

Fungi and lichens recorded during the Cryptogam Symposium on Natural Beech Forests, Slovakia 2011

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In September 2011, an international team of cryptogam experts visited seven national nature reserves in five mountain areas of Slovakia: Havešová and Stuzica in the Poloniny Mts., Vihorlat in the Vihorlatské vrchy Mts., Oblík in the Slanské vrchy Mts., Dobročský prales and Klenovský Vepor in the Veporské vrchy Mts. and Badínsky prales in the Kremnické vrchy Mts. The reserves were selected to represent examples of the best protected old-growth beech forests in the country. The aim was to study the diversity of wood-inhabiting fungi on fallen beech logs and epiphytic lichens on standing beech trees. In total, 215 fungal species and 128 lichens were recorded on beech wood and bark, and 27 fungi and 26 lichens on additional substrates. The site of the highest conservation value is Stuzica with 126 fungi and 79 lichens recorded on beech, of which 12 fungi and 19 lichens are indicators of high nature conservation value. Combined with historical records, a total of 19 non-lichenised fungal indicators are now reported from the site, making it the highest ranked natural beech forest in Europe. The second most important reserve for fungal diversity is Havešová with 121 species, including 14 indicator species recorded on beech wood. For lichens, the second most important reserve is Klenovský Vepor with 69 species including 18 lichen indicators recorded on beech. Nine fungus

species are here reported as new to Slovakia: *Asterostroma medium*, *Entoloma hispidulum*, *E. pseudoparasiticum*, *Gloeohyphnicium analogum*, *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca*, *Hymenochaete ulmicola*, *Hypocrea parmastoi*, *Melanomma spiniferum* and *Scutellinia colensoi*. Lichen species *Alyxoria ochrocheila* is reported as new to Slovakia and *Lecanographa amylacea*, which was considered extinct in the Slovak Red list, was also recorded. This is the first list of wood-inhabiting fungi and epiphytic lichens of old-growth beech forests in Slovakia, and hence an important contribution to the exploration of biodiversity in Slovakia.

Key words: old-growth beech forests, diversity, conservation, indicator, red-list, Europe.

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V septembri roku 2011 navštívil medzinárodný tím kryptogamológov sedem národných prírodných rezervácií v piatich pohoríach Slovenska: Havešová a Stučica v Poloninách, Vihorlat vo Vihorlatských vrchoch, Oblík v Slanských vrchoch, Dobročský prales a Klenovský Vepor vo Veporských vrchoch a Badínsky prales v Kremnických vrchoch. Rezervácie boli vybrané tak, aby predstavovali čo najzachovanejšie bukové lesy pralesovitého charakteru. Cieľom bolo štúdium diverzity húb rastúcich na ležiacich kmeňoch buka a epifytických lišajníkov na stojacich kmeňoch buka. Celkovo bolo zistených 215 druhov húb a 128 lišajníkov na dreve a borke bukov a 27 druhov húb a 26 lišajníkov na iných substrátoch. Najhodnotnejšou rezerváciou je Stučica so 126 druhmi húb a 79 druhmi lišajníkov zaznamenaných na buku, z ktorých 12 druhov húb a 19 lišajníkov sú indikátory vysokej prírodnej hodnoty. Spolu s historickými údajmi je v súčasnosti z tejto lokality známych 19 indikačných druhov nelichenizovaných húb, čo ju umiestňuje na popredné miesto v Európe. Druhou najvýznamnejšou rezerváciou z hľadiska druhovej bohatosti húb je Havešová so 121 druhmi vrátane 14 indikačných druhov zaznamenaných na buku. Pre lišajníky je druhou v poradí rezervácia Klenovský Vepor so 69 druhmi vrátane 18 indikátorov zaznamenaných na buku. V rámci výskumu sa podarilo zistiť deväť druhov húb, ktoré dosiaľ neboli zo Slovenska známe: *Asterostroma medium*, *Entoloma hispidulum*, *E. pseudoparasiticum*, *Gloeohyphnicium analogum*, *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca*, *Hymenochaete ulmicola*, *Hypocrea parmastoi*, *Melanomma spiniferum* a *Scutellinia colensoi*. Z lišajníkov je prvým nálezom pre Slovensko *Alyxoria ochrocheila*. Potvrdený bol aj druh *Lecanographa amylacea*, ktorý je v červenom zozname lišajníkov Slovenska uvedený ako vyhynutý. Príspevok predstavuje prvý ucelený zoznam húb a lišajníkov rastúcich na bukoch v siedmich pralesovitých bučinách Slovenska a významnou mierou prispieva k poznaniu biodiverzity tejto krajiny.

INTRODUCTION

Slovakia is situated in the western part of the Carpathian Mts., and mountain chains dominate major parts of the country. The Poloniny National Park (Eastern Carpathians, Slovakia) is known to have some of the most well-preserved natural beech forest reserves in Europe, several of which are included in the list of World Heritage sites (Anonymus 1, on-line). Most authors of this contribution are mem-

bers of an informal group of cryptogam experts of beech forests, nicknamed the 'Beech Boys'. It is our aim to compare species diversity, community composition and conservation value of beech forests across Europe with a special focus on cryptogams associated with dead wood and veteran trees. The aim of our long-term research is to develop a system for assessing the nature conservation value of beech forests based on indicator species. A preliminary system for assessing the conservation value of beech forests based only on wood-inhabiting fungi was presented by Christensen et al. (2004). According to this system, the Poloniny National Park includes the most valuable beech forest reserves in Europe. As yet, no other areas in Slovakia had been evaluated following this system, and for many potentially important reserves the knowledge of our focal species groups is very low. For this reason, Slovakia was a logical destination for the Beech Boys in 2011. This event, officially called 'Cryptogam Symposium on Natural Beech Forests in Slovakia' took place from 24 September to 1 October 2011 and was prepared in cooperation with staff members of protected areas and the Slovak Environmental Agency. In addition to Stučica National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Havešová NNR in the Poloniny Mts., we visited Vihorlat NNR in the Vihorlatské vrchy Mts., Oblík NNR in the Slanské vrchy Mts., Dobročský prales NNR and Klenovský Vepor NNR in the Veporské vrchy Mts. and Badínsky prales NNR in the Kremnické vrchy Mts.

Wood-inhabiting fungi in Slovakia. The Poloniny Mts. is the best known area concerning fungal diversity in Slovakia: a total of 1199 taxa of macrofungi were known from the area before the present investigation (Adamčík et al. 2003, 2007). Previous investigations of wood-inhabiting fungi resulted in the highest score of natural beech forest indicators (in sense of Christensen et al. 2004) known in Europe for Rožok National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Stučica NNR in the Poloniny National Park (Kuthan et al. 1999, Adamčík et al. 2007). For the other areas investigated during our symposium, several data on occurrence of wood-inhabiting fungi were published in monographic studies on polypores (Kotlaba 1984), corticioid fungi (Hagara 2001, 2004) and tomentelloid fungi (Svrček 1960). More comprehensive reports on wood-inhabiting fungi have also been published for Dobročský prales NNR (Kotlaba & Pouzar 1962, Varjú 1994), while in contrast the diversity of wood-inhabiting fungi in the Kremnické vrchy Mts., Slanské vrchy Mts. and Vihorlatské vrchy Mts. is poorly known from fungistic studies (e.g. Kult 1991, Mihál 1996, Ripková et al. 2007).

Epiphytic lichens in Slovakia. Lichens are a relatively well-investigated group of cryptogams in Slovakia, compared to non-lichenised fungi. More than a thousand Slovak lichenological studies deal with the occurrence and distribution of lichens on various substrates, their bio-indication value, conservation, and changes of their diversity in time and space. According to these studies, 1628 lichen species are known from the country. A considerable number of re-

ports focus on epiphytic lichens, but none of them deal exclusively with beech species. Lichens associated with living trees in Slovakia were the subject of large-scale mapping in the period 1970 to 1981. Less than 200 species were recorded during this mapping period, but more than 400 epiphytic lichens had been recorded in Slovakia before (Pišút 1999), the highest number being from the Tatra Mts. (327 species reported by Lisická 2006). The most important publications dealing with the areas visited during our studies concern species in (semi-)natural forest ecosystems in the Bukovské vrchy Mts. (the major part of Poloniny National Park) (Pišút et al. 2007, Guttová 1997), Dobročský prales National Nature Reserve (Lackovičová & Pišút 2004) and Stučica National Nature Reserve (Pišút & Lackovičová 1992, Pišút et al. 2007, Vondrák et al. 2015).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Investigated sites. From 25 to 30 September 2011, we visited selected National Nature Reserves (NNR) in Slovakia as listed below (Fig. 1). Geographical coordinates match approximately the central part of the reserves.

25 Sep 2011 – Havešová NNR: Poloniny Mts., virgin beech forest (mixed with *Fraxinus excelsior* and *Acer* spp. in upper parts), alt. 440–740 m, coord. 49°00'40" N, 22°20'00" E, area 1.71 km², exposition S, SE and SW, Central European mapping grid quadrate Q 6999d (Niklfeld 1971).

26 Sep 2011 – Stučica NNR: Poloniny Mts., virgin forest, dominated by *Fagus sylvatica* and *Abies alba*, in upper parts also by *Acer pseudoplatanus*, alt. 650–1200 m, coord. of the central part 49°04'40" N, 22°32'30" E, area 7.6 km², slopes and terraces above the Stučická rieka valley (river flowing in E direction), Q 69'01a.

27 Sep 2011 – Vihorlat NNR: Vihorlatské vrchy Mts., deciduous virgin forest dominated by *Fagus sylvatica* with frequent *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *A. platanoides* and *Fraxinus excelsior* trees, alt. 800–1075 m, coord. 48°53'31" N, 22°06'56" E, area 0.29 km², surrounding of the highest peak in the Vihorlatské vrchy Mts. with steep, mostly N-facing slopes, Q 7198a.

28 Sep 2011 – Oblík NNR: Slanské vrchy Mts., deciduous virgin forest dominated by *Fagus sylvatica*, alt. 595–925 m, coord. 48°58'24" N, 21°28'22" E, area 0.89 km², almost symmetric, obtuse, conical, isolated volcano hill with rather steep slopes of all expositions, Q 7094b.

29 Sep 2011 – Dobročský prales NNR: Veporské vrchy Mts., mixed virgin forest dominated by *Fagus sylvatica* and *Abies alba*, in some parts by *Picea abies* trees, on ridge with frequent *Acer pseudoplatanus*, alt. 730–1005 m, coord. 48°41'01" N, 19°40'45" E, area 0.51 km², SW slopes above Brôtovo stream, Q 7383b.

29 Sep 2011 – Badínsky prales NNR: Kremnické vrchy Mts., mixed virgin forest with *Fagus sylvatica* and *Abies alba*, alt. 690–875 m, coord. 48°41'21" N, 19°03'15" E, area 0.3 km², SE slopes in valley of Badínsky potok stream, Q 7380a.

30 Sep 2011 – Klenovský Vepor NNR: Veporské vrchy Mts., virgin forest represented by various habitats; investigation was conducted in mixed forest of *Fagus sylvatica*, *Picea abies* and *Abies alba*, in upper part of the mountain ridge with *Acer pseudoplatanus*, alt. 1100–1338 m, coord. 48°41'16" N, 19°45'53" E, area 1.25 km², massif of mountain ridge (oriented mostly W-E) represented by various expositions and often rocky surfaces and steep slopes, Q 7384a-b.



Fig. 1. Geographic position of investigated sites in Slovakia.

Collection and identification of fungi. At each site, beech logs (*Fagus sylvatica*) were selected by means of stratified sampling with the intention to cover all defined categories in relation to two main criteria: log diameter and stage of decay. Fallen beech logs were categorised according to their diameter at breast height (1.3 m) into the following classes: (1) 20–49 cm, (2) 50–79 cm, (3) min. 80 cm. The estimation of decay stages (DS) follows Heilmann-Clausen (2001): DS1 – logs covered with bark without visible signs of decay, DS2 – decay signs indistinct, wood and bark weakly disrupted, DS3 – decay of wood distinct, bark partially loosening or cracking, DS4 – wood strongly damaged but still with visible structure, in major part without bark, DS5 – logs rotten to almost humified. On each selected log, macrofungi were recorded as specified by Ódor et al. (2006). Corticioid basidiomycetes and several ascomycete groups were only sporadically recorded. In total, we studied 30 logs at Havešová, 30 at Stuzica, 20 at Vihorlat, 20 at Oblík, 19 at Dobročský prales and 31 at Klenovský Vepor (Tab. 1). Logs of intermediate size and decay stages are overrepresented. This lack of balance in the dataset reflects that some log categories were sparsely represented in the field. Also the limited time available in the field prevented us from finding logs meeting all selection criteria. In addition to the stratified sampling of selected beech logs, additional tree substrates (other beech logs as well as other tree species) were surveyed in order to maximise the number of species recorded at each site. A short visit to Badínsky prales only allowed us to do some opportunistic sampling.

Tab. 1. Numbers of beech logs investigated for fungal diversity in defined categories of decay and thicknesses. The data originate from all investigated sites with the exception of Badínský prales NNR. DS – decay stage.

Log thickness	Number of investigated beech logs per decay stage					
	DS1	DS2	DS3	DS4*	DS5	Total
20–49 cm	10	4	7	6	7	34
50–79 cm	9	18	18	16	10	71
≥ 80 cm	7	10	10	12	5	44
Total	26	32	35	35	22	150

* For one log in decay stage 4, the diameter at breast height was not recorded.

Most fungi were identified in the field. Interesting and problematic species were collected for further study. Identifications and species concepts of major groups of fungi follow widely accepted monographs, namely Hansen & Knudsen (2000) for ascomycetes, Knudsen & Vesterholt (2012) for agarics, Bernicchia & Gorjón (2010) for corticioid fungi, and Hansen et al. (1997) for other Aphyllophorales. In several cases, specialised monographs of narrower taxonomic groups and specialised scientific papers were used for species not included in the above-listed monographs or for species with recently updated delimitation. Names of fungi and authors' abbreviations follow the databases MycoBank (Wiele & Stalpers, on-line) and Index Fungorum (Anonymus 2, on-line) in most cases. Voucher specimens are deposited in the public herbaria PRM, SLO and SAV and in the private herbaria of Stanislav Glejdura (PSG) and Vladimír Kunca (PVKU). Abbreviations of all public herbaria are cited in accordance with Index Herbariorum (Thiers, on-line).

Due to the lack of a common European Red list of fungi, some rare and/or threatened species were classified as “species of special interest” (SSI) based on data from several national Red lists (Benkert et al. 1992, Wojewoda & Ławrynowicz 1992, Arnolds & Ommering 1996, Stoltze & Pihl 1998, Rimóczi et al. 1999, Gärdenfors 2010, Holec & Beran 2006). Indicator species of the nature conservation value of beech forests are adopted from Christensen et al. (2004).

Collection and identification of epiphytic lichens. To study the epiphytic species composition at site level, a number of standing living beech trees was selected by stratified sampling. A few dead beech trees and dead snags were also included. The inventory focused on lichens from the tree base up to a height of 2 m. In order to capture as many species as possible, the phorophytes were taken from substrates differing in the following features: (1) trunk size class according to diameter at breast height (1.3 m above the ground, class 1 = 20–49 cm, class 2 = 50–79 cm, class 3 = min. 80 cm), (2) growth form (normal, damaged by rot, slow growing, high stump), (3) light conditions (gap, closed or open forest,

forest edge), (4) altitude and exposition range (valley bottom, hilltop, slope exposition), (5) bark structure (cracks, rough, smooth), (6) inclination of the trunk (0 = no, 1 = yes), and (7) moss cover (% of trunk, 0–2 m). Within each site, usually 21–27 trees were surveyed in 3–5 circular plots (15 m diameter), and different plots were situated at a distance of min. 100 m. The vast majority of trees had developed under rather shaded conditions (e.g. in closed forest).

In total, 152 trees were studied in detail: 21 at Havešová, 25 at Stučica, 24 at Vihorlat, 23 at Oblík, 27 at Dobročský prales, 6 at Badínsky prales, and 26 at Klenovský Vepor (Tab. 2). In addition to the stratified beech tree sampling, extra substrates (rocks, different tree species) were investigated in order to obtain an overall impression of the diversity at each site. The genus *Chaenothecopsis* Vain., a non-lichenised member of the *Mycocaliciaceae* was included in the inventory, because many taxa grow in the same habitats as lichens and several are obligately or facultatively lichenicolous (Groner 2006).

Tab. 2. Numbers of beech trunks investigated for lichen diversity in defined growth forms and thicknesses. The data originate from all investigated sites. Missing data from 9 trees (in Havešová and Stučica) explain differences in the total numbers of surveyed trees.

Trunk thickness	normal	damaged by rot	slow growing	high stump	Total
20–49 cm	30	15	11	5	61
50–79 cm	24	16	3	7	50
≥ 80 cm	20	11	0	1	32
Total	74	42	14	13	143

Most species were identified in the field using a 10× magnification hand lens (with LED light). Chemical K and/or C spot tests were applied on lichens in the field. Some problematic specimens were collected and identified afterwards using a microscope and thin-layer chromatography (TLC). We received help with identification from several experts, namely André Aptroot (Soest, The Netherlands), Ulf Arup (University of Lund, Sweden), Zdeněk Palice (Institute of Botany of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic), Jiří Malíček (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic) and Anna Guttová (Institute of Botany, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia). Nomenclature of lichens follows Wirth et al. (2013) and the current Slovak lichen checklist (Guttová et al. 2013). Voucher specimens are deposited in SAV and a few also in other public herbaria. Red-listed species are based on the national Slovak Red list (Pišút et al. 2001). Indicator species of ecological continuity of natural montane forests in Slovakia follow the list by Pišút (1997) updated by Lackovičová & Guttová (2005).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

FUNGI

Summary of results

During six days of field research in seven nature reserves in Slovakia, we identified 215 species of fungi on fallen beech logs (Tab. 3) and 27 additional species on fallen logs of other trees or on fruitbodies of other wood-inhabiting fungi (Tab. 4). Of the species found on beech wood, 178 species (84%) were recorded during the detailed surveys of selected logs (Tab. 1). The most frequent species, showing the highest average percentage of occurrence on investigated logs and occurring at all sites, were *Fomes fomentarius* (64% of logs), *Eutypa spinosa* (56.1%), *Kretzschmaria deusta* (38.6%), *Stereum hirsutum* (35.8%), *Ganoderma applanatum* (33%) and *Mycena galericulata* (21.3%).

The two sites in the Poloniny Mts., Stučica with 126 species and Havešová with 121, had a distinctly higher number of recorded species on beech logs compared to other sites (Fig. 2). The relative low number of species recorded at Badínsky prales reflects the fact that this site was visited briefly without detailed log inventories. The remaining four sites have very similar numbers of recorded species on beech logs: 74 at Oblík, 72 at Vihorlat, 80 at Klenovský Vepor, and 75 at Dobročský prales. More than 36% (77 species) were recorded at a single site and 20% (44 species) at only two sites.

The number of site-specific species (species recorded at a single site only) quite nearly reflects the total numbers of species recorded per site. The highest number of site-specific species was recorded at the sites in Poloniny Mts. (20 at Havešová and 18 at Stučica) with lower numbers recorded at other sites (8 at Vihorlat, 9 at Oblík, 6 at Klenovský Vepor, and 11 at Dobročský prales). Thirty-five percent of the records of site-specific species originate from the unstructured surveys of additional substrates. Some species can be denoted as site-selective because they show strong deviances in frequency of occurrence on beech logs at specific sites. This deviance can be positive or negative, compared to the average frequency of the same species across all sites (Tab. 5).

Because of relatively stable weather at the time of visit (dry and hot after a few periods of rain), we think that the species diversity at studied sites was generally below average, especially at sun/wind-exposed sites (e.g. Vihorlat). The highest total fungal species richness at Havešová and Stučica probably reflects (1) their large area, (2) sampling differences (at both sites and Klenovský Vepor 30 investigated logs compared to others with 20 logs only), (3) the high number of site-specific fungi reflecting the high naturalness of the stands.

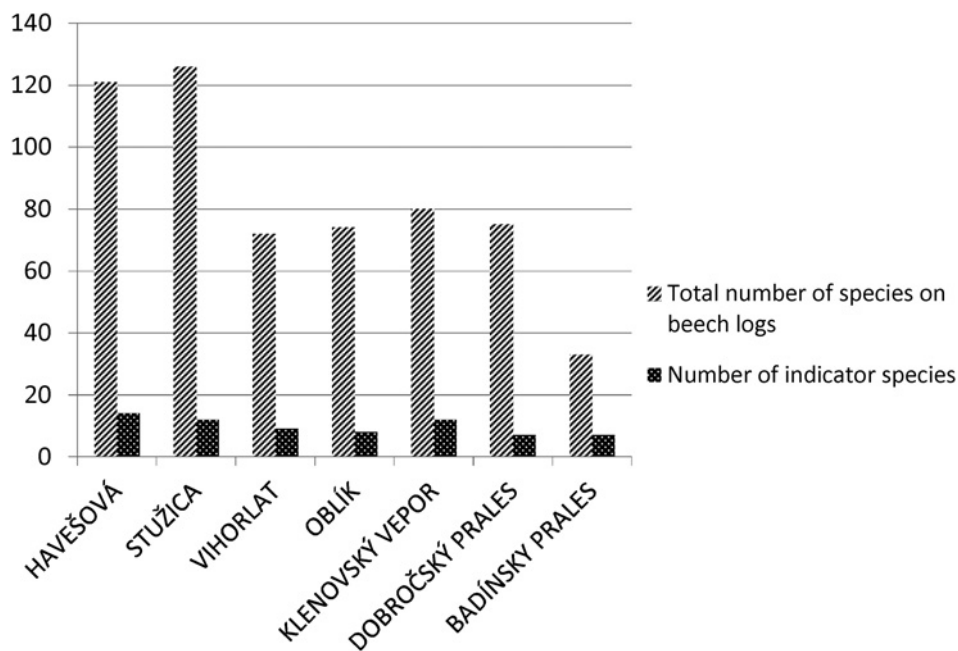


Fig. 2. Comparison of fungal diversity and presence of indicator species on beech logs at investigated sites.

Comparison of average numbers of species per investigated beech log does not show the same pattern as the total fungal species richness at the investigated sites. In this case, Dobročský prales had the highest average diversity per beech log, followed by Stučica and Havešová (Fig. 3). The lower fungal diversity per beech log, low total number of species and low number of site-specific species at Vihorlat, Oblík and Klenovský Vepor probably reflect that these nature reserves are situated at higher altitudes, on tops or ridges of hills. Hence, they are exposed to winds from all directions. Also lacking water in the proximity, e.g. streams and rivers, may have affected fungal fruiting negatively.

New and noteworthy records for Slovakia

The knowledge on the occurrence of fungi in Slovakia is very unbalanced among various taxonomic groups. The best known group of fungi are polypores thanks to the monograph by Kotlaba (1984). In contrast, records on the occurrence of agarics and ascomycetes have not been compiled in monographic studies and thus the knowledge of their distribution and occurrence varies strongly between regions of Slovakia and is far from complete (Adamčík et al. 2003).

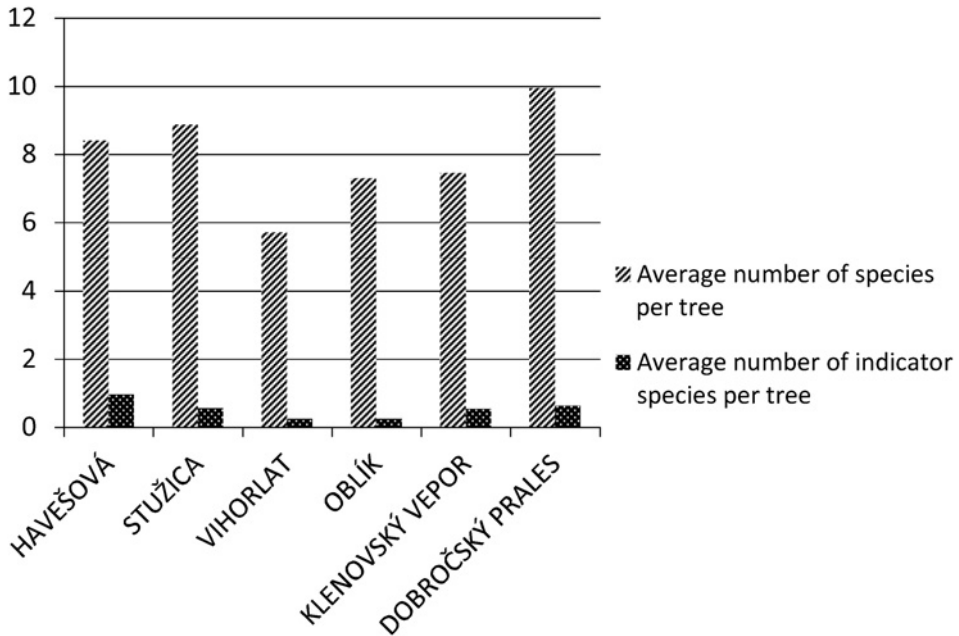


Fig. 3. Comparison of average number of all and indicator species of fungi observed on methodically investigated logs at all investigated sites. Because of limited time, these data were not obtained at Badínský prales.

We recorded nine species which are probably reported here for the first time in Slovakia. It seems that the least known group of wood-inhabiting fungi in Slovakia are corticioid fungi. Among all 37 recorded corticioid fungi, three species are probably new to Slovakia: *Gloeohyphochnium analogum* on fallen beech logs, *Asterostroma medium* on *Abies* and *Hymenochaete ulmicola* on *Ulmus*. Other insufficiently known fungi in Slovakia are ascomycetes with three species new to Slovakia of 41 recorded. Among them two are pyrenomycetes recorded on beech logs: *Hypocrea parmastoi* and *Melanomma spiniferum*. The third ascomycete species, *Scutellinia colensoi* is a very rare discomycete (Schumacher 1990), which within central Europe is only known from the Czech Republic (reported as *S. badio-berbis* by Svrček 1981). Three species of agarics are probably new to Slovakia, namely *Entoloma hispidulum*, *E. pseudoparasiticum*, and *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca*. *Crepidotus malachioides*, new to Slovakia and meanwhile published by Jančovičová et al. (2014), was also found during the Symposium. Three agarics, *Coprinopsis laanii*, *C. spelaiophila* and *Galerina autumnalis* were reported from Slovakia recently (Hagara 2014) but had not been known from the country at the time of our field research.

The name *Antrodiella pallescens* is reported here for the first time in Slovakia, but this species was reported from various parts of the country (e.g. Kotlaba 1984) as *A. semisupina* (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Ryvarden, the latter name corresponding to a taxon occurring exclusively in North America (Miettinen et al. 2006). *Galerina autumnalis* and *Ossicaulis lachnopus* are other species not reported from Slovakia until recently because they were treated within the wider taxonomic concepts of *G. marginata* (Batsch) Kühner and *O. lignatilis* (Pers.) Redhead & Ginns, respectively. It is interesting that in Central Europe *O. lignatilis* tends to occur in man-influenced habitats, whereas *O. lachnopus* is a distinct but related species associated to more natural habitats (Holec & Kolařík 2013). This means that *O. lignatilis* has to be replaced by *O. lachnopus* in the Slovak Red list (Lizoň 2001).

Two species recorded during our research had not been reported from Slovakia for more than 15 years. One of them, *Hemistropharia albocrenulata* is included in the Red book and Red list of Slovakia (Antonín et al. 1995, Lizoň 2001). Dobročský prales is the second known locality of *Hemistropharia albocrenulata* (the first find is from Slovenský raj; Antonín et al. 1995), but this rare species is often recorded in human-influenced habitats (parks etc.) (Holec & Beran 2006). The other species recollected in Slovakia after more than 15 years is *Xylodon pruni* (Pilát 1926), possibly overlooked rather than genuinely rare.

Other rare and red-listed species (Lizoň 2001) recorded during our research are *Amylocystis lapponica*, *Flaviporus citrinellus* (= *Antrodiella citrinella*), *Oxyporus latemarginatus*, *Yuchengia narymica*, *Multiclavula mucida* and *Tatraea dumbirensis*, found on beech logs, and *Chrysomphalina grossula* observed on wood of a coniferous tree. *Amylocystis lapponica* is apparently a very rare species in central Europe (Kotlaba 1984) and was included in the candidate list of the European Council for Conservation of Fungi (Dahlberg & Croneborg 2003). It is now confirmed that it still occurs in the previously only known locality in Slovakia (Dobročský prales), to which we are adding Klenovský Vepor as a new locality for Slovakia. Three other red-listed species were recorded in five to seven of the investigated localities: *Camarops tubulina*, *Ischnoderma resinotum* and *Stereum subtomentosum*. According to our observations, they do not seem to be rare in natural habitats, but at least the first two species appear to be species restricted to such habitats (Holec 2005, Adamčík et al. 2007). Two species from our list are not included in the Slovak Red list (Lizoň 2001) but are included in the Red book by Antonín et al. (1995) as species known from the country: *Arrhenia epichysium* and *Hydropus atramentosus*. In our opinion they are rare and typical species of old-growth forests.

Our list of species recorded on beech logs and other dead wood also contains other rare taxa not included in the Slovak Red list (Lizoň 2001). In total, we recorded only only 13 of all 239 species listed in the Red list. This is a low number

suggesting that rare species of natural beech forests are underestimated in the Slovak Red list. To evaluate the importance of collections of wood-inhabiting fungi during our research, the Czech Red list (Holec & Beran 2006) seems to be more suitable: it includes 35 species from our list, which is based on a study of the best preserved beech forests in Slovakia and represents a model case for such forests.

Several species reported here are rare, typical of old-growth forests and known from Slovakia only from a few publications (cited in parenthesis for each species) according to the literature and also in our experience: *Ceriporiopsis subvermispora* (Škubla 1996, Adamčík et al. 2007), *Clitocybe truncicola* (Adamčík et al. 2007), *Clitocybula abundans* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *C. familia* (Antonín et al. 2011), *Entoloma jahonii* (Jančovičová & Adamčík 2012), *E. placidum* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Gymnopilus bellulus* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Hohenbuehelia auriscalpium* (Adamčík et al. 2007, Glejdura 2013), *Ionomidotis irregularis* (Kuthan et al. 1999, Adamčík et al. 2007), *Lentaria epichnoa* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Henningsomyces candidus* (Škubla 1998a, Adamčík et al. 2007), *Lentinellus ursinus* (Ripková et al. 2007, Kotlaba 2000), *Pachyella violaceonigra* (Kult 1989, Hagara 1989, Škubla 1998b, Kabát et al. 2007), *Phlebia nothofagi* (Adamčík et al. 2007), *Pholiota squarrosoides* (Kuthan et al. 1999, Adamčík et al. 2007), *Rigidoporus crocatus* (Kotlaba 1984), *Scutellinia pennsylvanica* (Jeannerot 2011), *Steccherinum bourdotii* (Ripková et al. 2007), *S. murashkinskyi* (Adamčík et al. 2007) and *Tricholomopsis osiliensis* (Holec 2012).

Some other species are also known from just a few reports in Slovakia (cited in parenthesis for each species), but their occurrence is insufficiently known and they may be overlooked rather than rare: *Camarops polysperma* (Kuthan 1984), *Cosmospora coccinea* (Mihál et al. 2009), *Crustomyces subabruptus* (Kult 1989, Kuthan et al. 1999), *Entoloma tjallingiorum* (Kult 1991), *Galerina ampullaceocystis* (Kuthan & Singer 1987), *Hydnocristella himantia* (Fellner 1994), *Hypocrea rufa* (Tomáš & Kabát 2004, Mihál & Blanár 2011), *Hypoxyylon macrocarpum* (Pouzar 1987), *Mucronella calva* (Svrček 1987), *Phanerochaete velutina* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Phlebia aurea* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *P. livida* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Pluteus diettrichii* (Glejdura 1997), *P. hispidulus* (Kuthan et al. 1999, Ripková et al. 2007), *P. phlebophorus* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *Porothelium fimbriatum* (Kotlaba et al. 1991, Fellner 1994), *Psathyrella olympiana* (Kuthan et al. 1999), *P. senex* (Bolla 1858, Vašutová 2006), *Trechispora hymenocystis* (Kuthan et al. 1999). Previous collections of *Entoloma dichroum* (Pers.) P. Kumm. on beech logs from the Poloniny Mts. (incl. one collection from Stužica) identified by S. Adamčík (Kuthan et al. 1999) are possibly identical with a species identified here as *E. tjallingiorum*.

Many of the species mentioned above as rare or infrequently reported were recently included in a popular book by Hagara (2014). This book illustrates the

field appearance of fungi mainly based on single Slovak collections. Although it contains valuable data on the diversity and occurrence of fungi in Slovakia, a single cited record for each species does not allow for interpretation of its occurrence in the country.

Indicator species of conservation value of beech forests

Christensen et al. (2004) introduced an evaluation system of nature conservation value of European beech forests based on presence of indicator species. They listed 21 fungal indicator species. During our field research, we recorded 15 of these. According to our recent data, the highest scores (according to the number of recorded fungal indicators) were established for Havešová (14 indicators), followed by Stučica and Klenovský Vepor (12 indicators each). Nine indicators were scored at Vihorlat, eight at Oblík and seven at the two remaining sites (Fig. 2).

Because the total number of indicator species might be influenced by the number of investigated logs and size of localities, we also compared the average number of indicator species per investigated log for six of the visited sites (Fig. 3). On average at least one indicator was recorded per two logs investigated at Havešová, Stučica and Dobročský prales. In contrast, at least half as many indicator species were recorded at Vihorlat and Oblík.

Among the studied sites, only Havešová and Stučica had previously been investigated for presence of indicator species. Adamčík et al. (2007) reported 13 species from Havešová and 16 from Stučica. Together with the data gathered during our current research, the total score of Havešová is 16 indicators and 19 for Stučica. Published reports of indicator species from the other investigated sites are very scattered in the literature. We were able to locate some additional reports on *Camarops tubulina*, *Gelatoporia pannocincta* and *Hericium coralloides* from Dobročský prales (Glejdura 2002, Antonín et al. 1995) and *Ganoderma pfeifferi* from Badínsky prales (Kotlaba 1984). This increases the score to 10 indicator species for Dobročský prales and to 8 for Badínsky prales.

Comprehensive data on fungi in beech forest reserves in other parts of Europe are available but incomplete, nevertheless there is no doubt that the best Slovak sites are of international value for the conservation of wood-inhabiting fungi. This is obvious from the number of indicator species recorded. Already previous to our current investigation, Stučica was the site with the highest number of indicator species (16) according to Christensen et al. (2004). With the addition of three more indicator species this position is confirmed. Detailed investigations of some of the best preserved forest reserves in Ukraine, Romania and in the Balkans, would probably result in similarly high scores.

Tab. 3. List of all fungal species on beech logs recorded at investigated sites incl. frequencies (as percentage of occurrence on investigated logs).

General abbreviations: N – taxon new to Slovakia, R – rare, interesting or potentially endangered species (species of special interest), I – indicator species of conservation value of beech forests according to Christensen et al. (2004), X – additional records from non-stratified sampling.

Abbreviations of sites: B – Badínský prales, D – Dobročský prales, H – Havešová, K – Klenovský Vepor, O – Oblík, S – Stučica, V – Vihorlat (for details, see Material and methods).

Status	Species	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Specimen(s)
	<i>Ampulloclitocybe clavipes</i> (Pers.) Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys			X					
	<i>Annulohyphoxylon cohaerens</i> (Pers.) Y.M. Ju, J.D. Rogers & H.M. Hsieh	10%	17%		35%	26%	21%		SLO F-1321 (O)
	<i>Annulohyphoxylon multifforme</i> (Fr.) Y.M. Ju, J.D. Rogers & H.M. Hsieh				5%				
	<i>Antrodia heteromorpha</i> (Fr.) Donk						X		SAV F-3436 (D)
	<i>Antrodiella faginea</i> Vampola & Pouzar					3%			
R	<i>Antrodiella pallescens</i> (Pilát) Niemelä & Miettinen			5%					
R	<i>Arrhenia epichysium</i> (Pers.) Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys	3%	X			X			SAV F-4110 (H)
	<i>Artomyces pyxidatus</i> (Pers.) Jülich		X						
	<i>Ascocoryne cylichnium</i> (Tul.) Korf	3%	10%	5%		10%	5%		PSG 6386 (S)
	<i>Ascocoryne sarcoides</i> (Jacq.) J.W. Groves & D.E. Wilson	3%	3%						
	<i>Aurantioporus fissilis</i> (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) H. Jahn ex Ryvarden	3%							SLO F-1320 (H) PVKU 233 (H)
	<i>Auricularia mesenterica</i> (Dicks.) Pers.						5%		
	<i>Basidioradulum radula</i> (Pers.) Nobles	3%	10%	5%	15%	10%	26%		SAV F-3441 (O)
	<i>Bisporella citrina</i> (Batsch) Korf & S.E. Carp.	X	X	10%			5%		
	<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i> (Willd.) P. Karst.	13%	3%	10%	X	10%	32%		
	<i>Bolbitius reticulatus</i> (Pers.) Rick.					3%	5%		
	<i>Bulgaria inquinans</i> (Pers.) Fr.			5%	5%				
	<i>Byssomerulius corium</i> (Pers.) Parmasto			5%					
	<i>Camarops polysperma</i> (Mont.) J.H. Mill.		X		5%				SAV F-3440 (O)
I, R	<i>Camarops tubulina</i> (Alb. & Schwein.) Shear	3%	3%	5%	X	3%			PSG 4717 (O) SAV F-3480 (K) PRM 899416 (V) SLO F-1280 (S)
	<i>Catinella olivacea</i> (Batsch) Boud.		3%	5%	10%				PVKU 243 (S) PSG 4705 (S) PSG 4711 (V) PSG 4712 (O)
	<i>Ceraceomyces cf. borealis</i> (Romell) J. Erikss. & Ryvarden	X	X	5%					
	<i>Ceriporia excelsa</i> (S. Lundell) Parmasto		X				11%	X	SAV F-4131 (D) SAV F-4134 (S)
	<i>Ceriporia reticulata</i> (Hoffm.) Domański	3%			X				

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Status	Species	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Specimen(s)
	<i>Ceriporia viridans</i> (Berk. & Broome) Donk		X		5%	3%			
I	<i>Ceriporiopsis gilvescens</i> (Bres.) Domański	27%	10%	5%		10%	11%	X	SAV F-3419 (K) SAV F-4112 (D)
R	<i>Ceriporiopsis subvermispورا</i> (Pilát) Gilb. & Ryvarden						5%		SAV F-4121 (D)
	<i>Climacocystis borealis</i> (Fr.) Kotl. & Pouzar						X		SAV F-3417 (D)
	<i>Clitocybe diatreta</i> (Fr.) P. Kumm.		3%	5%					SLO F-1277 (S)
R	<i>Clitocybe truncicola</i> (Peck) Sacc.		X						PRM 899413 (S)
	<i>Clitopilus hobsonii</i> (Berk. & Broome) P.D. Orton	10%	7%	10%					
	<i>Coniophora puteana</i> (Schumach.) P. Karst.	X							
	<i>Conocybe subpubescens</i> P.D. Orton	3%	3%	5%	10%				
	<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i> (Bull.) Vilgalys, Hoppé & Jacq. Johnson	13%	17%				16%		
	<i>Coprinopsis laanii</i> (Kits van Wav.) Redhead, Vilgalys & Moncalvo		7%						SAV F-4132 (S)
	<i>Coprinopsis speliophila</i> (Bas & Ullé) Redhead, Vilgalys & Moncalvo				X				SAV F-4125 (O)
	<i>Crepidotus applanatus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	X	13%	10%	10%	13%	X	X	SLO F-1259 (H) SLO F-1252 (S) SLO F-1254 (V) SLO F-1318 (O) SLO F-1310 (D) SLO F-1322 (B)
	<i>Crepidotus crocophyllus</i> (Berk.) Sacc.	7%	X						SLO F-1258 (H) SLO F-1273 (S) SAV F-4104 (H)
	<i>Crepidotus malachoides</i> Consiglio, Prydiuk & Setti	X	13%	5%					SLO F-1272 (H) SLO F-1250 (S)
	<i>Crepidotus mollis</i> (Schaeff.) Staude	X				3%			SLO F-1266 (H)
	<i>Crustomyces subabruptus</i> (Bourdot & Galzin) Jülich		7%	X		3%	5%		
	<i>Cyathus striatus</i> (Huds.) Willd.	3%							
	<i>Cylindrobasidium laeve</i> (Pers.) Chamuris		7%	5%		3%			
	<i>Cystolepiota moelleri</i> Knudsen	X							SAV F-3437 (H)
	<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i> (Bolton) J. Schröt.		X		X	3%			SLO F-1315 (O)
	<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i> var. <i>tricolor</i> (Bull.) Bondartsev & Singer	7%		X	5%				SAV F-4106 (O)
	<i>Datronia mollis</i> (Sommerf.) Donk	X	3%	5%	10%	6%	21%		SAV F-3455 (D)
I	<i>Dentipellis fragilis</i> (Pers.) Donk	10%	20%	10%	15%	29%	11%	X	SAV F-3414 (B) SAV F-3418 (K) PRM 899408 (S)
	<i>Diatrype disciformis</i> (Hoffm.) Fr.					3%			
	<i>Entoloma conferendum</i> (Britzelm.) Noordel.		X						SAV F-4103 (S)
R	<i>Entoloma jahni</i> Wölfel & Winterh.	7%		5%		X	5%		SLO F-1291 (V) SAV F-3439 (K)

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R	<i>Entoloma placidum</i> (Fr.) Noordel.	X							SAV F-4120 (H)
N	<i>Entoloma pseudoparasiticum</i> Noordel.		3%						SLO F-1298 (S)
	<i>Entoloma tjallingiorum</i> Noordel.		3%			3%			SAV F-4128 (H)
	<i>Eutypa spinosa</i> (Pers.) Tul. & C. Tul.	50%	40%	40%	65%	68%	74%	X	SLO F-1279 (S)
I	<i>Flammulaster limulatus</i> (Fr.) Watling		3%	5%		X			SAV F-4108 (V) SLO F-1268 (V) PVKU 239 (S)
I	<i>Flammulaster muricatus</i> (Fr.) Watling	7%	3%	X		X			SLO F-1274 (S) SLO F-1275 (V) SAV F-3477 (K)
R	<i>Flaviporus citrinellus</i> (Niemelä & Ryvarde) Ginns					3%			SAV F-4122 (K)
	<i>Fomes fomentarius</i> (L.) Fr.	40%	60%	65%	70%	65%	84%	X	
	<i>Fomitopsis pinicola</i> (Sw.) P. Karst.	10%	10%	5%	10%	16%	5%		
	<i>Fuscoporia ferruginosa</i> (Schrad.) Murrill			X				X	SAV F-3433 (B)
	<i>Galerina ampullaceocystis</i> P.D. Orton			5%					SAV F-4126 (V)
	<i>Galerina autumnalis</i> (Peck) A.H. Sm. & Singer			X					PRM 899417 (V)
	<i>Galerina marginata</i> (Batsch) Kühner	3%		X	10%				PRM 899417 (V, as <i>G. autumnalis</i>)
	<i>Galerina triscopa</i> (Fr.) Kühner		3%						SAV F-3468 (S)
	<i>Ganoderma applanatum</i> (Pers.) Pat.	27%	40%	35%	20%	29%	47%	X	
I	<i>Gelatoporia pannocincta</i> (Romell) Niemelä	X	3%	X	X	3%		X	SAV F-3423 (S) SAV F-3422 (O) SAV F-3420 (K)
N	<i>Gloeohyphochmicium analogum</i> (Bourdote & Galzin) Hjortstam	3%							
	<i>Gymnopilus penetrans</i> (Fr.) Murrill		3%						
	<i>Helvella macropus</i> (Pers.) P. Karst.		7%						
	<i>Helvella lacunosa</i> Afzel.						5%		
R	<i>Henningsomyces candidus</i> (Pers.) Kuntze	3%							
	<i>Hericium cirrhatum</i> (Pers.) Nikol.				5%				SLO F-1309 (O)
I	<i>Hericium coralloides</i> (Scop.) Pers.	3%		X	X	X		X	
I, R	<i>Hohenbuehelia auriscalpium</i> (Maire) Singer	7%					5%		SLO F-1306 (D)
N	<i>Hohenbuehelia valesiaca</i> (Ces.) Singer		X						SAV F-4113 (S)
	<i>Humaria hemisphaerica</i> (Hoffm.) Fuckel	3%	3%			3%			PSG 4691 (H) PSG 4700 (S)
	<i>Hydnocristella himantia</i> (Schwein.) R.H. Petersen			5%					SLO F-1263 (V)
	<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i> (Huds.) P. Kumm.	3%	10%	5%		3%	5%		
	<i>Hypholoma lateritium</i> (Schaeff.) P. Kumm.		3%						
N	<i>Hypocrea parmastoi</i> Overton				X				SAV F-4124 (O)
	<i>Hypocrea rufa</i> (Pers.) Fr., sensu lato		3%						

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	<i>Hypoxyylon fragiforme</i> (Pers.) J. Kickx f.	17%	10%	10%	25%	6%	32%		
	<i>Hypoxyylon macrocarpum</i> Pouzar		3%		5%	X			
	<i>Hypoxyylon rubiginosum</i> (Pers.) Fr.		3%				11%		
	<i>Inocybe petiginosa</i> (Fr.) Gillet	3%	7%						
I	<i>Inotus cuticularis</i> (Bull.) P. Karst.	X					X		SAV F-3454 (D)
	<i>Inotus nodulosus</i> (Fr.) P. Karst.			X					SAV F-3449 (V)
	<i>Inotus obliquus</i> (Ach. ex Pers.) Pilát		7%		5%				
R	<i>Ionomidotis irregularis</i> (Schwein.) E.J. Durand			5%					PVKU 248 (V)
I, R	<i>Ischnoderma resinosum</i> (Schrad.) P. Karst.	23%	7%	X	5%	X	16%	X	
	<i>Junghuhnia lacera</i> (P. Karst.) Niemelä & Kinnunen	3%							
	<i>Junghuhnia nitida</i> (Pers.) Ryvarden			X					
	<i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i> (Hoffm.) P.M.D. Martin	47%	50%	25%	40%	23%	47%	X	
	<i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> (Bull.) Bondartsev & Singer		X	X					
	<i>Laxitextum bicolor</i> (Pers.) Lentz	X							
R	<i>Lentaria epichnoa</i> (Fr.) Corner		3%						SAV F-4109 (S)
I, R	<i>Lentinellus ursinus</i> (Fr.) Kühner	3%	X			X			SAV F-4115 (S)
	<i>Lentinus strigosus</i> Fr.	3%							
	<i>Lenzites betulina</i> (L.) Fr.	3%				6%			
	<i>Lycoperdon nigrescens</i> Wahlenb.						5%		
	<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i> Pers.		X			3%		X	
	<i>Lycoperdon pyriforme</i> Schaeff.	7%	13%	10%		10%	21%		
	<i>Marasmius rotula</i> (Scop.) Fr.	3%	3%						
	<i>Marasmius torquescens</i> Quél.		3%						
	<i>Megacollybia platyphylla</i> (Pers.) Kotl. & Pouzar				5%		5%		
N	<i>Melanomma spiniferum</i> Ellis & Everh.					3%		X	
	<i>Mensularia nodulosa</i> (Fr.) T. Wagner & M. Fisch.		X		10%	10%	5%		
	<i>Mucronella calva</i> (Alb. & Schwein.) Fr.						5%		SAV F-3471 (D)
	<i>Mycena amicta</i> (Fr.) Quél.	3%							
	<i>Mycena arcangeliana</i> Bres.	7%	13%	15%	15%	23%	5%		SLO F-1253 (V)
	<i>Mycena cinerella</i> (P. Karst.) P. Karst.		3%					X	
	<i>Mycena crocata</i> (Schrad.) P. Kumm.	23%	7%	5%	15%		16%	X	
	<i>Mycena galericulata</i> (Scop.) Gray	7%	20%	50%	5%	35%	11%		
	<i>Mycena haematopus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	17%	23%	15%	5%	10%	5%		
	<i>Mycena pura</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	3%	3%						
	<i>Mycena renati</i> Quél.		X		5%				
	<i>Mycetinis alliaceus</i> (Jacq.) Earle	13%	17%	5%	25%	16%	16%		
	<i>Nemanía atropurpurea</i> (Fr.) Pouzar					3%			SAV F-4105 (K)
	<i>Nemanía carbonacea</i> Pouzar	X							

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	<i>Nemania serpens</i> (Pers.) Gray	3%	7%	5%	5%	3%	5%		
	<i>Neonectria coccinea</i> (Pers.) Rossmann & Samuels		7%	5%	5%				
I, R	<i>Ossicaulis lachnopus</i> (Fr.) Contu	X	3%	X	X	6%	5%	X	PRM 899407 (S) PRM 899418 (V)
	<i>Oudemansiella mucida</i> (Schrad.) Höhn.	17%	13%	5%		29%	11%		
R	<i>Oxyporus latemarginatus</i> (Durieu & Mont.) Donk	3%							SAV F-4118 (H)
	<i>Oxyporus populinus</i> (Schumach.) Donk	3%		X	X				PRM 899414 (V)
	<i>Pachyella babingtonii</i> (Berk. & Broome) Boud.	X							PSG 4688 (H)
R	<i>Pachyella violaceonigra</i> (Rehm) Pfister	X							PVKU 235 (H)
	<i>Panellus stipticus</i> (Bull.) P. Karst.	7%	20%		5%	6%	11%		
	<i>Peniophorella praetermissa</i> (P. Karst.) K.H. Larss.						5%		
	<i>Peziza micropus</i> Pers.	10%	7%	X	10%		11%		
	<i>Peziza saniosa</i> Schrad. ex J.F. Gmel.	3%							PSG 4692 (H)
	<i>Peziza varia</i> (Hedw.) Alb. & Schwein.	X	X						
	<i>Phanerochaete velutina</i> (DC.) Parmasto						5%		
	<i>Phlebia aurea</i> (Fr.) Nakasone		X						
	<i>Phlebia centrifuga</i> P. Karst.		3%			X			
	<i>Phlebia livida</i> (Pers.) Bres.		10%			3%			SAV F-3438 (K)
I, R	<i>Phlebia nothofagi</i> (G. Cunn.) Nakasone	7%	X		5%	3%			SAV F-3444 (S) SAV F-3410 (K)
	<i>Phlebia rufta</i> (Pers.) M.P. Christ.		7%	10%			5%		SAV F-3434 (D)
	<i>Phlebia tremellosa</i> (Schrad.) Nakasone & Burds.	3%	7%	10%	10%	6%			
	<i>Phleogena faginea</i> (Fr. & Palmquist) Link		X			3%			
	<i>Pholiota adiposa</i> (Batsch) P. Kumm.						5%	X	
	<i>Pholiota squarrosa</i> (Weigel) P. Kumm.						X		SAV F-3457 (D)
I, R	<i>Pholiota squarrosoides</i> (Peck) Sacc.	3%	X		X	X	16%		SLO F-1256 (S) SAV F-3412 (K) SAV F-4107 (O)
	<i>Pholiotina brunnea</i> (Watling) Singer	3%	3%			X			SAV F-3479 (K)
	<i>Phyllotopsis nidulans</i> (Pers.) Singer				5%				SLO F-1309 (O)
	<i>Pleurotus dryinus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	X						X	
	<i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i> (Fr.) Quél.	17%	3%		15%	19%	37%		SAV F-3482 (O)
	<i>Plicaturopsis crispa</i> (Pers.) D.A. Reid		3%			6%	5%	X	
	<i>Pluteus cervinus</i> (Schaeff.) P. Kumm.	17%	3%	10%	10%	10%	26%	X	SLO F-1257 (V) SLO F-1317 (B)
	<i>Pluteus chrysophaeus</i> (Schaeff.) Quél.	3%	7%				5%		SLO F-1296 (H) SLO F-1282 (S)
	<i>Pluteus diettrichii</i> Bres.		X						
	<i>Pluteus hispidulus</i> (Fr.) Gillet	X	7%				5%		SLO F-1300 (S) PSG 4696 (H)

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Status	Species	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Specimen(s)
	<i>Pluteus leoninus</i> (Schaeff.) P. Kumm.	7%						X	
	<i>Pluteus luctuosus</i> Boud.		3%				5%		SLO F-1294 (S)
	<i>Pluteus nanus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	3%	3%	5%	5%				PRM 899415 (V)
	<i>Pluteus petasatus</i> (Fr.) Gillet				X				PRM 899419 (O)
	<i>Pluteus phlebophorus</i> (Ditmar) P. Kumm.	X	3%						
	<i>Pluteus plautus</i> (Weinm.) Gillet	7%	3%			3%			SLO F-1293 (S)
	<i>Pluteus podospileus</i> Sacc. & Cub.	7%	3%				5%	X	SLO F-1303 (S) SLO F-1313 (D)
	<i>Pluteus salicinus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	3%			X				PVKU 232 (H)
	<i>Pluteus semibulbosus</i> (Lasch) Quél.	7%	X						SLO F-1289 (S)
	<i>Pluteus thomsonii</i> (Berk. & Broome) Dennis						X		SLO F-1319 (D)
I	<i>Pluteus umbrosus</i> (Pers.) P. Kumm.	3%	3%					X	PSG 4689 (H) PSG 4703 (S)
	<i>Polyporus badius</i> (Pers.) Schwein.	3%	X				11%		
	<i>Polyporus melanopus</i> (Pers.) Fr.				5%				SAV F-3452 (O)
	<i>Polyporus squamosus</i> (Huds.) Fr.	3%	X		X			X	
	<i>Polyporus varius</i> (Pers.) Fr.	3%	10%			23%	11%	X	
	<i>Porothelium fimbriatum</i> (Pers.) Fr.	3%					X		SAV F-3435 (D)
	<i>Postia albi</i> Niemelä & Vampola		3%						
	<i>Postia undosa</i> (Peck) Jülich					X		X	SAV F-4136 (K)
	<i>Protomerulius caryae</i> (Schwein.) Ryvarden	7%	7%	10%	5%	3%			SAV F-3445 (S) SAV F-3421 (O) SAV F-3461 (K)
	<i>Psathyrella fagetophila</i> Örstadius & Enderle				5%				
	<i>Psathyrella obtusata</i> (Pers.) A.H. Sm.	3%	3%						
	<i>Psathyrella olympiana</i> A.H. Sm.	X						X	SAV F-4135 (H)
	<i>Psathyrella piluliformis</i> (Bull.) P.D. Orton	3%	17%	15%		6%	11%		
	<i>Psathyrella senex</i> (Peck) A.H. Sm.				X				SAV F-3478 (O)
	<i>Psathyrella silvestris</i> (Gillet) Konrad & Maubl.	3%							SAV F-4116 (H)
	<i>Pycnoporus cinnabarinus</i> (Jacq.) P. Karst.	7%							
	<i>Ramaria stricta</i> (Pers.) Quél.	3%							
R	<i>Rigidoporus crocatus</i> (Pat.) Ryvarden		3%					X	SAV F-3415 (S) SAV F-3448 (B) PRM 899412 (S)
	<i>Rigidoporus sanguinolentus</i> (Alb. & Schwein.) Donk	10%	20%		5%	3%			SAV F-3446 (S) SAV F-3411 (K)
	<i>Sarcomyxa serotina</i> (Schrad.) P. Karst.		3%			10%	5%		
	<i>Schizophyllum commune</i> Fr.	13%				6%			
	<i>Schizopora flavipora</i> (Berk. & M.A. Curtis ex Cooke) Ryvarden				5%				
	<i>Schizopora paradoxa</i> (Schrad.) Donk					3%			
	<i>Scutellinia cejpui</i> (Velen.) Svrček	3%	X		5%				PSG 4301 (H) PSG 4308 (S)
N	<i>Scutellinia colensoi</i> Masseé ex Le Gal			X					PSG 4281 (V)

Status	Species	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Specimen(s)
R	<i>Scutellinia pennsylvanica</i> (Seaver) Denison	X	3%						PSG 4297 (H) PSG 4282 (S)
	<i>Scytinostroma portentosum</i> (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Donk					X			
	<i>Simocybe centunculus</i> (Fr.) Singer	13%	17%	5%	5%		11%	X	SLO F-1290 (H)
	<i>Skeletocutis nivea</i> (Jungh.) Jean Keller	3%	3%		5%	3%			SAV F-3416 (S) SAV F-4111 (O)
R	<i>Steccherinum bourdotii</i> Saliba & A. David				5%				
R	<i>Steccherinum murashkinskyi</i> (Burt) Maas Geest.	3%							PVKU 237 (H)
	<i>Steccherinum ochraceum</i> (Pers.) Gray	17%	7%	5%		6%	21%		
	<i>Stereum hirsutum</i> (Willd.) Pers.	27%	33%	25%	45%	32%	53%		
	<i>Stereum rugosum</i> Pers.		3%		5%				
R	<i>Stereum subtomentosum</i> Pouzar	X	3%	5%	5%		11%		
	<i>Stropharia cyanea</i> (Bull.) Tuomikoski		3%						
R	<i>Tatraea dumbirensis</i> (Velen.) Svrček		X						PSG 4701 (S)
	<i>Trametes gibbosa</i> (Pers.) Fr.	17%	10%	X	5%	16%	21%	X	
	<i>Trametes hirsuta</i> (Wulfen) Lloyd	17%			5%	10%			
	<i>Trametes versicolor</i> (L.) Lloyd	23%	20%	5%	15%	10%	32%		
	<i>Trametopsis cervina</i> (Schwein.) Tomšovský	X	3%		10%				
	<i>Trechispora hymenocystis</i> (Berk. & Broome) K.H. Larss.	3%		10%		19%	X		SAV F-3483 (D)
	<i>Trechispora mollusca</i> (Pers.) Liberta					X			SAV F-4133 (K)
	<i>Trichaptum abietinum</i> (Pers. ex J.F. Gmel.) Fr.						5%		
	<i>Trichaptum bifforme</i> (Fr.) Ryvarden	23%	7%		30%				
	<i>Tyromyces chioneus</i> (Fr.) P. Karst.			5%		X			
	<i>Volvarellia bombycina</i> (Schaeff.) Singer	X							
	<i>Xerula radicata</i> (Relhan) Dörfelt	X	3%		X	3%			
	<i>Xylaria hypozylon</i> (L.) Grev.	X	13%				16%		
	<i>Xylaria polymorpha</i> (Pers.) Grev.	3%	3%	5%			5%	X	
R	<i>Xylodon pruni</i> (Lasch) Hjortstam & Ryvarden						5%	X	SAV F-4123 (D)
R	<i>Yuchengia narymica</i> (Pilát) B.K. Cui, C.L. Zhao & Steffen	X	X						SAV F-4114 (S) SAV F-4119 (H)
Total	215	121	126	72	74	80	75	33	

Tab. 4. List of all fungal species on other substrates recorded at investigated sites. General abbreviations: N – taxon new to Slovakia, R – rare, interesting or potentially endangered species. Abbreviations of sites: B – Bađinsky prales, D – Dobročský prales, H – Havešová, K – Klenovský Vepor, O – Oblík, S – Stuzica, V – Vihorlat (for details, see Material and methods). ►

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Status	Species	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Substrate	Specimen(s)
R	<i>Amylocystis lapponica</i> (Romell) Bondartsev & Singer ex Singer					X	X		<i>Picea</i>	SAV F-3413 (D) SAV F-3462 (K)
N	<i>Asterostroma medium</i> Bres.		X						<i>Abies</i>	PRM 899409 (S)
	<i>Bondarzewia mesenterica</i> (Schaeff.) Kreisel						X		<i>Abies</i>	SAV F-3409 (D)
R	<i>Chrysomphalina grossula</i> (Pers.) Norvell, Redhead & Ammirati						X		<i>Abies?</i>	SLO F-1311 (D)
R	<i>Clitocybula abundans</i> (Peck) Singer						X		<i>Abies</i>	PRM 899420 (D)
R	<i>Clitocybula familia</i> (Peck) Singer		X				X		<i>Abies</i>	SAV F-3470 (S) PRM 899421 (D)
	<i>Contumyces rosellus</i> (M.M. Moser) Redhead, Moncalvo, Vilgalys & Lutzoni				X	X			unidentified fungus	PSG 4713 (O) SAV F-4130 (K)
	<i>Cosmospora coccinea</i> Rabenh.				X				<i>Inonotus nodulosus</i>	PSG 4257 (O)
	<i>Dendrothele acerina</i> (Pers.) P.A. Lemke			X					<i>Acer</i>	
N	<i>Entoloma hispidulum</i> (M. Lange) Noordel.						X		<i>Acer</i>	SAV F-3456 (D)
	<i>Fomitopsis rosea</i> (Alb. & Schwein.) P. Karst.						X		<i>Picea</i>	SAV F-3472 (D)
	<i>Gloeophyllum odoratum</i> (Wulfen) Imazeki							X	<i>Picea?</i>	
R	<i>Gymnopilus bellulus</i> (Peck) Murrill		X						<i>Abies</i>	PRM 899411 (S)
R	<i>Hemistropharia albocrenulata</i> (Peck) Jacobsson & E. Larss.						X		<i>Picea</i>	PRM 899422 (D)
	<i>Hericium flagellum</i> (Scop.) Pers.					X			<i>Abies</i>	
R	<i>Hydopus atramentosus</i> (Kalchbr.) Kotl. & Pouzar		X						<i>Abies</i>	PVKU 244 (S)
N	<i>Hymenochaete ulmicola</i> Corfixen & Parmasto							X	<i>Ulmus</i>	SAV F-3432 (B)
	<i>Hypomyces</i> sp.		X						unidentified fungus	
	<i>Phellinus chrysoloma</i> (Fr.) Donk						X		<i>Picea?</i>	
	<i>Phellinus hartigii</i> (Allesch. & Schnabl) Pat.						X		<i>Abies</i>	
	<i>Pholiota flammans</i> (Batsch) P. Kumm.		X						<i>Abies</i>	SLO F-1271 (S)
	<i>Pholiota squarrosa</i> (Weigel) P. Kumm.						X		<i>Abies</i>	SAV F-3457 (D)
	<i>Pleurocybella porrigens</i> (Pers.) Singer		X						<i>Abies</i>	PRM 899410 (S)
	<i>Pycnoporellus fulgens</i> (Fr.) Donk				X		X		<i>Abies?</i>	SAV F-3453 (D)
	<i>Scytinostroma portentosum</i> (Berk. & M.A. Curtis) Donk			X					<i>Salix</i>	SAV F-4129 (V)
R	<i>Tricholomopsis osiliensis</i> Vauras							X	<i>Abies</i>	PRM 899423 (B)
	<i>Xylaria longipes</i> Nitschke			X					<i>Acer?</i>	SLO F-1304 (V)
Total	27	0	7	3	3	3	12	3		

Tab. 5. Site-specific species represented by triplets of species with highest and lowest Δ frequency (difference between frequency of the species at a particular site and average frequency of all visited sites). Frequency of species at a site is defined as percentage of positively scored beech logs.

Visited sites	high Δ frequency	low Δ frequency
Havešová	16.4% <i>Ceriporiopsis gilvescens</i> 14.9% <i>Ischnoderma resinosum</i> 13.3% <i>Trichaptum bifforme</i>	–24.0% <i>Fomes fomentarius</i> –14.6% <i>Mycena galericulata</i> –9.1% <i>Stereum hirsutum</i>
Stužica	13.6% <i>Rigidoporus sanguinolentus</i> 11.9% <i>Panellus stipticus</i> 11.4% <i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i>	–16.1% <i>Eutypa spinosa</i> –11.9% <i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i> –9.3% <i>Pluteus cervinus</i>
Vihorlat	28.7% <i>Mycena galericulata</i> 7.5% <i>Bisporella citrina</i> 6.3% <i>Phlebia rufa</i>	–18.1% <i>Annulohyphoxylon cohaerens</i> –16.1% <i>Eutypa spinosa</i> –15.2% <i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i>
Oblík	20.0% <i>Trichaptum bifforme</i> 16.9% <i>Annulohyphoxylon cohaerens</i> 9.7% <i>Mycetinis alliaceus</i>	–16.3% <i>Mycena galericulata</i> –13.0% <i>Ganoderma applanatum</i> –12.4% <i>Oudemansiella mucida</i>
Klenovský Vepor	16.6% <i>Oudemansiella mucida</i> 14.8% <i>Polyporus varius</i> 14.2% <i>Mycena galericulata</i>	–16.0% <i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i> –11.0% <i>Mycena crocata</i> –10.2% <i>Hyphoxylon fragiforme</i>
Dobročský prales	21.6% <i>Pleurotus pulmonarius</i> 20.3% <i>Bjerkandera adusta</i> 20.3% <i>Fomes fomentarius</i>	–10.8% <i>Mycena galericulata</i> –10.0% <i>Trichaptum bifforme</i> –7.7% <i>Mycena arcangeliana</i>

LICHENS

Summary of results

In total, 128 lichens and lichenicolous fungi of 69 genera were recorded on bark or wood of living or dead beech trunks in the seven investigated National Nature Reserves (Tab. 6). One lichen, *Alyxoria ochrocheila*, is listed for the first time in Slovakia. In addition, 28 records of 26 species from other substrates are reported and discussed below (Tab. 7). Twelve species were recorded on beech trunks at all seven sites, half of them with a frequency of more than 50% at one site or more: *Graphis scripta*, *Lepraria lobificans*, *Melanelixia glabratula*, *Phlyctis argena*, *Pyrenula nitida*, *Violella fucata*. Six additional species were recorded at all seven sites but always with lower frequency/cover: *Alyxoria varia*, *Coenogonium pineti*, *Lecanora chlarotera*, *Lecanora glabrata*, *Lecanora pulicaris*, *Lepraria incana*, while three species were recorded at six sites and showed high frequencies (> 50%) at one site or more: *Cladonia coniocraea*, *Hypogymnia physodes*, *Pseudosagedia aenea*.

The number of recorded lichen and lichenicolous species per site was very variable (Fig. 4). The highest number was recorded at Stužica (79 species), Klenovský Vepor (69 species) and Havešová (52 species). The low number of species recorded at Badínský prales reflect the short visit at this site, allowing only

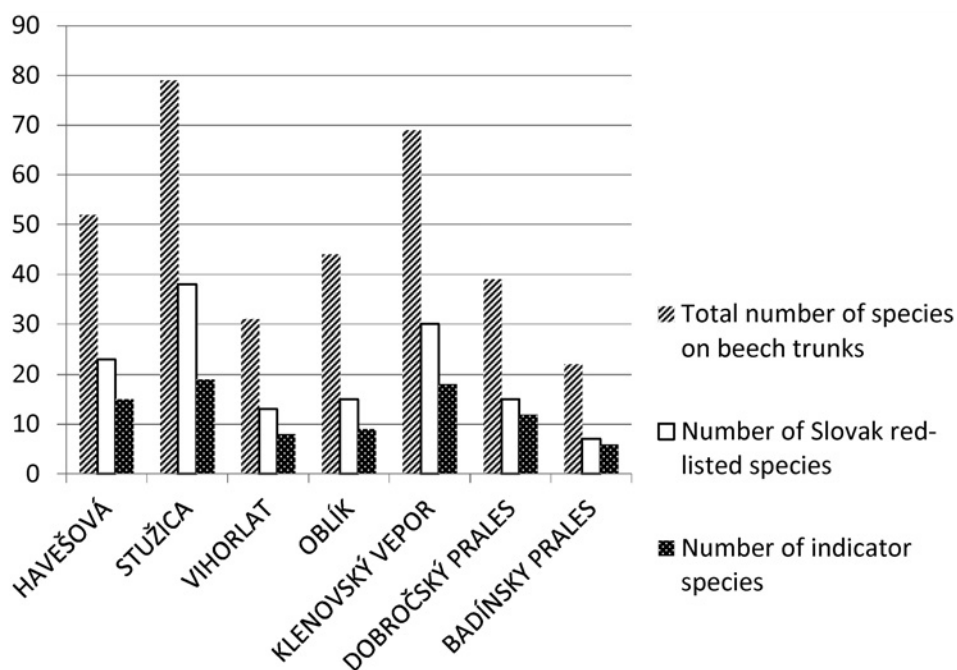


Fig. 4. Comparison of lichen diversity and presence of red-listed and indicator species on beech trees at investigated sites.

six beech trees to be investigated. The relatively high average of species recorded per tree (8 species) suggests that this number would have been much higher if more trees had been investigated.

The average number of species investigated per tree ranged from 5 to 8 at all sites except of Stučica, where 10 species were recorded on average. Almost half of the species were recorded only at a single site (50 species, 39.4%) and another 27 species (21.3%) at two sites only. This suggests a high amount of site-specific lichen and lichenicolous species.

Red-listed species

Almost half (60 species) of all the epiphytic lichens recorded on beech trees appeared in the Red list of Slovakia (Pišút et al. 2001). Of these, 2 species were classified as extinct (EX), 22 as critically endangered (CR), 10 as endangered (EN), 15 as vulnerable (VU), and 9 as near threatened (NT), while 2 were classified in the data deficient (DD) category. The highest number and proportion of red-listed species was recorded at Stučica (38 species, 48% of all species re-

corded at the site) and Klenovský Vepor (30 species, 43% of all species recorded at the site). A relatively high number of red-listed species was also recorded from Havešová (23 species, 44% of all species recorded at the site). These three sites also showed the highest number of CR species, 14 at Stučica, 10 at Klenovský Vepor and 10 at Havešová.

Alyxoria ochrocheila, collected at Klenovský Vepor, is reported from Slovakia for the first time. It is widespread and well known from West Europe and Canada, but only few reports are from Central and East Europe (Suija et al. 2010 from Estonia and Bielczyk et al. 2004 from Poland).

Other important records include *Eopyrenula leucoplaca* and *Lecanographa amylacea* recorded at Havešová. Both species have been regarded as extinct from Slovakia for decades. *Eopyrenula leucoplaca* grows on rough bark of deciduous trees. It is more common in Scandinavia but rare and declining in South and Central Europe (Aptroot 1991). The previous Slovak reports were from the surroundings of the cities of Prešov and Bratislava in the 19th century (e.g. Hazslinszky 1884, Zahlbruckner 1894), but it was recently reported from Muránska planina National Park by Malíček et al. (2014). *Lecanographa amylacea* has a predominantly Subatlantic distribution in Europe (Wirth et al. 2013); it is mostly found growing on bark of veteran oak trees in open light conditions. This species had not been reported from Slovakia since the 19th century (Hazslinszky 1884; eastern part of the country: Prešov, Košice, Lipovce).

Among the 22 critically endangered lichens recorded, several deserve extra attention. The very rare crustose lichen *Belonia herculina* (recorded in Havešová and Stučica) is known from beech trunks (but also *Acer pseudoplatanus*) in old-growth beech or mixed forests in Slovakia (Pišút et al. 2007). It was considered an endemic to the Carpathians for a long time, but was recently reported from the Slovenian Alps (Arup et al. 2001), Crimean mountains (Khodosovtsev et al. 2013) and the Caucasus (Urbanavichyus 2010). In the last century, the species showed a sharp decline in Slovakia (Lackovičová et al. 2001), and during the last twenty years it had only been reported from the Poloniny Mts. and the Strážovské vrchy Mts. (Pišút et al. 2007, Guttová & Pišút 2004). *Gyalecta flotowii* and *G. truncigena* were both known from scattered localities across Slovakia in the first half of the last century. During the last two decades reports have been very scarce. *Gyalecta flotowii* is recently only known from Stučica (Pišút et al. 2007, Vondrák et al. 2015) and in this paper Havešová is reported as a new locality. *Gyalecta truncigena* was considered to be extinct for a long time, but recently it was reported from the Muránska planina National Park and Stučica (Guttová & Palice 2004, Vondrák et al. 2015). Our collections from Havešová and Oblík represent new localities in Slovakia. *Thelopsis rubella* was first reported from Slovakia by Zahlbruckner (1894) from the Malé Karpaty Mts. (W Slovakia), then by Suza (1923) from the Strážovské vrchy Mts. For nearly 50 years it had been considered

to be extinct from Slovakia, until it was reported from the Belianske Tatry Mts. (Pišút 1986) and Muránska planina Mts. (Guttová & Palice 2004). Our collections from Havešová and Dobročský prales represent new localities for the country. *Thelotrema lepadinum* is globally a widespread species (from the tropical to the temperate belt) growing in humid climates on trees with smooth bark. It is very sensitive to air pollution and rare in Slovakia (Pišút & Lackovičová 1992). It was recorded at three of the investigated sites (Badínsky prales, Dobročský prales and Stučica).

Some crustose lichens collected during our research are relatively frequent in old-growth beech forests but are sensitive to air pollution and declining in industrial and urban areas, e.g. *Bacidia rubella*, *Graphis scripta*, *Pyrenula nitida*, *Strigula stigmatella*, etc. *Arthonia didyma*, a species associated with beech trunks in submontane forests from Scandinavia to Northern Spain and Italy (Nimis 1993), has recently been reported only from the Belianske Tatry Mts., Muránska planina Mts. and Stučica (Lisická 2005, Guttová & Palice 2004, Vondrák et al. 2015). Our reports from Dobročský prales, Havešová and Klenovský Vepor represent important contributions to the knowledge of the distribution of probably overlooked species in Slovakia.

Lobaria pulmonaria shows a Suboceanic-montane distribution in Europe. This, in Slovakia, critically endangered epiphyte is restricted to ancient beech and mixed forests with high air humidity. It is very sensitive to air pollution and has disappeared from many parts of Central Europe in the late 20th century. The distribution of *Lobaria pulmonaria* in Slovakia is well documented. It was widely distributed on the whole territory at the beginning of the last century, but is recently known from less than 50 localities (Pišút & Liška 1995, Lackovičová et al. 2001).

Indicator species

Index of ecological continuity (IEC) reflecting human influence on sites was evaluated by counting the number of indicator species following Pišút (1997). Between 6 and 19 indicator species were reported from the seven investigated sites which could be classified in three categories (number of indicators per site in parenthesis): high quality – Stučica (19), Klenovský Vepor (18), Havešová (15); good quality – Dobročský prales (12); weak quality – Oblík (9), Vihorlat (8), Badínsky prales (6). Including data from other phorophytes (trees) would probably increase the IEC to even higher values, incorporating the category ‘outstanding’.

Rare species and interesting records

In addition, we recorded some species of epiphytic lichens considered to be rare in Slovakia but not included in the national Red list (Pišút et al. 2001). *Arthonia helvola*, recorded at Havešová, Vihorlat and Oblík, was previously

known only from Muránska planina National Park (Guttová & Palice 1999) and Stučica (Vondrák et al. 2015). The distribution of this species in Europe is disjunctive and insufficiently known. In the Czech Republic, it was recorded from deciduous forests close to industrial areas, so the species seems to be relatively toxitolerant (Palice 1999). *Agonimia allobata* is another species only known from the Muránska planina National Park (Guttová & Palice 1999, Guttová & Palice 2002) and Stučica (bark of *Acer pseudoplatanus*, Vondrák et al. 2015). We recorded it on beech at Badínský prales, Dobročský prales, Havešová and Oblík. *Anisomeridium polypori* is a cosmopolitan species which we recorded on beech trunks at all investigated sites except Klenovský Vepor. In Slovakia it was previously reported only from Muránska planina National Park (bark of *Acer pseudoplatanus*; Guttová & Palice 2002) and Stučica (also on *Ulmus*, *Fagus*; Vondrák et al. 2015). Our records from six of the seven investigated sites suggest that it is often overlooked.

Interesting collections from other substrates

All 26 lichen species recorded on wood or bark of other tree species and on rocks are listed in the Tab. 7. Most of them are red-listed (16 species) and/or indicator species (13 species). *Gyalecta ulmi* recorded on bark of *Acer platanoides* at Dobročský prales is currently very rare and declining in Europe. In Slovakia, it was known from 21 major geographical units (Lukniš & Mazúr 1980) before 1989, but after 1990 it was reported only from six of them (Lackovičová & Guttová 2006). An important find for the country is *Ramalina carpatica* (on rock at Klenovský Vepor) that has been usually recorded from higher altitudes (Lisická 2005).

Comparison of our recent results with historical data

Old-growth forests usually have a wide range of substrates, suitable light conditions and relatively high air humidity, favouring a high diversity of rare and endangered epiphytic lichen species (Guttová & Lackovičová 2011). Our results not only contributed to the knowledge of distribution of rare lichens, but also represent a significant contribution to the knowledge of the species diversity of the studied sites and corresponding regions.

Havešová was poorly known prior to our study. During short visits to the site in 1993 and 1996, I. Pišút, A. Lackovičová and A. Guttová collected only 15 species on beech trunks, e.g. *Buellia schaeereri*, *Cetrelia cetrarioides*, *Lecania fuscella*, *Parmotrema perlatum*, *Pertusaria pertusa*, *P. nitidella* (Guttová 1997, Pišút & Guttová 1997). In the current study, we report 52 species recorded on beech trunks (7 species per tree on average), 47 of them new to Havešová. Almost half of these (23 species) are red-listed (Pišút et al. 2001). Two red-listed

species, *Epyrenula leucoplaca* and *Lecanographa amylacea*, had been treated as extinct (EX). Ten red-listed species are classified as endangered (EN), eight as vulnerable (VU), three as near threatened (NT) and one in the data deficient (DD) category. The number of 15 indicator species demonstrates the relatively high natural value of this site.

Stužica is known as one of the most important lichenological sites in Slovakia. The first investigations by I. Pišút and J. Liška in the 1960s and 1970s provided information on the occurrence of e.g. *Leptogium cyanescens*, *Lobaria pulmonaria*, *Menegazzia terebrata*, *Parmeliella triptophylla* and *Thelotrema lepadinum* (Pišút 1963). Pišút & Lackovičová (1992) and Pišút et al. (2007) published a study on lichens in the Bukovské vrchy Mts. (incl. Stužica). The most comprehensive study is by Vondrák et al. (2015), reporting 230 epiphytic and epixylic lichens from Stužica, which is the highest number known for this type of Central European forest (Vondrák et al. 2015). Among them, 95 species were previously not reported from beech trunks and, together with historical data, 186 species on beech trunks were reported from Stužica prior to our study. Seven species out of the 79 reported from Stužica in this study are new to the area, among them some rare or uncommon ones (e.g. *Gyalecta truncigena*), while others are common oligotrophic species (e.g. *Cladonia coniocraea*, *Coenogonium pineti* and *Imshaugia aleurites*). In addition, 11 species recorded on beech trunks during this study were previously reported only from other trees, mainly from *Acer* and *Abies* (e.g. *Calicium salicinum*, *Lecanora expallens*, *Micarea peliocarpa*, *Normandina pulchella*, *Opegrapha vulgata*). More than 48% of the lichens from Stužica are red-listed: 14 CR, 5 EN, 12 VU and 7 NT. With 19 species, indicators of ecological continuity are also well represented.

Vihorlat is a National Nature Reserve situated in Vihorlatské vrchy Mts. Reports by F. Hazslinszky and H. Lojka from the 19th century (e.g. Hazslinszky 1862) are among the oldest Slovak lichenological publications. They were followed by investigations by Szatala (1916, 1923), Servít & Nádvorník (1932), Pišút (1985, 1987), Lackovičová et al. (2004) and others. In total, more than 160 epiphytic and epixylic lichen species have been reported from the Vihorlatské vrchy Mts., among them the rare Oceanic species *Nephroma bellum*, *N. parille*, *Heterodermia speciosa* and *Pyrenula laevigata*. The last two have not been found recently. They are now considered to be extinct. The same goes for *Stictis urceolatum*, which was known from a single site in this area and has never been reported from neighbouring countries (Pišút 1987). Previously, only 22 epiphytic species (incl. 10 on beech) were recorded from Vihorlat National Nature Reserve. There is however confusion in the naming of the sites. Data published by Lackovičová et al. (2004) from Vihorlatský prales do not originate from the site reported here, but from Kyjovský prales National Nature Reserve (in the Vihorlatské vrchy Mts.). Among the 31 species detected by the Beech Boys, 28 are reported from

Vihorlat in this study for the first time. Thirteen species are red-listed (3 CR, 4 EN, 2 VU, 3 NT, 1 DD). Occurrence of some rare species considered as indicators of clean air and reported from the site in the past (e.g. *Menegazzia terebrata*, *Lobaria pulmonaria* and *Leptogium saturninum*) was not confirmed. The decline of these species in Slovakia is caused by an increase in air pollution. For example, *Leptogium saturninum*, known from nearly all Slovak mountains, has been reported from only four sites in Slovakia since 1960 (Pišút & Liška 1995).

Oblík is situated in the Slanské vrchy Mts., an area investigated in the past by F. Hazslinszky, H. Lojka, J. Suza, I. Pišút and J. Liška (Pišút & Liška 1985). A total of 170 epiphytic and epixylic lichens out of the 380 lichen species are known from the Slanské vrchy Mts. So far only eleven species have been reported from Oblík (with only *Phlyctis argena* recorded on beech). Of the 44 species reported from Oblík in this study (average 5 per tree), 32 are new to the area. Fifteen of them are red-listed (4 CR, 4 EN, 3 VU, 3 NT, 1 DD) and nine are indicator species.

Dobročský prales is a relatively well-known natural beech forest in Slovakia, but the first lichen report (*Usnea filipendula*) is quite recent (Križová 2002). Lackovičová & Pišút (2004) reported 62 lichen species from the reserve and its protection zone. One of the reported species by Lackovičová & Pišút (2004) was *Lecanora leuckertiana*, which is a misidentification according to a revision of the corresponding herbarium material (deposited in SAV) by M. Kukwa (Kukwa, pers. comm.). The correct identity of this lichen is *Lepraria ecorticata* (L.R. Laundon) Kukwa. This information has not been published previously, so this is the first time it is reported from Slovakia. In this study, 39 epiphytic lichens (average 7 per tree) are reported from Dobročský prales. Fifteen of them are red-listed in Slovakia (6 CR, 4 EN, 4 VU, 1 NT), twelve are indicator species.

Badínsky prales was a lichenologically unexplored forest. No lichens had been reported prior to our research except for a single collection of the lichenised basidiomycete *Multiclavula mucida* (Pišút 2000). Our brief visit (only 6 investigated trunks) resulted in the collection of 22 epiphytic lichens on beech (average 8 per tree), all of them new to the site. Seven species are red-listed (2 CR, 3 EN, 2 VU), and six species are indicators of ecological continuity of natural montane forests in Slovakia (Pišút 1997).

Also Klenovský Vepor National Nature Reserve did not have any historical lichen reports. It is situated on a hilltop only ca. 5 km east of Dobročský prales. Only few lichens (*Evernia divaricata*, *Usnea dasypoga*, *U. florida*, *U. glabrescens* and *Peltigera degenii*) are known from neighbouring northern slopes (Lackovičová & Pišút 2004). This study revealed 69 lichens on beech (average 7 per tree). Because of the lack of published data, they all represent new records for Klenovský Vepor. *Alyxoria ochrocheila* is new to Slovakia. A total of 30 red-listed species (10 CR, 7 EN, 7 VU, 5 NT, 1 DD) and 18 indicator species confirm the importance and natural value of the site.

Tab. 6. List of all lichen and lichenicolous species on beech trunks recorded at investigated sites incl. frequencies (as percentage of occurrence on investigated trunks).

General abbreviations: N – taxon new to Slovakia, F – non-lichenised fungi, I – indicator species of conservation value of beech forests, RL – red-listed species, X – additional records from non-stratified sampling.

Threatened species categories: EX – extinct, CR – critically endangered, EN – endangered, VU – vulnerable, NT – near threatened, DD – data deficient.

Abbreviations of investigated sites: B – Badínsky prales, D – Dobročský prales, H – Havešová, K – Klenovský Vepor, O – Oblík, S – Stučica, V – Vihorlat (for details, see Material and methods).

Species represented in herbarium SAV and their origin are indicated in the last column.

Status	Species	RL	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	SAV
I	<i>Acrocordia gemmata</i> (Ach.) A. Massal.		10%			4%				
	<i>Agonimia allobata</i> (Stizenb.) P. James		10%			9%		15%	X	H, O, D
	<i>Agonimia tristicula</i> (Nyl.) Zahlbr.	DD					4%			
N	<i>Alyxoria ochrocheila</i> (Nyl.) Ertz & Tehler						4%			K
I	<i>Alyxoria varia</i> (Pers.) Ertz & Tehler	VU	10%	8%	4%	4%	4%	15%	X	
	<i>Amandinea punctata</i> (Hoffm.) Coppins & Scheid.			8%		13%				S
	<i>Anisomeridium polypori</i> (Ellis & Everh.) M.E. Barr		10%	12%	8%	4%		4%	X	O, D
I	<i>Arthonia didyma</i> Körb.	CR	5%				12%	4%		K
I	<i>Arthonia helvola</i> (Nyl.) Nyl.	DD	10%		21%	9%				H, V
I	<i>Arthonia radiata</i> (Pers.) Ach.	CR	10%	4%		13%	12%			
I	<i>Arthonia ruana</i> A. Massal.	EN	14%			4%		4%		
I	<i>Arthonia spadicea</i> Leight.						4%	11%		D
	<i>Athallia holocarpa</i> Arup, Frödén & Søchting						4%			
	<i>Athallia cf. pyracea</i> (Ach.) Arup, Frödén & Søchting						4%			
	<i>Bacidia circumspecta</i> (Nyl. ex Vain.) Malme					4%				O
	<i>Bacidia incompta</i> (Borrer ex Hook.) Anzi							X		D
	<i>Bacidia rubella</i> (Hoffm.) A. Massal.	VU	10%	8%		4%	12%	11%		D
	<i>Bacidia subincompta</i> (Nyl.) Arnold					4%		4%		O, D
	<i>Bacidina arnoldiana</i> (Körb.) V. Wirth & Vězda					4%				
	<i>Bacidina delicata</i> (Larbal. ex Leight.) V. Wirth & Vězda		X							
	<i>Bacidina phacodes</i> (Körb.) Vězda		10%				4%	15%		H, D
I	<i>Belonia herculina</i> (Rehm ex Lojka) Hazsl.	CR	14%	4%						H, S
	<i>Biatora efflorescens</i> (Hedl.) Räsänen	VU	19%	40%		4%				
	<i>Biatora globulosa</i> (Flörke) Fr.		5%	4%		4%				
	<i>Biatora ocelliformis</i> (Nyl.) Arnold							4%		D
	<i>Biatora vernalis</i> (L.) Fr.			4%						S
	<i>Biatoridium monasteriense</i> J. Lahm	CR	5%	4%			4%	7%		D
	<i>Bilimbia sabuletorum</i> (Schreb.) Arnold			4%						
	<i>Buellia griseovirens</i> (Turner & Borrer ex Sm.) Almb.			12%		4%	4%			S

Status	Species	RL	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	SAV
I	<i>Calicium glaucellum</i> Ach.	CR					8%			K
I	<i>Calicium salicinum</i> Pers.	EN		4%	8%		4%			V, K
	<i>Caloplaca holocarpa</i> (Ach.) Wade						4%			
	<i>Candelariella efflorescens</i> auct. europ.			4%			4%			K
	<i>Candelariella xanthostigma</i> (Ach.) Lettau			12%			8%			K
	<i>Cetrelia olivetorum</i> (Nyl.) W.L. Culb. & C.F. Culb., sensu lato	VU		32%			4%			S
I	<i>Chaenotheca brachypoda</i> (Ach.) Tibell	CR			4%					V
I	<i>Chaenotheca chlorella</i> (Ach.) Müll. Arg.	EN			4%					V
I	<i>Chaenotheca chrysocephala</i> (Turner ex Ach.) Th. Fr.	VU					X			K
I	<i>Chaenotheca cf. stemonea</i> (Ach.) Müll. Arg.	CR			4%					V
I	<i>Chaenotheca trichialis</i> (Ach.) Th. Fr.	CR					8%	4%		K, D
F	<i>Chaenothecopsis consociata</i> (Nádv.) A.F.W. Schmidt						X			
F	<i>Chaenothecopsis pusilla</i> (Ach.) A.F.W. Schmidt		5%	4%		4%	4%			
F	<i>Chaenothecopsis cf. reagens</i> (Nádv.) A.F.W. Schmidt		5%							
	<i>Cladonia coniocraea</i> (Flörke) Spreng.		43%	60%	50%	26%		4%	X	
	<i>Cladonia digitata</i> (L.) Hoffm.			4%			12%			
	<i>Cladonia fimbriata</i> (L.) Fr.		10%	4%						
	<i>Coenogonium pineti</i> (Schrad. ex Ach.) Lüicking & Lumbsch		38%	8%	25%	30%	8%	7%	X	
I	<i>Collema flaccidum</i> (Ach.) Ach.	EN	5%				4%			H
	<i>Eopyrenula leucoplaca</i> (Wallr.) R.C. Harris	EX	5%							
	<i>Evernia prunastri</i> (L.) Ach.	EN	5%	4%		4%	4%			
I	<i>Fuscidea cyathoides</i> (Ach.) V. Wirth & Vězda	CR		4%						S
	<i>Fuscidea</i> sp.		5%	4%		13%	27%	4%		
I	<i>Graphis scripta</i> (L.) Ach.	EN	86%	36%	38%	26%	23%	63%	X	H, S, V
I	<i>Gyalecta flotowii</i> Körb.	CR	14%	4%						H
	<i>Gyalecta truncigena</i> (Ach.) Hepp	CR	5%	4%		4%				
	<i>Hypocenomyce scalaris</i> (Ach. ex Lilj.) M. Choisy			4%						
I	<i>Hypogymnia farinacea</i> Zopf	VU					8%			K
	<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i> (L.) Nyl.		5%	20%	17%	4%	69%	33%		
	<i>Hypogymnia tubulosa</i> (Schaer.) Hav.	NT					4%	4%		K
	<i>Imshaugia ateurites</i> (Ach.) S.L.F. Meyer	VU		8%						
	<i>Lecanographa amylacea</i> (Ehrh. ex Pers.) Egea & Torrente	EX	5%							H
	<i>Lecanora argentata</i> (Ach.) Malme			24%	4%		8%			S, K
	<i>Lecanora carpinea</i> (L.) Vain.			8%						S
	<i>Lecanora chlarotera</i> Nyl.		19%	28%	42%	48%	31%	7%	X	
	<i>Lecanora conizaeoides</i> Nyl. ex Cromb.			4%	13%		8%			K

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	<i>Lecanora expallens</i> Ach.			4%						S
	<i>Lecanora glabrata</i> (Ach.) Malme		43%	12%	8%	9%	15%	15%	X	K
	<i>Lecanora intumescens</i> (Rebent.) Rabenh.	EN					4%			K
	<i>Lecanora pulicaris</i> (Pers.) Ach.		5%	4%	4%	4%	8%	4%	X	V
	<i>Lecanora saligna</i> (Schrad.) Zahlbr.			4%			4%			S, K
	<i>Lecanora subintricata</i> (Nyl.) Th. Fr.		5%							H
	<i>Lecanora varia</i> (Hoffm.) Ach.	VU		4%						
	<i>Lecidella elaeochroma</i> (Ach.) M. Choisy		14%			13%	15%		X	O, K
	<i>Lecidella scabra</i> (Taylor) Hertel & Leuckert						4%			
	<i>Lepraria incana</i> (L.) Ach.		29%	36%	46%	26%	12%	41%	X	
	<i>Lepraria lobificans</i> Nyl.		57%	72%	33%	35%	73%	81%	X	
I	<i>Leptogium cyanescens</i> (Rabenh.) Körb.	CR		4%			4%			H
I	<i>Leptogium lichenoides</i> (L.) Zahlbr.			4%						H
	<i>Lichenomphalia umbellifera</i> (L.: Fr.) Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys			X						
I	<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i> (L.) Hoffm.	CR		12%			4%			
	<i>Melanelixia glabrata</i> (Lamy) Sandler & Arup		10%	40%	13%	30%	27%	52%	X	K
	<i>Micarea peliocarpa</i> (Anzi) Coppins & R. Sant.			4%						
	<i>Micarea prasina</i> Fr.		19%		4%	9%	8%	19%		
	<i>Multiclavula mucida</i> (Pers.) R.H. Petersen		5%	X			X			S
I	<i>Normandina pulchella</i> (Borrer) Nyl.	CR		8%						S
	<i>Ochrolechia androgyna</i> (Hoffm.) Arnold			4%						S
I	<i>Opegrapha rufescens</i> Pers.	VU					4%			K
I	<i>Opegrapha viridis</i> (Pers. ex Ach.) Behlen & Desberger	VU		4%				37%	X	S, D
I	<i>Opegrapha vulgata</i> Ach., sensu lato	VU		4%				4%		D
	<i>Parmelia saxatilis</i> (L.) Ach.	NT		40%	13%	4%	19%			S
I	<i>Parmelia submontana</i> Nádv. ex Hale	CR		4%						S
	<i>Parmelia sulcata</i> Taylor			48%		4%	15%	4%		
	<i>Parmelina tiliacea</i> (Hoffm.) Hale	NT		12%	4%	4%	4%			V, O
	<i>Parmeliopsis ambigua</i> (Wulfen) Nyl.			24%	8%	4%	8%			S
	<i>Parmeliopsis hyperopta</i> (Ach.) Arnold	VU		8%	8%					
	<i>Peltigera praetextata</i> (Flörke ex Sommerf.) Zopf		5%					4%		
	<i>Pertusaria albescens</i> (Huds.) M. Choisy & Werner	NT		20%						S
	<i>Pertusaria amara</i> (Ach.) Nyl.	NT		44%		4%				
	<i>Pertusaria coccodes</i> (Ach.) Nyl.	VU		4%						S
	<i>Pertusaria coronata</i> (Ach.) Th. Fr.	VU		4%						S
I	<i>Pertusaria hymenea</i> (Ach.) Schaer.	CR	5%			13%	4%	4%		H
	<i>Pertusaria pertusa</i> (Weigel) Tuck.	NT	5%							
I	<i>Phaeophyscia endophaenicea</i> (Harm.) Moberg	CR	5%	12%			8%			

Status	Species	RL	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	SAV
	<i>Phaeophyscia orbicularis</i> (Neck.) Moberg			X						S
	<i>Phlyctis agelaea</i> (Ach.) Flot.	CR			4%					
	<i>Phlyctis argena</i> (Spreng.) Flot.		38%	64%	17%	9%	38%	44%	X	
	<i>Physcia adscendens</i> H. Olivier			4%	4%		4%			S, V
	<i>Physcia dubia</i> (Hoffm.) Lettau						8%			K
	<i>Platismatia glauca</i> (L.) W.L. Culb. & C.F. Culb.	NT		44%			35%			
	<i>Porina leptalea</i> (Durieu & Mont.) A.L. Sm.	EN	19%						X	H
	<i>Pseudevernia furfuracea</i> (L.) Zopf	NT		4%	4%		8%			K
	<i>Pseudosagedia aenea</i> (Wallr.) Zahlbr.		38%		4%	70%	23%	11%	X	O
I	<i>Pyrenula nitida</i> (Weigel) Ach.	EN	57%	36%	42%	22%	8%	67%	X	
	<i>Ramalina farinacea</i> (L.) Ach.	EN		12%			8%	4%		D
	<i>Ramalina</i> sp.						4%			K
	<i>Ramalina pollinaria</i> (Westr.) Ach.	VU		4%			4%			
	<i>Ropalospora viridis</i> (Tønsberg) Tønsberg		5%			4%	4%	19%	X	D
	<i>Scoliciosporum umbrinum</i> (Ach.) Arnold					9%	8%			O
	<i>Strangospora moriformis</i> (Ach.) Stein		5%							
I	<i>Strigula stigmatella</i> (Ach.) R.C. Harris	CR		12%			4%			K
I	<i>Thelopsis rubella</i> Nyl.	CR	14%					4%		H, D
I	<i>Thelotrema lepadinum</i> (Ach.) Ach.	CR		4%				33%	X	
	<i>Trapelia corticola</i> Coppins & P. James			4%						S
	<i>Trapeliopsis flexuosa</i> (Fr.) Coppins & P. James			4%						S
	<i>Trapeliopsis granulosa</i> (Hoffm.) Lumbsch			4%			4%			
I	<i>Varicellaria hemisphaerica</i> (Flörke) I. Schmitt & Lumbsch	CR	5%	4%		4%			X	O
	<i>Violella fucata</i> (Stirt.) T. Sprib.		5%	4%	54%	43%	42%	33%	X	
	<i>Vulpicida pinastri</i> (Scop.) J.-E. Mattsson & M.J. Lai	NT		12%						S
Total	128	61	52	79	31	44	69	39	22	

Tab. 7. List of all lichen species recorded on other substrates.

General abbreviations: I – indicator species of conservation value of beech forests, RL – red-listed species.

Threatened species categories: EX – extinct, CR – critically endangered, EN – endangered, VU – vulnerable, NT – near threatened, DD – data deficient.

Abbreviations of investigated sites: B – Badinsky prales, D – Dobročský prales, H – Havešová, K – Klenovský Vepor, O – Oblík, S – Stuzica, V – Vihorlat (for details, see Material and methods).

Species represented in herbarium SAV and their origin are indicated in the last column.

Status	Species	RL	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Substrate	SAV
I	<i>Arthonia spadicea</i> Leight.							X		<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	D
I	<i>Arthonia vinosa</i> Leight.	CR			X					<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	V
I	<i>Bryoria capillaris</i> (Ach.) Brodo & D. Hawksw.	CR					X			<i>Picea abies</i>	K
I	<i>Collema flaccidum</i> (Ach.) Ach.	EN	X							rock	H

Status	Species	RL	H	S	V	O	K	D	B	Substrate	SAV
I	<i>Gyalecta flotowii</i> Körb.	CR		X						<i>Abies alba</i>	S
I	<i>Gyalecta ulmi</i> (Sw.) Zahlbr.	CR						X		<i>Acer platanoides</i>	D
	<i>Hypocomyce caradocensis</i> (Leight. ex Nyl.) P. James & Gotth. Schneid.			X						<i>Abies alba</i>	S
	<i>Hypocomyce scalaris</i> (Ach. ex Lilj.) M. Choisy			X			X			<i>Abies alba</i>	S
I	<i>Hypogymnia farinacea</i> Zopf	VU					X			<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	K
	<i>Hypogymnia tubulosa</i> (Schaer.) Hav.	NT					X			<i>Picea abies</i>	K
	<i>Lecanora conizaeoides</i> Nyl. ex Cromb.			X						<i>Abies alba</i>	S
	<i>Lecanora hagenii</i> (Ach.) Ach.			X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	S
	<i>Lepraria membranacea</i> (Dicks.) Vain.						X			rock	
I	<i>Leptogium cyanescens</i> (Rabenh.) Körb.	CR	X							rock	H
I	<i>Leptogium lichenoides</i> (L.) Zahlbr.		X							rock	H
I	<i>Lobaria pulmonaria</i> (L.) Hoffm.	CR		X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	
I	<i>Nephroma parile</i> (Ach.) Ach.	CR		X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	
I	<i>Opegrapha vermicellifera</i> (Kunze) J.R. Laundon		X							<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	H
	<i>Physcia adscendens</i> H. Olivier				X					<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	V
	<i>Parmelina tiliacea</i> (Hoffm.) Hale	NT			X	X				<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	V, O
	<i>Parmeliopsis ambigua</i> (Wulfen) Nyl.			X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	
	<i>Platismatia glauca</i> (L.) W.L. Culb. & C.F. Culb.	NT		X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	
	<i>Pseudevernia furfuracea</i> (L.) Zopf	NT					X			<i>Picea abies</i>	K
	<i>Ramalina carpatica</i> Körb.	NT					X			rock	K
I	<i>Varicellaria hemisphaerica</i> (Flörke) I. Schmitt & Lumbsch	CR				X				<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	
	<i>Vulpicida pinastri</i> (Scop.) J.-E. Mattsson & M.J. Lai	NT		X						<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	S
Total	26	16	4	10	3	2	7	2	0		

CONCLUSION

In this study, Stučica showed the highest number of fungal (126) and lichen (79) species recorded on beech wood and living trees. It had the highest number (19) of fungal site specific species (collected only on single site) and the highest number (19) of lichen indicators. Including historical data, a total of 19 fungal indicators of high nature conservation value have been reported from this site, which makes it

the first ranked among European beech forests explored so far. The second highest number of fungal species (121) and highest number of indicator species (14) recorded on beech wood was reported from Havešová. For lichens, Havešová ranks third, with 52 recorded lichens in total and 15 indicators. Klenovský Vepor is second in lichen species richness on beech trees (69) and indicators (18) and is the third richest for fungal species on beech wood (80 in total, 12 indicators). The site with the lowest number of beech wood-inhabiting species was Vihorlat (72 fungi and 31 lichens), including 8 fungal indicators. In the evaluation above, Badínský prales is not included, because the site was only visited for a short time and just a few logs were investigated. The highest diversity at Stučica is related to the large area of continuous forest cover: it is the most isolated site distant from industrial or agricultural influence, its area is much larger than that of any of the other sites explored (the second largest reserve, Havešová, has a size of not more than a fourth), it has the largest range of expositions, the largest altitudinal range and the largest variety of habitats. Similarly, the limited diversity in Vihorlat corresponds to its small area, hilltop position directly exposed to wind and sun, low range of altitudes and the vicinity of chemical industry (in the towns of Strážske and Humenné). Both indicator systems, the fungus system by Christensen et al. (2004) and the lichen system by Pišút (1997, updated by Lackovičová & Guttová 2005) show similar results and our research approved its reliability in assessing the conservation value of montane old-growth beech forests.

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