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- ALBANIA

Taulant Hatia

He is a graduate in Mathematics of Tirana University, Faculty of Natural Sciences, and of Institute of Business Administration of University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV.

Hatia currently works as journalist in RTSH, the Albanian Public TV. He is co-founder of the Albanian Association of Science Journalists and former director of the popular science magazine “Shkenca dhe Natyra”. Hatia is author of the book “Illyrian Gods and Goddesses” and of another book on alternative natural healing therapies on cancer, as well as of many articles and stories in the Albanian press and also translator of several books in Albanian.

- BULGARIA

Maria Cheneva

She describes herself as a geneticist at heart. Her education is in biochemistry and microbiology, but being a journalist is her mission.

She works in the Bulgarian National Television since the beginning of her career. But she is also a well-known author of articles in several newspapers, magazines, even radio stations.

Her professional career list contains documentaries, articles and books. She is the co-producer of the first ever scientific talk-show broadcasted by a Bulgarian media. The project named "Beautiful Science" was a mixture of reality programme, talk-show and a competition between young scientists.
• CROATIA

Mićo Tatalović

He studied biology at the University of Oxford (BA) and the University of Cambridge (MPhil), and science communication at Imperial College London (MSc), on a range of scholarships including those from the City of Rijeka and Croatian science ministry.

He works as a deputy news editor at the Science and Development Network, and is actively involved in science journalism in UK and Croatia.

He writes a blog about science policy and journalism at Jutarnji List daily, and freelances for magazines in Croatia and Serbia, including Tehnopolis, Priroda, Drvo Znanja, and Planeta. His experience involves both successful and less successful science communication initiatives in Croatia, including setting up a Café Scientifique, science film festival, science centre and exhibitions, and science press release service.

• GREECE

Julianna Photopoulos

She is a freelance science writer and film-maker, with considerable experience working in multimedia and moving image web-based projects. She holds a biology degree with Masters in both Developmental Genetics and Science Communication. Currently, she is involved in developing content for the Ri Channel, produces films and radio programmes, translates articles, and writes for various science publications. She ran the UK nationwide science film competition SciCast in 2011 for schools and young people, and has been involved in various film productions for the BBC Natural History Unit, Institute of Physics, National STEM Centre, The Royal Institution of Great Britain, the European Parliament, and Green Man Festival. In her spare time, she likes getting involved in direct science communication projects and helps out in science festivals and events organised by science centres and other science communication organisations.
**MONTENEGRO**

Milena Milunović

She was born in Nikšić, Montenegro. She completed primary and secondary school in Nikšić and she graduated from the Faculty of Political Science at the Belgrade University.

She is completing her Masters degree in International Relations and Globalization at the Faculty of Law in Podgorica, Montenegro. She is a Public Relations Adviser to the Minister of Science in Montenegro where she has also held a position of a chief coordinator for the country’s Science Festival called “Open Science Days”. She worked as an Adviser in the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism where she was a chief coordinator for one of the biggest campaigns related to ecology in the country: “Ecological thread that binds us”. She has participated in number of conferences, seminars, scientific meetings and she was also engaged in various NGO projects in the past.

**SERBIA**

Ljubica Urošević

She is editor in chief of TV Metropolis, Belgrade, and author of scientific programs („Europe is researching“, „Technopolis“, „Gaudeamus“). After she graduated in Literature at the Belgrade University, she worked for several years at Radio-Belgrade; she was the author of programmes in the Culture Department, also reported for the News Programme on international cultural collaboration and UNESCO’s activities. The largest part of her career (20 years, 1985-2005) has been connected with the Scientific Programme of the Serbian National Television. As author and presenter of number of scientific TV programmes (“Science Forum”, “Scientia Yugoslavica”, “World Challenge”, “Age of Science”, “Scientific Interview”, “SIT-Science and Technology etc.”), she devoted her efforts to stimulating the audience, not only for them to understand science but to go deeper in the fantastic adventure of human mind, communicating the excitement of scientific discovery, especially to young people, showing that science is not an isolated island, and explaining what people can expect from research in their everyday’s lives. In the last 10 years, she has been reporting, as a part of European team of journalists, on activities of the European Commission DG Research in Brussels, making series of
documentaries: “Europe is researching” (“Erasmus Euro media Award” 2009 for the documentary on young scientists “Yesss! We know how!”). She has published articles in SciTech Magazine and works on communicating science on several scientific conferences. She has also been awarded the “Discobolos Award” - the best IT program 1993, 1996, 2003, “Flower of women’s success” 2008, and “Vasa Pelagic Award” 2009 (for the special contribution to the Education through media). She speaks English, Russian and Greek.

- THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

**Tatjana Stojceska**

She began her career in 1992 when she started working as a young journalist in the national Broadcasting Company.

In 1999, she was employed as a journalist in a scientific and educational program of the country’s Television. She gained knowledge and experience, and progressed to the post of journalist-editor and editor-in-chief of the Public Service in 2007.

Current, she is journalist-editor in the scientific educational program of National Broadcasting Company.

- TURKEY

**Baris Altintas**

She is a Turkish journalist with experience at the country’s most English language newspapers.

She has worked as a reporter for the Economic News Agency (EBA), and the Turkish Daily News. Currently, she is a reporter with Today’s Zaman.

Her interests include domestic politics, women’s issues and gender equality, animal rights, health and the environment.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the Middle East Technical University.