



News Release

Nominations Open: Croatian Women of Influence Award

Recognizing leadership, innovation & community impact

Toronto, ON & Zagreb, Republic of Croatia, September 24, 2015 – The Croatian Women's Network, is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the inaugural Croatian Women of Influence Award and the Top 20-Under-20 Future Leaders Award.

The Croatian Women of Influence Award recognizes leadership, innovation and community impact of women of Croatian ancestry and will be conferred to nominees from the Republic of Croatia and from the vast Croatian diaspora.

A companion Top-20-Under-20 Future Leaders award will be conferred to enterprising young women from the ages of 16-20. Winners will be granted a financial award and will have the opportunity to partner with a network champion and mentor to assist them in developing their projects.

"These awards provide a platform for showcasing the rich contribution of female leaders of Croatian descent in academia, arts and culture, business, the military, philanthropy and sport," said Caroline Spivak, Founder of the Croatian Women's Network and the Croatian Women of Influence award. "We have the opportunity to inspire future leaders and connect distinguished women globally."

Awards will be presented at a gala event on International Women's Day, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the famed Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb, following a day-long conference: *Advancing Women, Advancing Economies. Realize the Potential.*

The Croatian Women's Network and the Croatian Women of Influence Award are a platform to connect successful women from around the world, who share Croatian ancestry and heritage, to celebrate their achievements, to inspire, champion and mentor younger generations and to advance and empower women.

Nomination forms can be accessed at www.CroatianWomensNetwork.org and will be accepted up until midnight local time on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Croatian Women's Network (www.CroatianWomensNetwork.org) is a forum for the advancement and empowerment of women. The Croatian Women's Network and the Croatian Women of Influence Award connect distinguished women of Croatian ancestry from around the world to celebrate their achievements and to inspire, champion and mentor younger generations. For membership and conference registration information, please email info@CroatianWomensNetwork.org.

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