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CWN Announces the 2019 Croatian Women of Influence Award Winners

4th Annual Award celebrates leadership and innovation from five countries

Toronto, ON, Canada & Zagreb, Republic Croatia, October 30, 2018 – The Croatian Women's Network/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena congratulates the 19 winners of the coveted [Croatian Women of Influence Award](#) and [Future Leaders Award](#), which will be conferred at a gala event on International Women's Day Friday, March 8th, 2019 in Zagreb, Republic of Croatia.

"Competition for the awards has become quite fierce, said Caroline Spivak, Founder, Croatian Women's Network and the Croatian Women of Influence awards. "We're overwhelmed by the increasing number of nominations and are thrilled to hear about the incredible work and accomplishments of Croatian women. Our congratulations to the winners and all the nominees."

Nineteen winners were selected out of 63 nominations representing Australia, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Republic of Croatia, Switzerland and the United States of America. This brings the overall number of award winners to 94 selected from more than 230 nominations received from Croatian diaspora communities from around the world.

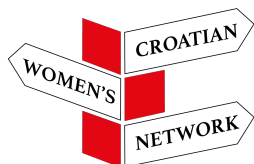
A complete list of the 2019 winners can be found at croatianwomensnetwork.org/2019-winners-of-croatian-women-of-influence-award.

The Croatian Women of Influence Award recognizes leadership, innovation and community impact of women of Croatian ancestry and will be conferred to 19 distinguished women from the Republic of Croatia and the vast Croatian diaspora. A companion Future Leaders award will be conferred to one enterprising young women under the age of 20 who has demonstrated extraordinary talent at an early age. "Supporting the success of young and emerging leaders is an area where we have the most significant opportunity to support new innovations and achieve the greatest success," said Spivak.

Awards will be presented at a gala event celebrating International Women's Day, following the annual conference: Advancing Women, Advancing Economies. *Realize the Potential!*

The Croatian Women's Network/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena (www.CroatianWomensNetwork.org) is a global forum that celebrates, champions and connects distinguished women of Croatian ancestry from around the world who work together to inspire and support each other. The Croatian Women of Influence and Future Leader Awards honors their achievements.

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Editors Note: Full List of 2019 Winners is attached below.

FUTURE LEADER AWARD

Jelena Lara Marinković – Republic of Croatia

CROATIAN WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARD

1. Danijela Balikić – Republic of Croatia – Entrepreneurship
2. Damjana Domanovac – Republic of Croatia – Entrepreneurship
3. Sanja Drakulić – Republic of Croatia – Arts & Culture
4. doc. dr. sc. Nataša Drvenkar – Republic of Croatia – Science & Technology
5. dr. sc. Jasenka Gajdoš Kljusurić – Republic of Croatia – Science & Technology
6. Viktorija Knežević – Republic of Croatia – Leadership & Innovation
7. Ankica Kovač – Republic of Croatia – Leadership & Innovation
8. Biljana Lovrinović – Bosnia-Herzegovina/United States of America – Entrepreneurship
9. dr. sc. Ulla Marton – Republic of Croatia – Philanthropy
10. Katica Perinac – Australia – Leadership & Innovation
11. Nada Pritisanac Matulich – United States of America – Philanthropy
12. Nada Prkačin – Republic of Croatia – Arts & Culture
13. dr. sc. Mirna Šitum – Republic of Croatia – Science & Technology
14. doc. dr. sc. Vanja Slijepčević-Saftić, dr. med. – Republic of Croatia – Science & Technology
15. dr. sc. Hedda Martina-Šola – Republic of Croatia – Leadership & Innovation
16. Ruža Studer Babić – Switzerland – Leadership & Innovation
17. doc. dr. sc. prim. Spomenka Tomek-Roksandić, dr. med. – Republic of Croatia – Science & Technology
18. Ana Vidović – United States of America – Arts & Culture