

# Visiting Speaker Program

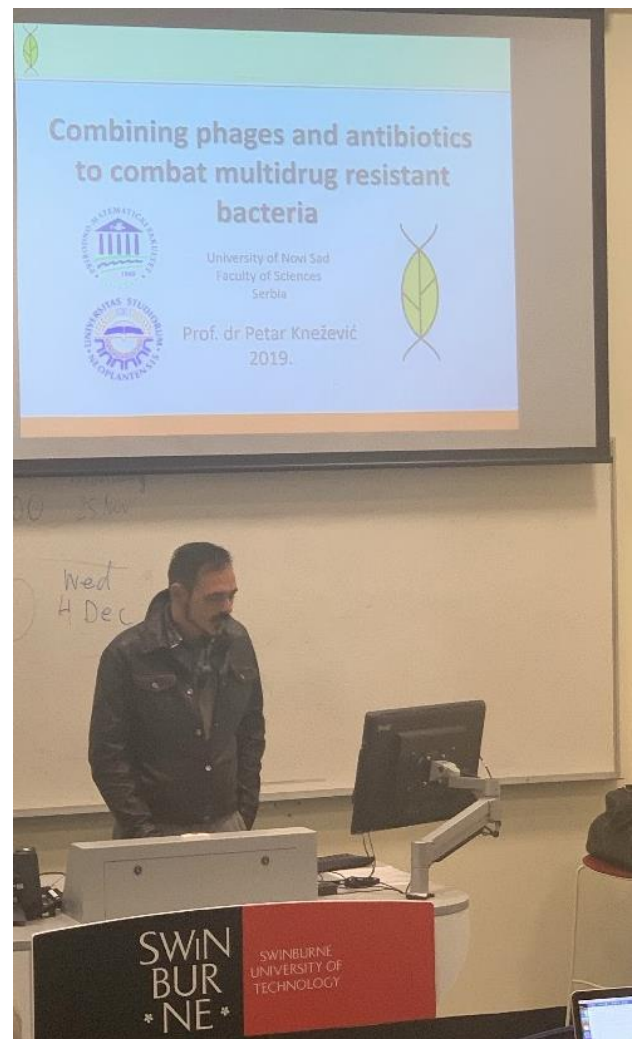
## A/Prof Petar Knezevic

### -Event Report-

The Visiting Speakers Program welcomed Associate Professor Petar Knezevic from the University of Novi Sad on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 at Swinburne University. A/Prof Petar had travelled to Australia to present at the Westmead Institute for Medical Research and proceeded to present as a VSP in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Petar's seminar for the Victorian Branch was entitled "Bacteriophage-Antibiotic Synergy" based on the progress and current research in the bacteriophage field.

A/Prof Petar is an associate professor in Microbiology in the Faculty of Science and a member of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses where he is a chair for the family Inoviridae. Petar's seminar gave an overview of the relationship between bacteriophages and antibiotics detailing how the combination of the two can aid in combating multidrug resistant bacteria. Additionally, Petar gave an insight into how some combinations of bacteriophage and antibiotic may not aid in the treatment of bacterial infections.

We had a range of attendees on the night from University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and Swinburne University, with a mixture of both postgraduate students and post-doctoral researchers. A special thank you Prof. Enzo Palombo for hosting A/Prof Knezevic for the ASM Vic Branch's VSP.



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