Prof. Dr. Nenad Keća participated in the implementation of 20 projects (4 international and 16 national), and 5 COST Actions (FP0801, FP1002, FP1103, FP1203, FP1406), resulting in 104 papers. He made the greatest contribution in studying poplar pathogenic fungi, Armillaria spp., Heterobasidion spp., Phytophthora spp. and Chalara fraxinea. He detected some of those species for the first time in Serbia. He published more than 150 papers in international and national journals, and participated in numerous scientific meetings. Prof. Dr. Keća coauthored two university textbooks (Forest Phytopharmacy in 2010, and Forest Mycology in 2016). Prof. Dr. Keća was also a member of the Editorial Board of the following journals: Annals of Forest Research (SCI, Impact Factor 0.418), SEEFOR (South-East European Forestry) Regional Journal, Acta Scientiarum Polonorum, and Silvarum Calendarum Ratio et Industria Lignaria. He was an editor-in-chief of the Faculty of Forestry’s Newsletter from 2009 to 2013, as well as an ad hoc reviewer in the following journals: Forest Pathology, European Journal of Plant Pathology, New Zealand Journal of Forest Science, Baltic Forestry, Annals of Forest Research, SEEFOR, Journal of the Faculty of Forestry and Papers of the Faculty of Forestry in Sarajevo.

The professional career of Prof. Dr. Keća is full of exceptional achievements thanks to his tremendous efforts, endless enthusiasm and devotion to his duties. He was a man of enormous energy, persistence and patience. Furthermore, he maintained high professional and personal standards serving as an example for his students and colleagues. By teaching and sharing his knowledge and expertise, he built an academic foundation out of 20 generations of students that will last for a long time. On August 21, 2019, his family lost a son, a husband and a father, and the society lost a respected and distinguished scientist and professor. Rest in peace, dear friend and colleague.

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