

BIOGRAPHY

Prof. dr Vojislav Trkulja was born in Banja Luka, on April 19th, 1968. He attended elementary school in the village Kukulje, Srbac municipality. He finished general direction of the Secondary Agricultural School in Srbac in 1987. He enrolled the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sarajevo in 1988, and on May 1992 he moved to the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad, where he graduated on October 20th, 1993 and became a graduate engineer of agriculture.

During his studies, he was repeatedly commended and awarded, and was a winner of the first prize for the student scientific work at the University of Sarajevo in 1991. In the 1993/94, he enrolled in postgraduate studies of phytopathology of the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad, where he passed all required exams with a maximum grade (10). From April 1994 to September 1996, he has had the professional training in the field of phytopathology at the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad in the Laboratory for bacterial diseases of plants and mycosis of fruit trees, flowers and ornamental shrubs. Under supervision of Prof. dr Momčilo Arsenijević, he developed and defended his master's thesis titled "Antagonism of saprophytic and phytopathogenic bacteria to *Monilia* spp." on May 27th, 1997. His doctoral thesis titled: "Pathogenic, morphological and breeding characteristics of *Colletotrichum* spp. causative agent of bitter rot of apple fruit" was carried under the supervision of Prof. dr Mirko Ivanović at the Faculty of Agriculture in Belgrade, which he defended in January 27th, 2004.

In the January 1995, he was appointed for the Assistant at the Faculty of Agriculture in Banja Luka for the subject of Phytopathology, and in the 1998 was titled as a Senior Assistant, where he worked until October 1st, 2003. From 2000/2001, he was engaged on the same subject at the Faculty of Agriculture in East Sarajevo, where he was elected as Assistant Professor in October 2004, and in the title of Associate Professor in July 2009. He has permanently employed on October 1st, 1996 in the Agricultural Institute of Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka, where he worked as the Head of Department for Plant Protection, Seed and Biotechnology. Since March 2011, he has been employed at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Banja Luka, as an Associate Professor on subjects in the field of plant protection at undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

He is a member of the Society for Plant Protection of Serbia and one of the founders of the Society for Plant Protection of Republic of Srpska. In the December 2004, he was elected for the first President of the Society of Plant Protection of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Plant doctor", published by the Society for Plant Protection of Serbia, and member of the Editorial Board of the "Journal of Plant Protection" which is printed in Zagreb, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Agriculture and Forestry" published by the Faculty of Biotechnology, University in Podgorica, and one of the reviewers in the field of phytopathology for the journal "Field and Vegetable Crops," published by the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops in Novi Sad. He is a member of the "Republic Commission for Plant Protection" at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Republic of Srpska, "Commission for the classification and labeling of plant protection products " at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Republic of Srpska, and "Republic Council for Science" at the Ministry of Science and Technology of Republic of Srpska. He is the President of the

Council for GMOs, at the Council of Ministers of BiH. He is a member of the expert panel at the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization).

He conducted a number of study tours and trainings in the Netherland, Italy, Slovenia, Denmark, Norway, Germany, England, France, Poland, Spain, USA, Israel and Czech Republic. As the representative of BiH, he participated three FAO conferences in the field of biotechnology and GMO control. He was the President of the Technical Committee for the organization of the Third international conference on fibrous plants called "Bast Fibrous Plants for Healthy Life", which was very successfully held in Banja Luka, in 2004, as well as a member of the International Scientific Committee "1st IFOAM International Conference on Organic Wild Production", organized and hosted by the Agricultural Institute of RS Banja Luka, which was held in Teslić, from May 2 to 6, 2006. In 2012, he received a plaquette of the Faculty of Agriculture of East Sarajevo, for contribution to the development of the faculty. He was appointed by the Government of Republic of Srpska as Director of the Agricultural Institute of Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka on December 29, 2012.

Prof. dr Vojislav Trkulja was a coordinator of 20 scientific research projects, as well as a member of the research team in 19 scientific and professional projects. He participated with papers at numerous national and international scientific meetings (congresses, symposiums, conferences). So far, he has published 243 scientific papers, three booklets, three handbook, two monographs and three books.