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SCIENCE IN SEASONS AND SEASONAL
TREASURES IN EUROPE



The same seasons but different cultures

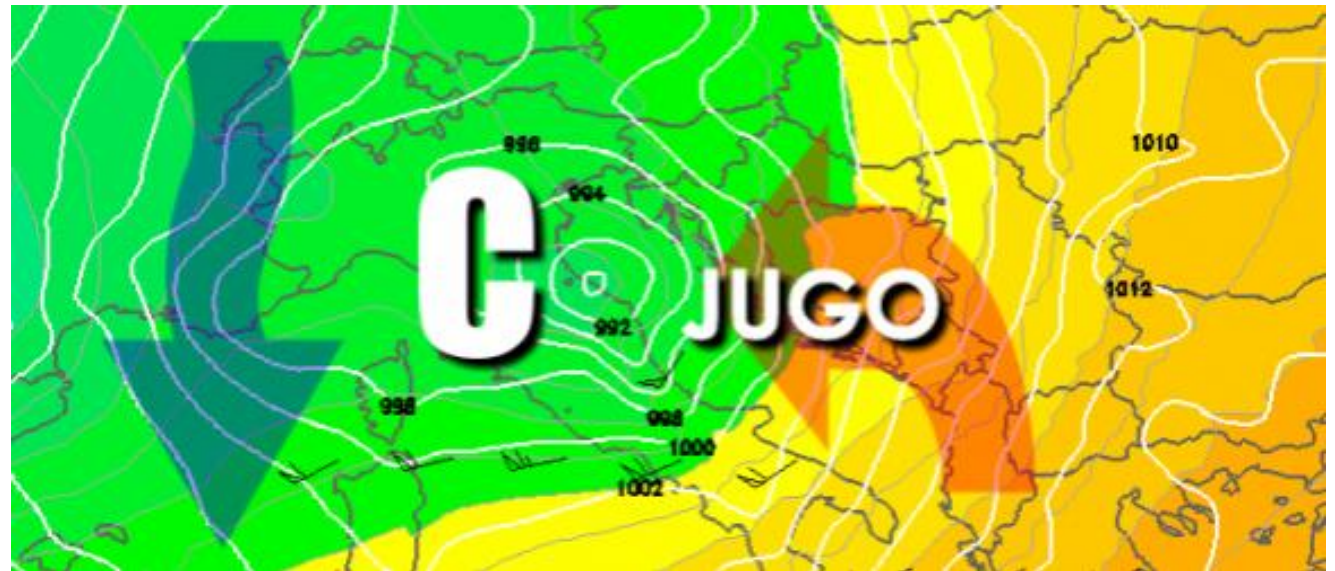
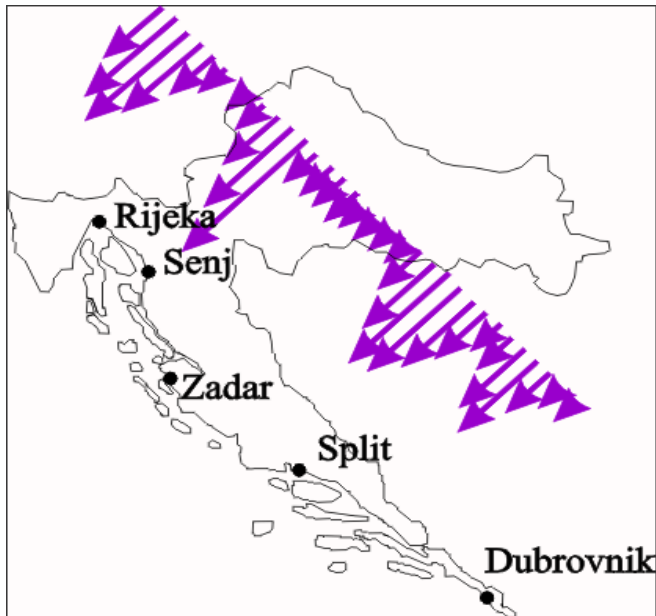


SPRING IN CROATIA

OŠ Vrgorac



- In ancient Rome the first day of spring was celebrated as the beginning of a new year. Long before the Romans the Celts celebrated the first day of spring as the resurrection of the sun. Spring for many stood for wakening, creation and the birth of something new.
- Spring in Croatia is mainly characterized by warmer weather, rain, the melting of snow and floods are not rare. Typical for the coastal area at the beginning of spring (March and April) is the occurrence of the “**Bura**”, a dry and cold gale-force coastal wind blowing from the northeast as well as another type of coastal wind, the “**Yugo**”, bringing warmer and moister air from the southeast with it which means more rain during spring.)





- There are three geomorphological parts of Croatia:
the Croatian lowlands, the Croatian plains and the Adriatic Sea mainland coastal area of Croatia.

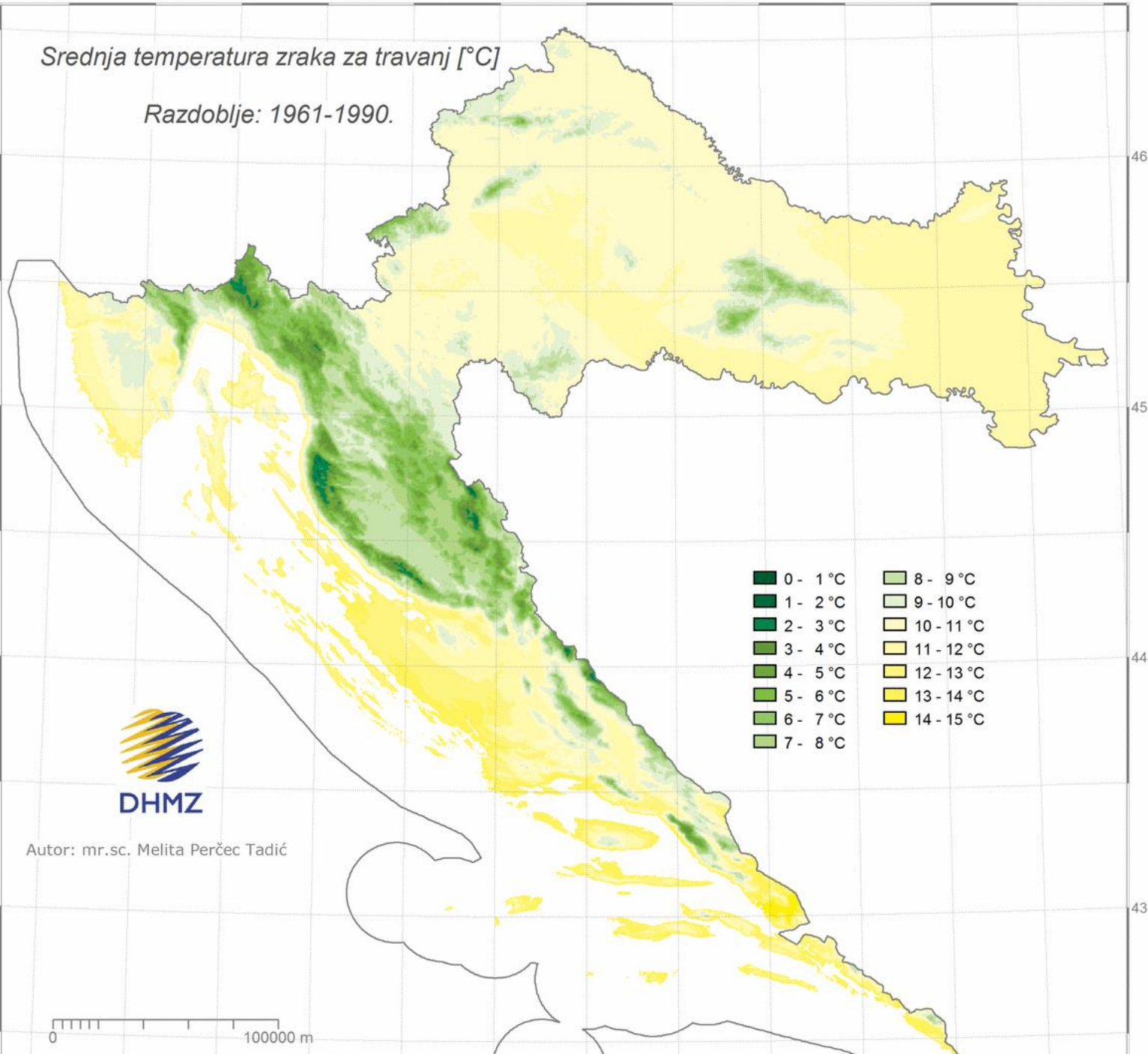


- Most parts of lowland Croatia have moderate warm climate with warm summers and the average temperature for April ranging between 5°C and 13°C. The Croatian plains also have a moderate warm climate with warm and chilly summers, with some elements of continental climate, exhibiting an average temperature for April below from 2°C to 8°C. The Adriatic Sea mainland coastal area of Croatia has Mediterranean climate, is moderately warm with hot summers and average temperature for April ranging from 12°C do 15°C.



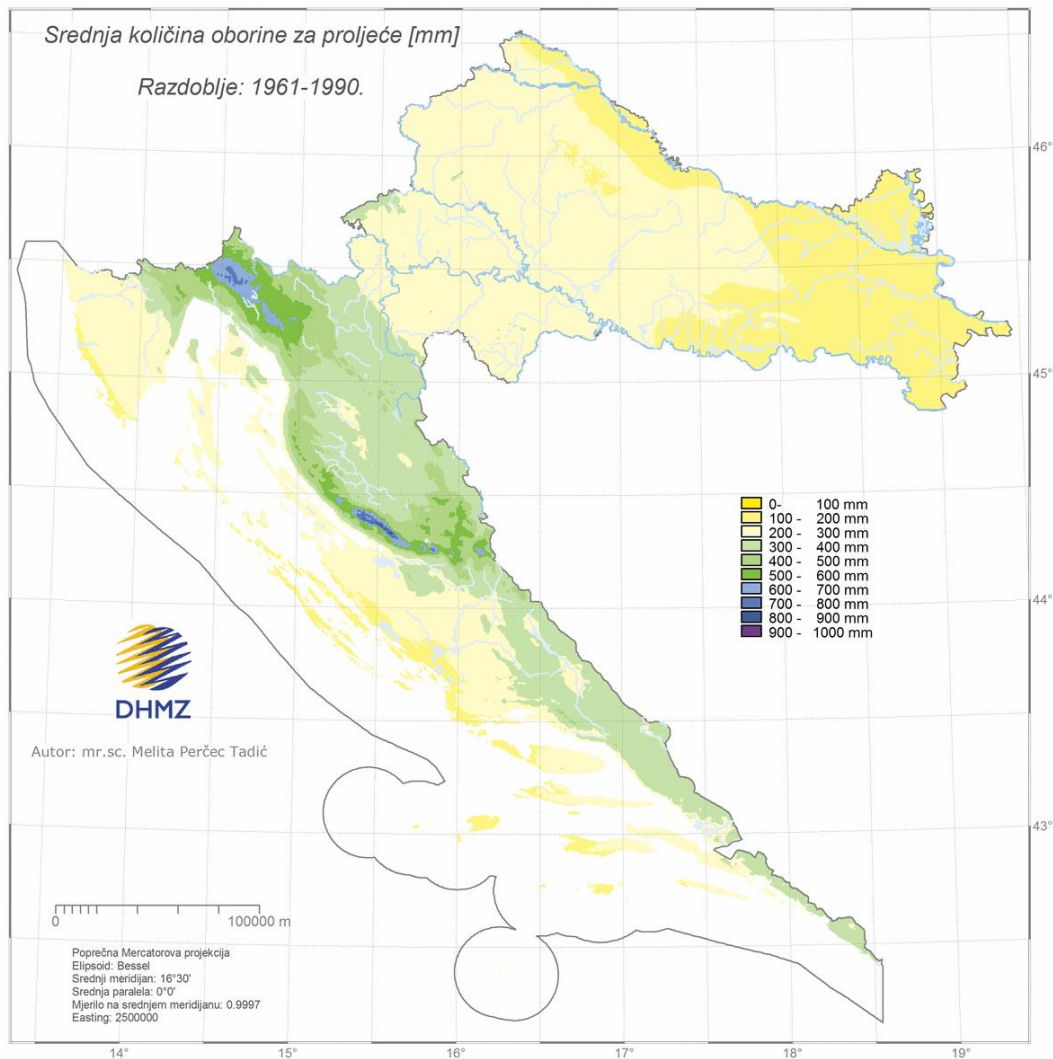
Srednja temperatura zraka za travanj [°C]

Razdoblje: 1961-1990.



- The coastal area shows average temperatures ranging between 13°C do 15°C and the continental parts of the country have an average ranging between 10°C do 15°C. On higher sea levels temperatures range between 2°C do 8°C in average. The occurrence of days with sudden low temperatures is normal which causes damage in the agriculture sector.





- **Precipitation** during winter is not equally distributed, depending on the terrain and the distance from the sea. Those parts of Croatia farthest east, some islands and parts of the coastal area have the lowest precipitation rates while higher positioned terrains show higher precipitation rates. Apart from rain and snow during March and April there can also be frost during March and April, but also in May, which causes damages in the agricultural sector.

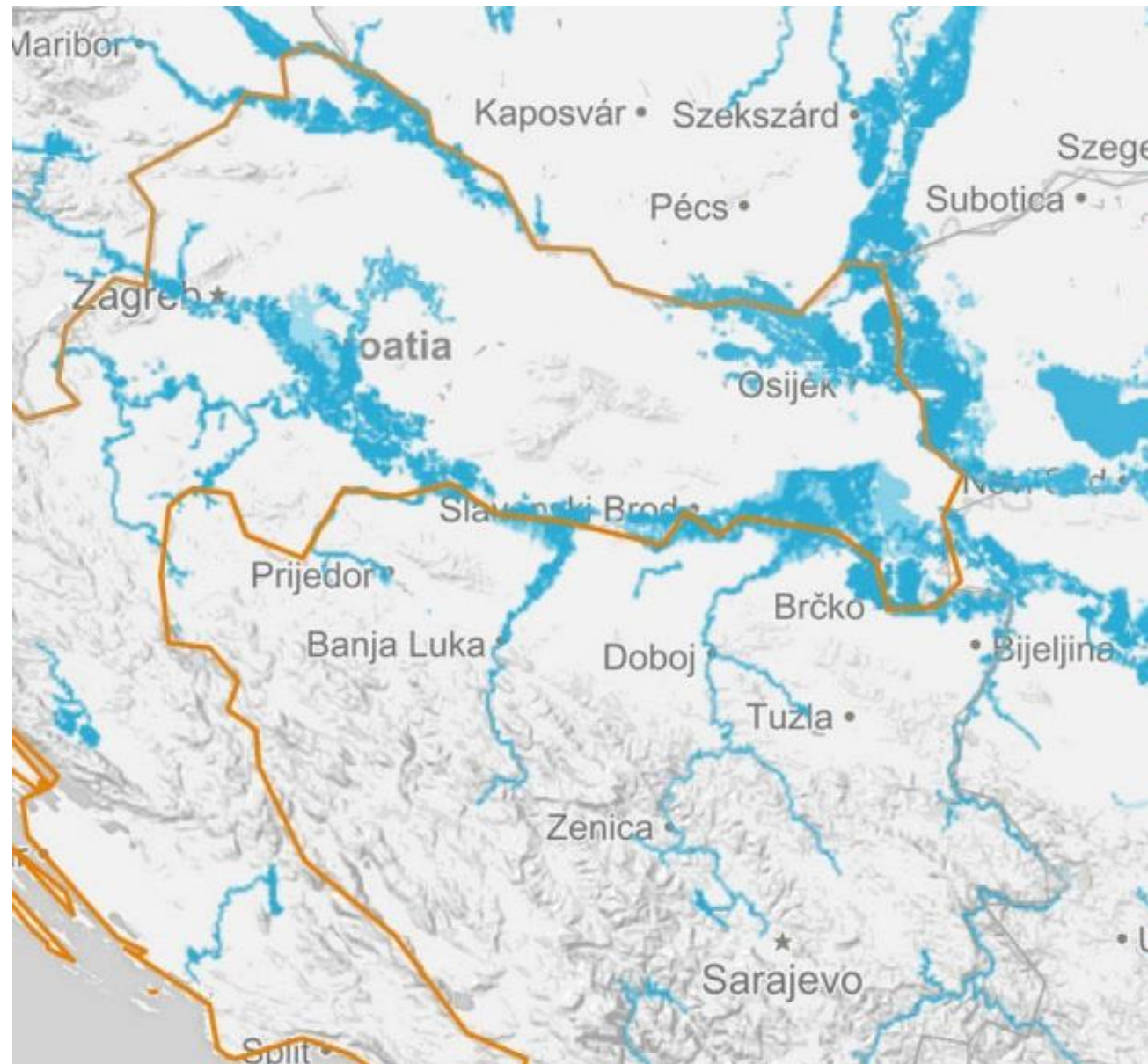


FLOODS IN SPRING

Due to high precipitation rates and the melting of snow in the mountains, the occurrence of floods is quite frequent, which causes serious damages in agriculture and threatens inhabited areas of the country.



▪ Floods 2014.



FLOODS IN Vrgorac during spring

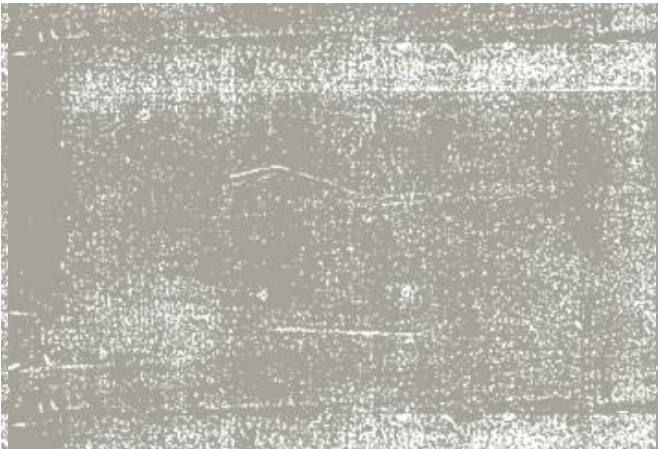




Spring phases



- There are three spring phases:
- **Pre-spring** beginning with the appearance of the first spring flowers, the “messengers of spring”; the most popular messengers of spring are saffron, snowdrops and primrose;
- **Early spring** is the phase when the first flowers and leaves on trees appear;
- **Real springe** many deciduous trees are in bloom



Traditional occupations and customs during spring

- field work
- harvesting strawberries



Harvesting other fruit and vegetables;)







- spring sowing
- spring cutting of fruit trees





- attending of yards and gardens



SPRING CUISINE



Mlada janjetina sa kapulom
(Roast lamb with onions)



Peka
(roasted veal under the bell)



Paradižot



Sataras



Pohano povrće
(Breaded vegetables)



Kolač od višanja
(Raspberry cake)



SOCIAL EVENTS

- Easter





- Celebrating Labour day



STRAWBERRY DAYS IN Vrgorac





- Days of Dalmatian smoked ham and vine

