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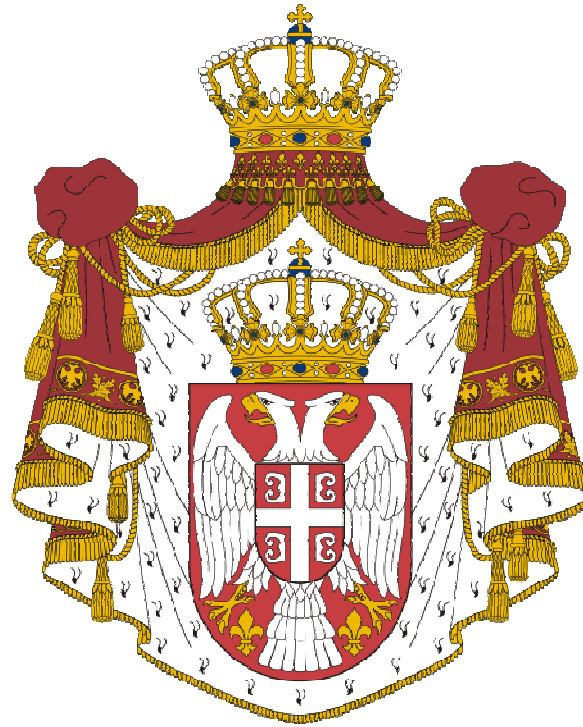
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A treasury of the legume lore in the libraries of Serbia

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The largest number of books in Serbia is deposited at the National Library of Serbia and Matica srpska in Novi Sad, with an approximate total number of more than 6.4 million copies. This survey was aimed at assessing the number of the general publications on legumes in the libraries of Serbia, such as books, monographs and handbooks and excluding journal and conference articles and other simpler categories, by an online search of the COBBIS regional network. A vast majority of the publications specialised in grain legumes is devoted to soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.) with 71 titles. The oldest one is a book in Serbian by Nikola Angelov *Soja: kineski pasulj: buduća hrana čovečanstva* [*Soybean: Chinese Bean: The Future Food of the Mankind*] from 1929. The next one is common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.), with 41 titles. The oldest one is a book in Serbian by Miloš N. Lukićević called *Pasulj (grah), sočivo i grašak: naša najglavnija variva* [*Common bean, lentil and pea: Our major pulses*], dating from 1902. There follow pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) with 25 titles, faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) with 10 titles, vetchlings (*Lathyrus* spp.), vetches (*Vicia* spp.) and cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.) with 2 titles each and black gram (*Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper) with 1 title. Among the perennial forage legumes, lucerne (*Medicago sativa* L.) is the most represented one, with 40 titles and the oldest one, a book in Serbian by D.Đ. Ćatić *Podizanje lucerišta* [*Establishing a lucerne stand*], published in 1925. The rest of the general publications on perennial forage legumes comprises 30 titles on red and other clovers (*Trifolium* spp.) and 1 on birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus* L.) and sainfoin (*Onobrychis viciifolia* Scop.) each. One of the most important pharmaceutical legumes, melilot (*Melilotus* spp.), is present in 7 titles, while there is 4 books on black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia* L.), as one of the most significant tree legume species. Although not all of these 237 general publications on legumes are in Serbian language or written by Serbian authors, there is a strong, and perhaps expected, correlation between the number of the titles on individual legume species and their cultivation area and therefore economic importance in Serbia.

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In the rich world of global agriculture, diverse legumes can play key roles to develop environment-friendly production, supplying humans and animals with the products of high nutritional value.

The Legume Society was initiated in 2011 with two primary missions. One of them was to treasure the rich legume research tradition of the European Association for Grain Legume Research (AEP), with emphasis on carrying out its the triennial legume-devoted conferences. Another one is to fulfill a long-term strategy of linking together the research on all legumes worldwide, from grain and forage legumes pharmaceutical and ornamental ones and from the Old World to the Americas.

We do anticipate that the First Legume Society Conference will be a unique and genuine contribution to our common goals: to promote the legume research and all its benefits into all spheres of the society, linking science with stakeholders and decision-makers, and to demonstrate how an efficient, useful and firm network of the legume researchers of the world is possible and sustainable.

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