

## Novica Randelović: Tireless botanist explores on the verge of his ninth decade



**Fig. 1.** Novica Randelović and his crocuses: A - *Crocus rujanensis* N. Randj. et D.A. Hill; B - *C. jablanicensis* N. Randj. et V. Randj.; C – *C. danubensis* H. Kernd., E. Pasche, N. Randj. & V. Randj.

Exactly ten years from 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium on the Flora of Southeastern Serbia and Neighboring Regions which was organized in honor of 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Novica Randjelović. He was founder informal South Serbian Botanical School, Symposium on the Flora of Southeastern Serbia and Neighboring Regions, founder and first professor on Department for biology and ecology from University of Niš. Even though he was in eight decades professor Randjelović was tirelessly continued with research. He published many scientific papers. Especially are important

those with description of new species from his favorite genus *Crocus* - *C. jablanicensis* (Randelović et al., 2011) i *C. danubiensis* (Harpke et al., 2014). Two species was named in his honor – *Crocus novicii* (Miljković et al., 2016) and *C. randjeloviciorum* (Harpke et al., 2017).

From 2007. to 2017. he published 13 papers (6 in international journals). Besides that, he is almost regular on botanical scientific symposiums and congresses around Balkan peninsula.

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**Fig. 2.** Novica Randelović with associates from Serbia and Germany on the field

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