## **Our People**

Talent Management and Engagement 2018 – Zagreb & Skipton Dechra Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing (DPM)



A total of ten trainees have been working at the Zagreb site gaining valuable experience to set each of these talented graduates up for successful careers.

## Marina Zubcic

"When I applied for this position in Dechra (Quality Control for vaccines) I honestly did not know what to expect since I graduated from my degree course in Nutrition Science. But from the information I got from the Company's website I knew this was the position for me and I have been proved right.

I have learned so much in a relatively short time and am aware that I still have a lot to learn. The people in my lab are like a little family. Whenever there is



build of work in analysis, other people jump in to help, everyone participates in the planning of the work, every person's word is heard and acknowledged. I am really happy that I have had the opportunity to work here because the experience that I am getting is invaluable."

## Andrea Križanac

"Your first job teaches you how to apply those techniques you have learned at college in the "real world", I can say I am really grateful that my first job was at Dechra. I have learnt new skills, gained valuable on the job training, and have grown my experience. These nine months have been exciting and inspirational. I met such great people and real experts in different areas. I have always dreamed of being a part of company because of its culture and people and I can tell I found this in Dechra. It all takes time and the right attitude to learn. Accomplishment in such small tasks only gives you the courage to take up bigger projects. So, I hope I will continue to be part of this story and contribute with my work to the Company's development and success."

At Skipton, UK, we have had several employees undertake NVQ programmes in a variety of departments. The site is working with Cogent as its Apprenticeship partner to plan ongoing development in developing its managers and skills in quality and production. The engineering apprenticeship programme continues to go from strength to strength. A key highlight, showing the incredible calibre of employees is demonstrated by our second year apprentice, Stephanie Thorne. Her previous roles were all administration, but her true passion lies in engineering. This has been evident throughout her life as she volunteers with a local steam train group and is a fully qualified fire fighter. Her interest in fixing things and striving to learn has resulted in her winning the college 'Apprentice of the Year'. Her tutor, Dave Crook, said the reason why she was nominated was that she excelled in all her work from the year before, bringing all her course work in ahead of schedule, and then helping others with their work.