

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Mgr. Anna Bérešová (né Guttová), Mgr., PhD.

CETAF membership: Slovak consortium: Slovak National Taxonomic Facility (NaTAF)
Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia
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Leadership/service experience: director: October 2014 until present

Scientific focus: senior scientific researcher: June 2007 until present

phylogeography, phylogeny, biosystematics, morphometrics, ecological niche modelling, ecological biogeography, role of symbiotic interactions in shaping lichen distributional range; photobiont switching - a driver to increase ecological plasticity; biodiversity, Carpathian research network – lichens, symbiotic associations – lichens (*Solenopsora*, *Leptogium*)
https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Anna_Guttova

Candidacy for the position: Secretary of CETAF Executive Committee

Experience and expertise relevant for the position – added value to the community/executive board, contributions to CETAF further development:

- Building project proposals
- Implementation and management of home and international scientific projects (e. g. 2006 – 2009 Local programme manager of the BBI Matra project “Development of a Carpathian Ecological Network: Strengthening the Capacities of the Carpathian EcoRegion Initiative (CERI) in Supporting the Implementation of the Carpathian Convention”). Responsibilities:
 - a) secure co-ordination of the project with other relevant projects
 - b) support the establishment of work groups (e.g. identification of members)
 - c) submission of technical progress reports and financial reports on the implementation process twice a year in line with the time planning presented in the contract
 - d) secure co-ordination of the programme with other relevant projects
 - e) identification and contracting of local experts, scientific institutions
 - f) supervision of financial and administrative matters including the elaboration and submission of financial reports
 - g) secure smooth and regular communication with project partners and project network partners
 - h) support the establishment of work groups
 - i) organize Steering Committee meeting to discuss the progress of the implementation process
 - j) organise and report on Management Team Meetings to monitor and discuss the project implementation process
 - k) support setting up the training program and support to the identification of participants and trainers
- Curation of collections of cryptogams, Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava (acronym SAV; 2000–2014)
- Editorial work
- Teaching 1999–2007, 2015 – until present: external teacher for Comenius University, Bratislava, Department of Botany, Lichenology – elementary and advanced courses, Department of pedology – Biodiversity – elementary course

- Organizing scientific events: 1999 member of organizing committee of BLAM (Bryologisch-lichenologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Mitteleuropa) field meeting in the Vysoké Tatry Mts.; member of organising committee “Central European Lichens – diversity and threat”, March 2005, Bratislava
- Preparation of documents: draft list of lichen species to be supplemented to the list of priority species within the Annex to Habitat directive, programme NATURA 2000 (EU); coordinated by Ministry of Environment, Slovak Republic, 2000; Draft list of lichens to be used to assess Important Plant Areas Network (European Initiative), coordinated by NGO Daphne – Institute of Applied Ecology, Bratislava, 2004

Vision of the position: to build upon the work of Secretary Jesus Muñoz and contribute to functioning of the CETAF Executive Committee

Motivation: contributions to CETAF further development as an important advocate for maintenance of natural history collections, for importance and recognition of taxonomy, systematic biology, biodiversity and geodiversity, and for bridging this environment with society

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