Maja Stojiljkovic (PhD)

Maja Stojiljkovic works in the Laboratory for Molecular Biomedicine at the Institute of Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering, University of Belgrade (since 2010 as Assistant Head). As molecular biologist she is dedicated to research on genetics of rare diseases. She conducted the first studies on molecular-genetic basis of several rare diseases (phenylketonuria, thalassemia, congenital adrenal hyperplasia etc.) in Serbia which enabled genetic diagnostics of these diseases in the country. She has introduced next generation sequencing approach into Serbian rare disease diagnostics practice and has published in international scientific journals (such as Nature Genetics, Clinical Genetics, etc.).

Maja is currently leading research sub-project “Influence of causative and modifier genes on the clinical variability and the individualization of therapy for patients with rare inherited diseases” which is the part of project “Rare Diseases: Molecular Pathophysiology, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Modalities and Social, Ethical and Legal Aspects” (MESTD-RS, 2011-2016). She was a co-PI in two international projects. She is actively involved in promoting genetic testing and raising awareness on rare diseases.

She has served for two years as member-at-large in the ICORD board. She is also the assistant coordinator of Serbian ORPHANET team and a member of the Expert Committee of Serbian umbrella patient organization (NORBS).