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Croatian Women's Network™/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena Reveals the 2024 Croatian Women of Influence Award and Future Leader Award Winners

Prestigious awards recognizes 26 leaders from 11 countries

Buenos Aires, Argentina, & Zagreb, Republic Croatia, November 28, 2023 – Croatian Women's Network™/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena has revealed the 24 winners of the coveted Croatian Women of Influence Award and the two winners of the Future Leader Award which will be conferred at a gala event on International Women's Day Friday, March 8th, 2024 in Zagreb, Republic of Croatia. This year's announcement is being made from Buenos Aires, Argentina at the start of the first-ever in-person gathering of CROactivas®, the Croatian Women's Network of Latin America.

"We extend our deepest congratulations to the incoming winners, to the nominees and our appreciation to all those who took the time to nominate a women of distinction," said Caroline Spivak, founder, Croatian Women's Network™/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena and inceptor of the Croatian Women of Influence Awards and the Future Leader Awards. "This year we received a record number of 156 nominations from 15 countries. For the first time in the history of the awards, we received 15 nominations from current CWol and Future Leader award holders.

"Growing international interest in the award and the Network validates the significance placed on it and reinforces our purpose as we continue to connect, celebrate, champion and recognize the accomplishments of Croatian women the world over," noted Spivak.

Winners were drawn from more than 156 nominations representing 15 countries. The 2024 class of laureates come from a total of 11 countries: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia, United Kingdom and the United States of America. This brings the overall number of award winners to 165 selected from more than 550 nominations since the awards inception in 2016.

The Croatian Women of Influence Award recognizes leadership, innovation and community impact of Croatian women and will be conferred to 24 distinguished women from the Republic of Croatia and the vast Croatian diaspora. The Future Leader Award, which recognizes enterprising young woman between the ages of 16 to 25 who demonstrate extraordinary talent and leadership, will be conferred two emerging leaders from Croatia.

A complete list of the 2024 Croatian Women of Influence Award and Future Leader Award winners can be viewed at <https://croatianwomensnetwork.org/cwoi-awards/cwoi-2024>.

Awards will be presented at a gala event celebrating International Women's Day, following the international conference: Advancing Women, Advancing Economies. *Realize the Potential!* on Friday, March 8, 2024, in Zagreb.

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The Croatian Women's Network™/Mreža Hrvatskih Žena/La Red de Mujeres Croatas is a global forum that connects, celebrates and champions distinguished women of Croatian ancestry from around the world who work together to inspire and support each other. The Croatian Women of Influence Award and the Future Leader Award honor their achievements. More information can be found at www.CroatianWomensNetwork.org and @CWNLeaders.

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Editors Notes:

- Full List of 2024 Winners is provided below.
- Additional print-ready images can be found at <https://croatianwomensnetwork.org/cwoi-awards/cwoi-2024>

FUTURE LEADER AWARD – 2024

1. Datković Dubravka – Croatia
2. Kuštro Marija – Croatia

CROATIAN WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARD - 2024

1. Arapović Rafaella	Canada	Leadership & Innovation
2. Bačić Ana	Canada	Leadership & Innovation
3. Barjašić Ana	UK	Leadership & Innovation
4. Brkljačić Morana	Croatia	Science & Technology
5. Erdelez Sanda	USA	Science & Technology
6. Heisinger Petra	Croatia	Entrepreneurship
7. Kramar Mateja-Anđelina	Croatia	Leadership & Innovation
8. Krežić Kittelson Vesna	USA	Arts & Culture
9. Krizmanić Živić Judith	USA	Leadership & Innovation
10. Krtulić Šeparović Frances	Australia	Science & Technology
11. Likan Vedrana	Croatia	Business
12. Lonac Catalina	Argentina	Philanthropy
13. Lopéz Golac Lluvitza	Bolivia	Leadership & Innovation
14. Miličević Mirjana	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Leadership & Innovation
15. Pavić Blažetin Branka	Hungary	Arts & Culture
16. Petir Marijana	Croatia	Leadership & Innovation
17. Rendić Drina	Chile	Arts & Culture
18. Šonjić Ana Maria	Argentina	Leadership & Innovation
19. Sredle Katherine	USA	Science & Technology
20. Stanić Andrea	Croatia	Arts & Culture
21. Temunović Mira	Serbia	Arts & Culture
22. Vlasica Katherine	USA	Science & Technology
23. Žakula Blanka	Croatia	Arts & Culture
24. Živković Ivanović Tamara	Croatia	Philanthropy