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## Scientific Program

Time	Program
	Registration of the participants
9:00	Mounting posters for the Poster Session 1 ( <b>ODD POSTER</b> <b>NUMBERS</b> )
	Conference opening
10:00	Serbian Chemical Society – Dušan Sladić
	Scientific Committee – Vuk Filipović
	Serbian Young Chemists' Club presentation – Mihajlo Jakanovski
	Plenary Lecture (PP OP 01)
10:15	Ilija Cvijetić
11.00	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Chemistry
11:00	Oral presentations, Session 1
	Zorica Novaković (CMN OP 01)
	University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences
	Marija Kaluđerović (OC OP 01)
	University of Montenegro, Faculty of Metallurgy and Technology
	Marija Milošević ( <b>MS OC 01</b> )
11.25	University Of Belgrade, Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy
11:35	Coffee break
11:50	<i>European Young Chemists' Network (EYCN) ZOOM presentation</i> Maximillian Menche – Chair of the EYCN
11.30	"The European Young Chemists' Network and the Power of Networking"
	Invited Lecture (PPP OP 01)
12:05	Ivana Kuzminac
	University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences
12:40	Oral presentations, Session 2
	Dušica Jovanović (TC OP 01)
	University of Belgrade, Institute of Nuclear Science Vinča
	University of Niš, Faculty of Science and Mathematics
	Milica Đukić (IAC OP 01)
	University Of Belgrade, Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy
	Jovana Jovanović (OC OP 02)
	University of Montenegro, Faculty of Medicine
	Slađana Đorđević (TC OP 02)
	University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Science
13:25	*GROUP PHOTO*
13:30	Poster session 1 (ODD POSTER NUMBERS)
	Lunch
14:15	Removing posters from Poster Session 1
	Mounting posters for Poster Session 2 (EVEN POSTER NUMBERS)

	Invited Lecture (PPP OP 02)
15:00	Branko Kordić
10100	University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences
15:35	Oral presentations, Session 3
	Dušan Ružić (MC OP 01)
	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy
	Ana-Andrea Holik (CE OP 01)
	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Chemistry
	Aleksa Savić ( <b>BB OP 01</b> )
	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Chemistry
16:10	Poster session 2 (EVEN POSTER NUMBERS)
17:00	Break
17:15	Closing ceremony
	Best Oral Presentation Award
	Board: Vuk Filipović, Ivana Kuzminac, Ilija Cvijetić
	Best Poster Presentation Award
	Board: Jelena Milovanović, Branko Kordić
17:45	End of the Conference

**POSTER NUMBER** is the last part of contribution code, e.g. XY PP <u>15</u>.

## VENUE:

- Lectures and oral presentations will be taken place at the **large chemistry amphitheater (VHA)** on the ground floor.
- The Poster sessions will take place in the **hallway in front of the library** on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

## Epigenetic drug discovery: fragment-based drug design of novel 1-benzhydryl-piperazine derivatives as selective histone deacetylase 6 inhibitors

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Selective histone deacetylase 6 (HDAC6) inhibition with small molecules is regarded as a rational strategy to develop safer anti-cancer drugs compared to non-selective HDAC inhibitors<sup>1</sup>. To date, structural motifs that are important for HDAC inhibitory activity and selectivity are defined as: surface recognition group (CAP group), aliphatic or aromatic linker and zinc-binding group (ZBG).

Herein, we describe a comprehensive protocol for the computational fragment search of novel surface-recognition (CAP) groups aimed to design selective Histone Deacetylase 6 (HDAC6) inhibitors (Figure 1)<sup>2</sup>. Identified heterocyclic CAP group, 1-benzhydryl piperazine was employed to synthesize novel HDAC inhibitors with small structural perturbations in the hydrocarbon linker. Enzymatic *in vitro* HDAC screening identified two selective HDAC6 inhibitors (6b,  $IC_{50} = 186$  nM and 9b,  $IC_{50} = 31$  nM), as well as two non-selective nanomolar HDAC inhibitors (7b and 8b). The influence of linker chemistry of synthesized inhibitors on HDAC6 potency was studied using structure-based molecular modelling.

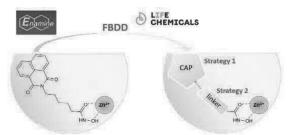


Figure 1. Design of novel selective HDAC6 inhibitors by fragment-based approach

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