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On behalf of the IEEE PES Chapter Serbia and Montenegro and the Local Organizing Committee, my pleasure is to inform you that the workshop

**Public outreach to Power Engineering Community in Serbia and Western Balkan Region focusing on the female members and young professionals,**

sponsored by IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES), was successfully held in the Belgrade, Serbia on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The moderator of the workshop and team leader of Local Organizing Committee was Lidija Korunovic.

At the beginning of the workshop several very important IEEE PES members spoke about ***IEEE PES and opportunities it provides to members***. Firstly, Jovica Milanovic, IEEE R8 PES Representative, Vera Markovic, IEEE Serbia and Montenegro Section Chair, and Jasna Dragosavac, PES Serbia and Montenegro Chapter Co-chair welcome the attendees. Miroslav Begovic, Immediate Past-President of IEEE PES spoke about IEEE Power & Energy Society and Meliha Selak, PES LRP, Immediate Past IEEE PES VP Chapters about PES Opportunities.



*Jovica Milanovic, IEEE R8 PES Representative, speaking at the beginning of the workshop*

Panel ***Students and young professionals from the region*** took place at the same place, hotel Excelsior, with following topics and panelists:

- ***PES Student Chapters and Student Congress***: Danijel Topić, IEEE PES Student Chapters
- ***Experiences in national and international projects***: Stanko Janković, PES Serbia
- ***Students and young professionals as a part of IEEE Republic of Macedonia Section***: Mirjana Sadiković, IEEE PES Republic of Macedonia
- ***PES SB Zagreb Activity Report***: Boris Pećanac, IEEE PES Croatia
- ***PES Student Branch Chapter of University of Osijek - Technical and Social Activities***: Matej Žnidarec, ***PES SB Osijek Chair***

- **IEEE Young Professionals Activities in BiH Section:** Almedin Kavaz , IEEE BiH Section/PES
- **Intsikt – International Symposium of ITC Technologies:** Nermin Suljanovic, IEEE BiH Section/PES



*Students and young professionals from the region after the panel of the same name*

After the visits of the attendees to Nikola Tesla museum, the workshop continued in Metropol Palace Hotel Belgrade with *panel within MEDPOWER 2016, Women in Electrical Engineering*. Topics of this panel were:

- **Women in Engineering – Affinity Group of IEEE Serbia and Montenegro Section:** Biljana Stošić, WIE S&M
- **The Contribution of Women in Engineering:** Mare Srbinovska, IEEE PES Republic of Macedonia
- **Challenges of the University Career:** Lidija Korunović, IEEE PES S&M
- **Be a Professional:** Elvisa Bećirović, IEEE BiH Section PES Chapter Chair
- **Writing an IEEE PES Journal Articles, Professional Benefits, Challenges and How to Overcome Them:** Jasna Dragosavac, IEEE PES S&M
- **Women in Sustainable Energy:** Maja Turković, Association for Sustainable Development, Serbia
- **Side by side with men:** Sunčica Cvetković, Siemens d.o.o. Beograd



*Panel Women in Electrical Engineering within MEDPOWER 2016*

During the workshop tens of delegates from around the region exchanged ideas and discussed the results of their professional activities. Many attendees commented that the event was very well organized and useful and that there is a lot of interest for similar events in the region.

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