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## Women Who are Changing Science - Driving Bold Research in Canada and Croatia 2024

### Zagreb Conference Program

Date: October 8, 2024

Venue: Horvatovac 102a (Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb)

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome Remarks**

Prof. Igor Štagljar, PhD, FRSC, University of Toronto and Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences, Split

Prof. Marijana Đaković, PhD, Vice Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb

David Matthew Smith, PhD, Director General, Ruđer Bošković Institute

Prof. Ozren Polašek, PhD, Director, Croatian Science Foundation

Prof. Sanja Musić Milanović, Dr. med., Department for Medical Statistics, Epidemiology and Medical Informatics, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb

H.E. Jessica Blitt, Ambassador of Canada to Croatia

Ms. Dijana Mandić, Director-General, Directorate for Higher Education, Ministry of Science, Education and Youth

Prof. Mona Nemer, PhD, FRSC, Chief Science Advisor of Canada (Video message)

### **The Role of Inclusive Science in Building a Sustainable Future for All**

10:00 – 10:30 Prof. Rima Al-awar, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto; Head of Therapeutic Innovation and Drug Discovery, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research

10:30 – 11:00 Assoc. Prof. Rosa Karlić, Division of Molecular Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb

11:00 – 11:20 Health Break

11:20 – 11:50 Prof. Samantha Gruenheid, Departmental Chair and Professor, Microbiology, McGill University

11:50 – 12:20 Prof. Andreja Ambriović Ristov, Head of Laboratory for Cell Biology and Signalling, Ruđer Bošković Institute

12:20 – 12:50 Assoc. Prof. Vanda Juranić Lisnić, assoc. Professor and Head of Doctoral School of Biomedicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka

12:50 – 13:50 Networking Lunch

13:50 - 14:20 Dr. Adrijana Vinter, Global Head of Drug Discovery and Board Member, Selvita

14:20 – 15:30 **Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Science**

Prof. Rima Al-awar, Prof. Rosa Karlić, Prof. Samantha Gruenheid, Prof. Andreja Ambriović Ristov, Prof. Vanda Juranić Lisnić and Dr. Adrijana Vinter.

Moderator: Prof. Igor Štagljar, FRSC, University of Toronto

15:30 End of Conference