and term	Organiser(s)	Participants	Oral presentations	Posters
1.	Radenci, 24-25 February 1993	many	277	35	0
2.	Radenci, 21-22 February 1995	Fk Mb	300	54	0
3.	Portorož, 4-5 March 1997	IHPS	327	78	0
4.	Portorož, 3-4 March 1999	KGZS	296	88	6
5.	Čatež ob Savi, 6-8 March 2001	KIS	231	72	16
6.	Zreče, 4-6 March 2003	BF	305	80	28
7.	Zreče, 8-10 March 2005	Fkbv Mb	260	89	20
8.	Radenci, 6-7 March 2007	IHPS and BF	220	64	24
9.	Nova Gorica, 4-5 March 2009	KGZS and BF	310	81	26
10.	Podčetrtek, 1-2 March 2011	NIB and BF	280	76	28
11.	Bled, 5-6 March 2013	KIS and BF	250	79	40

Legend: Fk Mb – Faculty of Agriculture Maribor; IHPS – Slovenian Institute for Hop Research and Brewing (Zalec); KGZS – Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia (Nova Gorica); KIS – Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (Ljubljana); BF – Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana; Fkbv Mb – Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences of the University of Maribor; NIB – National Institute of Biology

- the Society organises assembly meeting twice per year and this is also the time when recognized domestic and foreign experts present actualities from the plant protection field,
- in present form the Society works from 1995,
- predecessor of today's PPSS was a Section for plant protection at Federation of agricultural engineers and technicians and this Section was also the organizer of the 1st Slovenian conference on plant protection in 1993,
- bi-ennial organisation of Slovenian conferences on plant protection (Table 1) - the most important and recognized activity of PPSS,
- foreign participants were present at all conferences (the most visited conference by foreigners was the 5th Slovenian conference on plant protection with participants from 10 countries),
- support in organising the conferences also offer phytopharmaceutical companies and other companies, which are directly or indirectly connected to plant protection,
- from the beginning of the conferences the general sponsor was Ministry of agriculture, forestry and food processing of Republic of Slovenia and among more important ones are also Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, Inspectorate of RS of Agriculture and the Environment and Slovenian Research Agency.



Figure 1: Prof. Dr. Lea Milevoj (left) was the 2nd president of the society and the receiver of the golden award; Acad. Prof. Ddr. Jože Maček (center) and Prof. Dr. Stojan Vrabl (right) – the 1st president of the society - are the receivers of honourable memberships of the society



Figure 2: After all 11 Slovenian plant protection conferences the PPSS published proceedings of oral presentations and posters with 300-500 pages

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- since the 3rd Conference the Society impart recognitions to deserving members of the Society,
- till now the Society granted 11 golden badges (a reward for life work in the field of plant protection), 27 silver badges (reward for the special merits in the field of plant protection), and two honourable memberships of the Society (reward for special merits in development and successful work in the Plant Protection Society of Slovenia) (Figure 1),
- during all 11 Conferences 986 contributions were given from 300 first authors and about 600 coauthors (Figure 2),
- PPSS has its web page (<http://dvrs.bf.uni-lj.si/>) and there visitors can find numerous informations, which are of interest to society members as also to others whose interest is in the field of plant protection (Figure 4),
- since the beginning the Society has its office at Department of Agronomy, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana.



Figure 3: Slovenian plant protection conferences are usually well attended meetings and nice social events.

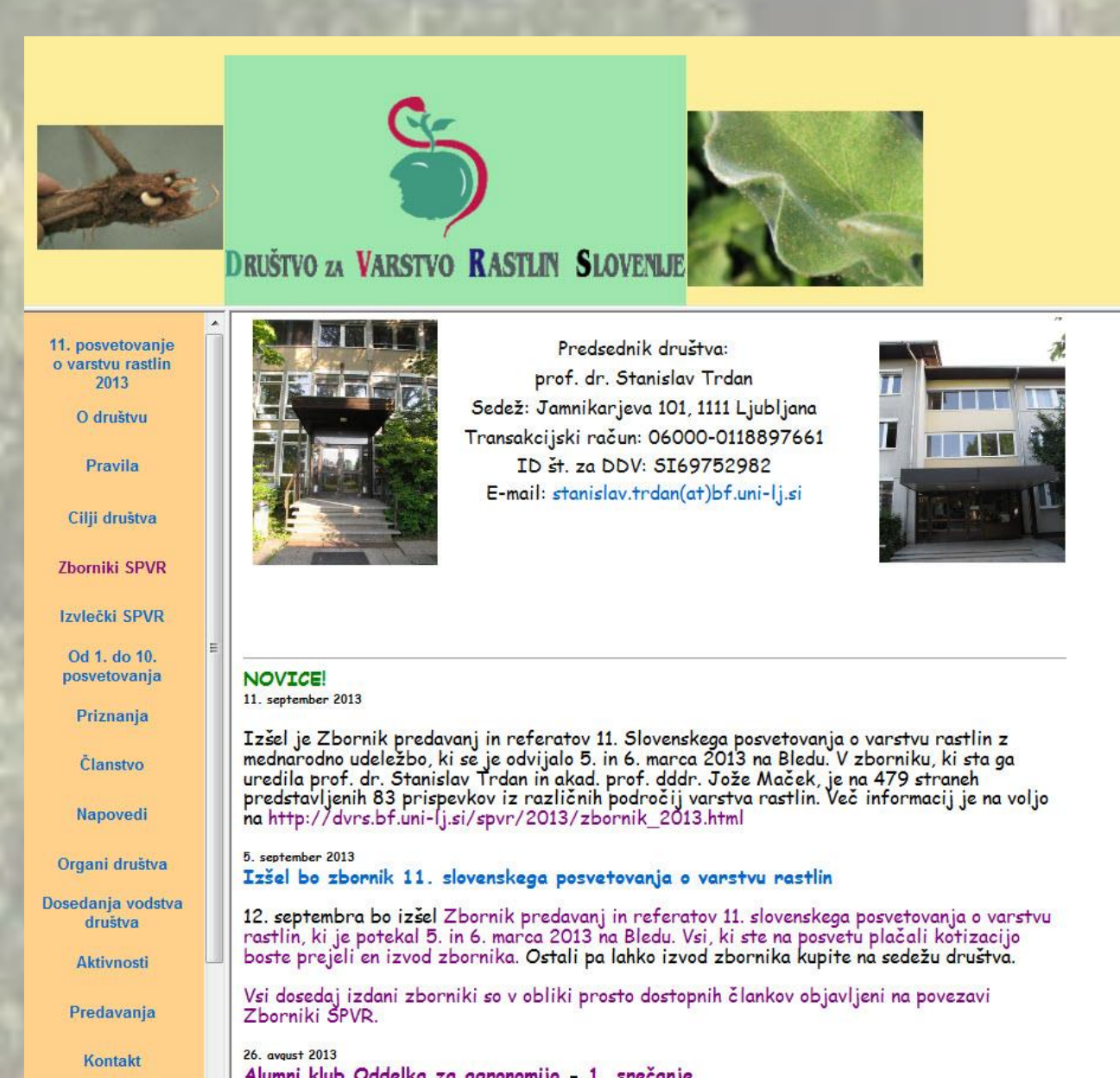


Figure 4: Those interested in plant protection issues can get a lot of information on PPSS web page

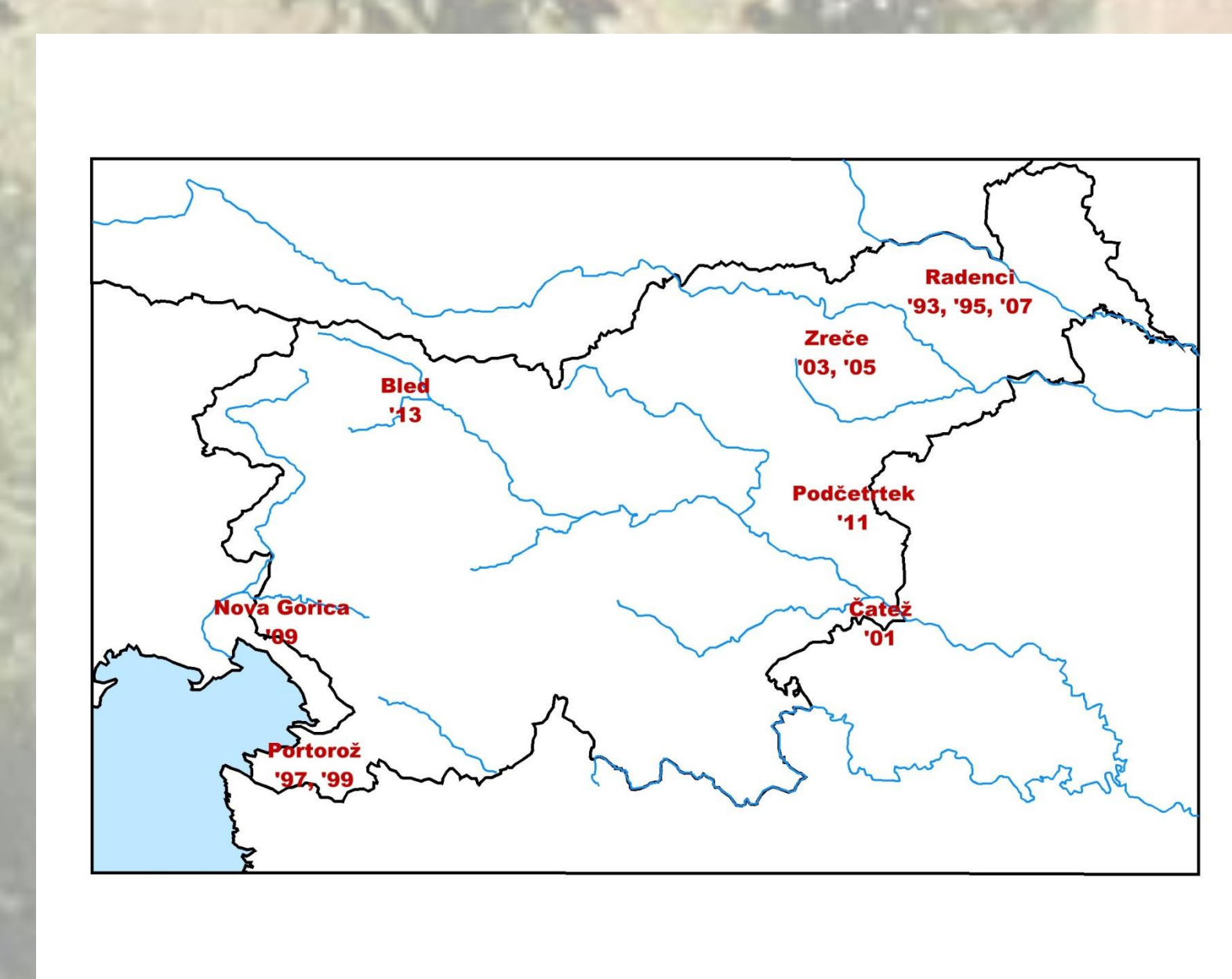


Figure 5: Seven locations of eleven Slovenian plant protection conferences in last 18 years