



Prof. dr. Velibor Spalevic

Prof. dr. Velibor Spalevic (1970) is a professor at the Biotechnical Faculty and the Geography of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Montenegro. He teaches subjects in agricultural engineering, environmental science, and physical geography, including Agricultural Mechanization, Soil Geography, earlier Geoinformatics, Biogeography, Eco-management, and Landscapes and the Environment. He is an internationally recognized expert in ecological engineering. He obtained his BSc (1995) and MSc (1999) and PhD (2011) at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Agriculture. Parts of his doctoral research were conducted at Cornell University (USA), focusing on erosion modelling and soil-water interactions.

Prof. Spalevic has over 30 years of research experience and has supervised young researchers, as well as numerous MSc and PhD theses across Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. From 2001 to 2014, he was working for the European Commission and held senior managerial positions within the European Agency for Reconstruction and the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, where he managed 105 EU-funded projects in agriculture, rural development and environment with annual portfolios of €13-18 million. He later served as President of the Governing Board of the Institute of Forestry of Montenegro and as Project Director of the IFAD (United Nations) Rural Development Programme to Montenegro, contributing to poverty reduction and sustainable investment in rural areas.

Prof. Spalevic is the author or co-author of over 560 scientific publications, including 135 SCI papers (180 indexed in SCI/Scopus in total). He has also co-authored several book chapters published by Springer and is among the most cited researchers in Montenegro. He is the developer of the “River Basins”, “Surface and Distance Measuring”, and “IntErO” erosion and watershed models (Technical solution - Method “M81”, Ministry of Science, Serbia), as well as “WIntErO” and “Global IntErO”, applied internationally. His current research focuses on climate change impacts, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

He is President of the GEA scientific research platform and has served as Council Member and Chair of the Youth Committee of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), and as Committee Chair (2019-2022) of the European Geosciences Union (EGU) Division on Soil, Environment, and Ecosystem Interactions. He is also a member of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), the Engineering Academy of Serbia, the Engineering Academy of Montenegro, and the Committee for Agriculture and Forestry of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (CANU). He has been a member of the Scientific Board of the Senate of the University of Montenegro (2019-2022) and a member of multiple international conference committees.

He received the University of Montenegro Award for exceptional achievements to scientific research and the University’s international reputation in 2018, 2021, and 2023, and was ranked first in both 2024 and 2025. At the 16th International Education Fair “Signposts,” Novi Sad, Serbia, in 2021, he received a special diploma in recognition of his contribution to the development of higher education.