



**Assist. professor Margarita Dodevska, Senior Research Associate
(1972–2026)**

The untimely departure of our dear colleague, Margarita Dodevska, PhD, is a tremendous loss for the Institute of Public Health of Serbia “Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut”, for the scientific and academic community, but most of all, for all those who had the privilege of knowing her and working with her.

Dr. Margarita Dodevska dedicated her professional and scientific work to public health, food safety, science and education. She graduated from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Skopje in 1998 and completed her specialization in sanitary chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Belgrade, where she also defended her doctoral thesis in bromatology in 2014.

Since 2019, she has been employed at the Institute of Public Health of Serbia “Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut”, at the Centre for Hygiene and Human Ecology. Through her knowledge, expertise, reliability and dedication, she made an unmeasurable contribution to the work of the Institute. She was the Environment Management System Team Leder since 2019, and from 2024, the Quality Team Leader as well. As the Deputy Chair of the Scientific Council, she took active part in the development of the scientific and research projects, and in the improvement of scientific excellence of the Institute of Public Health of Serbia.

Before joining the Institute, she had dedicated almost two decades of her work to the control of health safety of foodstuffs, working as the analyst-specialist of sanitary chemistry and Head of the Food Analysis Centre in Belgrade, as well as in the Centre for Public Health in Kumanovo.

As a lecturer at the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Belgrade and the Faculty of Healthcare Studies at the University of Bjeljina, she shared her knowledge selflessly, encouraging young people to learn and engage in research, and served as a beloved role model to generations of students.

She poured immense dedication and love for bromatology into her scientific work, and had been in the process of being elected into the highest scientific rank of Principal Research Fellow. Her research included the fields of nutrition, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, dietary fibre, food safety and improvement of population health. She was a member of the Section for Sanitary Chemistry of the Alliance of Pharmaceutical Associations of Serbia, member of the Serbian Nutrition Society, as well as a member of the Association for Diabetes Research of Serbia.

As author and co-author, she published over 100 scientific articles, and was one of the most prolific authors in the Serbian Journal of Public Health, where four of her articles had been published. She took active part in numerous national and international scientific conferences, leaving a significant mark in both the expert and scientific community.

We will miss her as an expert, as a dear colleague, and as a friend.

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