

# MEMORIES

Professor Budimac, my  
colleague and beloved friend

# A timeline of one long friendship

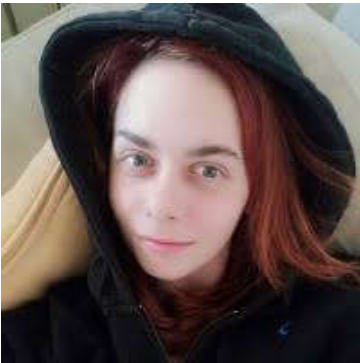
- June 1991, Novi Sad: STINF
- June 1991, Cavtat, ITI SRCE
- July 1991, Ohrid, first joint summer holiday
- September 1991, Novi Sad, first meeting with prof. Surla
- December 1991, Novi Sad, first epic birthday celebration
- 1992: Novi Sad, consultations with prof. Surla, free time with Budimac family
- 1993: Skopje, my PhD defense
- 1993: Ohrid, joint celebration of the new philosophy doctor

Zoran and I in 1991



# Our new role: parentships

- February 1995: Ana Zdravkova
- July 1995: Jakov Budimac
- January 1997: Viktor Zdravkov
- May 1997: Tara Budimac



# Life goes on

- 1995 – 1999:
- Zdravkov family was mainly stuck at home
- Budimac family started filling the map of the world with the first flags



# 1999: NATO bombing

- Zoran was publishing his famous “Newsletters”
- He wore a t-shirt with the text: “We lost the most” (most in Serbian is bridge)
- We were all sorry, hoping that the invasion will soon be over, at least for Tara’s second birthday
- June 1999: Aleksandar Popović was murdered
- Great tragedy for all, particularly for Zoran who adored his young associate

# A beginning of DAAD project series

- 2000: The initiative for a DAAD project led by prof. Klaus Bothe from Humboldt University
  - The proposal was successful
  - February 2001: My first visit to Berlin
  - Zoran was the best possible guide ever
  - We visited many museums, including the Egyptian museum, the canal where Rosa Luxemburg was thrown and also Kreuzberg\*
- \*Klaus was not happy at all to hear this

# The project was a great success 😊



## Introduction



The project started in 2001 when it was supported by [DAAD](#) (German Academic Exchange Service) under auspices of Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. The main goal of the project has been to cooperatively develop a joint web-based course in software engineering, the materials of which are now in use by several partner universities. The second main focus of the project was a cooperative research project on distributed software reengineering of a technical system in experimental physics.

In 2004 the project continued under support of DAAD and auspices of [Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe Sponsored by Germany](#). It has 17 [participating institutions](#) from 10 countries. The leader of the project is [Prof. Klaus Bothe](#), Institute of Informatics, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

Currently project deals with:

- creation of new educational topics in [joint course of software engineering](#) and new case studies for usage in lectures;
- creation of joint teaching materials in "[Object-oriented programming in Java](#)", "Compiler construction", "[Software project management](#)", "Data structures and algorithms"
- continuation of the work on cooperative research on distributed [software reengineering of a technical system in experimental physics](#);
- work on localization of produced material and building of appropriate specialized tool(s).
- transforming parts of existing teaching materials into an e-learning and distance learning environment

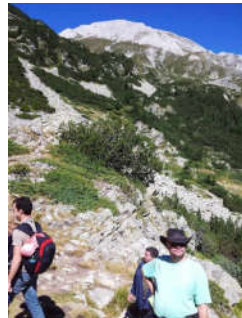
The activities and results of the projects are reported and reviewed on annual project workshops. Besides that, since the year 2003, there are also annual project coordination meetings. Results and reports on project activities have been reported in numerous [papers](#) published at international and national conferences.



# DAAD project results

- 17 participating institutions from 10 countries
- Many joint papers
- Many, many annual workshops
- Many project coordination Berlin meetings with magnificent weekends, including climbing on
- Joint course in Software engineering
- Many extensions of the project, the last one in September 2023

# Zoran and few of many DAAD workshops



# Zoran and his iconic photo

Social life during the workshop in Ravda.  
Taken during five minutes around 21.00 on Sept 20, 2006.  
Not staged.



P.S. I am doing this only because my laptop ran out of batteries. ☹



F60 conveyor in the Jämschwalde mine  
without Zoran and me on the top



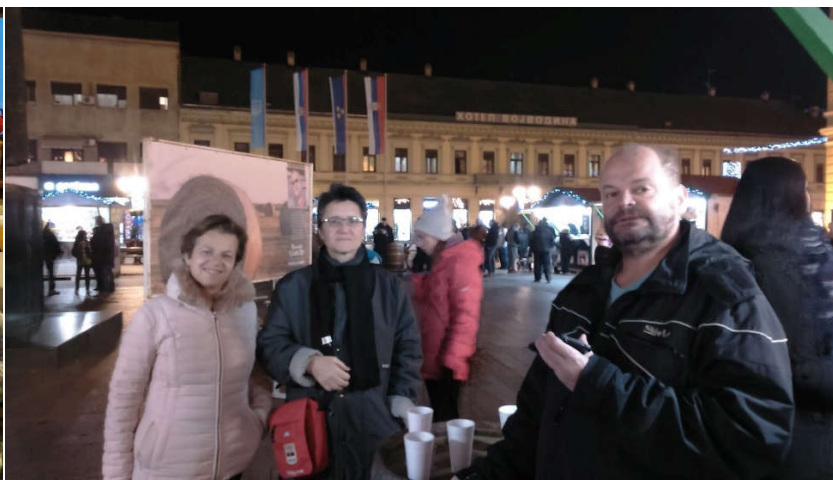
# New projects

- 2004: Joint M.Sc. Curriculum in Software Engineering
  - Humboldt, Novi Sad, Skopje, DeMontfort, Deusto, Nis, Belgrade, Stanimir Stoyanov and Ioan Jurca as external experts
- 2007: NATO project Trust Management System in the Network of Networks
  - DeMontfort, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Skopje
- Great collaboration, nice study stays, gorgeous colleagues, beautiful places

# Our private lives together

- 2000: Joint summer holiday in Ohrid (seven people in the small apartment (to say nothing of the eight))
- Lots of meetings in Novi Sad and Skopje, joint lunches in our parents' homes and visits to nice restaurants
- Celebrations of Saint Mrata day in the Budimac home
- December 2010: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- September 2012: BCI in Novi Sad and the saddest day of my life
- Several ritual ciggarets
- Amusement with Not-so-easily Amused Tourist Youtube chanel

# Few memories of our friendship



# Our last meeting

- Skopje, September 2022, ICT Innovations
- Zoran lost his cane, the one he needed after the Bansko DAAD workshop in 2013.
- Mira forgot her glasses, but they were found and the former “punk” brought them to Novi Sad shortly
- October 2022: Zoran lost his spare cane
- Zoran estimated that one day those canes would be of inestimable value and that whoever finds them will become rich



# Zoran, the cane and FINKI



# My private address to Zoran

- Thank you for:
  - Being my great and loyal friend;
  - Allowing me to be part of your family;
  - Helping me get out of the professional maze;
  - Including me in your projects;
  - Introducing me to colleagues who helped me in my career;
  - Inspiring me to work by saying: “Ajmo sad, brzo i efikasno”;
  - Calming my pain when I lost my beloved father;
  - Listening attentively to my ramblings and confessions without complaint;
  - Always offering me a shoulder to cry on.

# Zoran Budimac, the one and only

- A top scientist and a teacher of great charm;
- An excellent presenter whose performances were an event to remember;
- A great friend and a joker;
- A wonderful son, who respected and loved his parents;
- An amazing father, who treasured and admired his children;
- And, above all, a husband who adored his wife, was proud of her and whom he appreciated as an icon from the bottom of his heart.

# My final words to Zoran

- You will remain in our hearts forever.
- We will always be proud that we knew you, because people with a pure heart and soul like you are born extremely rarely.
- You shared your life with us and we are grateful for that.
- Eternal glory to you, my dearest friend.