

Project Update: December 2013

The team of the project “Spiders and Sands” made a very good inventory work of the Deliblato sands during the fieldwork phase. Several collecting techniques gave us the preliminary results on which we could conclude that the list of species will have not only first records for our investigated place but for Serbia as well. We also found some very interesting spider species such as *Argiope lobata* (Photo 1) that was recorded in our country a long time ago in 1897. Some of team members proved their field work expertise and found *Atypus* sp. (Photo 2) a very well camouflaged and primitive spider.



Photo 1. *Argiope lobata* last time recorded in Serbia in 1897.

Photo 2. *Atypus* sp. a well camouflaged and primitive spider.



One student was involved in all fieldwork activities, and we have a visitor who is also Rufford awarded. For the better preparation of the outreach stage we organised a preliminary lecture in one primary school. We talk about spiders, how the job of researcher looks like, and then we make some little workshop where children made a spider web of paper plate and wool (Photo 3).



Photo 3. Preliminary lecture in primary school and little workshop