



Prof. Dr. Ratko Ristić, is a full professor and Dean of the University of Belgrade-Faculty of Forestry (2015 -...).

Dr. Ratko Ristić was born on 26 July 1961 in Loznica. He finished elementary school and grammar school in Belgrade. In 1985, he graduated from the Department of Water Resources Management in Erosive Regions of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry, and defended his Master of Science Thesis in 1993. He defended his doctoral dissertation in 2000. Since March 1st 1990, he has been employed at the Faculty of Forestry as an assistant trainee. He was elected Assistant Professor in 2001, Associate Professor in 2006 and a full-time professor in 2011.

He worked in the *Water Management Organization of Belgrade*, as a designer-collaborator on several conceptual and main projects for the regulation of riverbeds of torrential flows (1986-1987). During 1989, he worked at the *Belgrade Research Station*. He is a member of IAHS (International Association of Hydrological Sciences) and WASWC (World Association for Soil and Water Conservation), IKS (Serbian Chamber of Engineers, Licenses No. 375791204 and 373791104) and APPS (Association of Spatial Planners of Serbia).

He is engaged at all three study levels at the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Forestry. Since 2002, Dr. Ratko Ristić has prepared and given lectures in 3 subjects of the undergraduate course, 2 subjects of the Master's degree course and 3 subjects of doctoral studies. He introduced new subjects: "Spatial arrangement of erosive regions" and "Application of GIS in the protection of soil and water resources". His textbook "Hydrology of torrential flows" was published in 2011. He has been a member of the Council of Technical and Technological Sciences (2012 -...) of the University of Belgrade, and he used to be a member of the Council of Civil Engineering and Urban Sciences (2009-2012). He is the mentor of 3 defended doctoral dissertations, 2 Master of Science theses and 5 Master's degree papers. He is also a member of the evaluation and defense committee for 18 doctoral dissertations and 8 Master of Science theses. He is currently the mentor of 5 doctoral dissertations being prepared. At the University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry he used to be the Vice-Dean for Scientific and Research Work (2009-2015) and Vice-President of the Faculty Council. He is currently Head of doctoral studies in Ecological Engineering for soil and water resources protection.

So far, he has published over 110 bibliographic units dealing with erosion and torrent control, hydrology, sustainable use of watersheds and natural disasters prevention. As part of his scientific research, he published 5 chapters in international publications, 3 chapters in prominent thematic journals of national importance, 43 papers in scientific journals (18 in international and 25 in national journals), 31 paper presented at events of international importance (printed as full-text), 1 invited lecture at a meeting of international importance (printed as full-text), 7 papers at international events printed in the form of abstract, 28 papers presented at meetings of national importance (printed as full-text).

The candidate participated in the implementation of 61 main projects for economic purposes, both as a responsible designer or associate designer, and 70 other projects (conceptual projects, feasibility studies, environmental impact assessment studies, elaborates). These projects resulted in the construction of a total of 56 facilities, of which the candidate managed 17. He has reviewed 32 projects, and was the leader of erosion control projects for the Bistrička River watershed (Zenica, BiH), the Lakes of Plav and Biograd (Montenegro), and several projects of protective forest belts in the area of Vojvodina.

He was a member of the Republic Commission for Spatial Plans Control (2004-2010), and has been a member of the Republic Review Commission for projects of importance for the Republic of Serbia (since 2010) of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure. From 2011 to 2017 he was a member of the Supervisory Board of the Innovation Fund of Serbia. In 2017, he was appointed representative of Serbia in the UNCCD (United Nation Convention Combat Desertification) Committee on Science and Technology. He initiated and realized cooperation between the University of Belgrade and the Universities of Waterloo (Canada, 2011) and Volgatch (Russia, 2017).

He is married and father of two children.