

# Dr. Aleksandar Petrov Celebrates Jubilee

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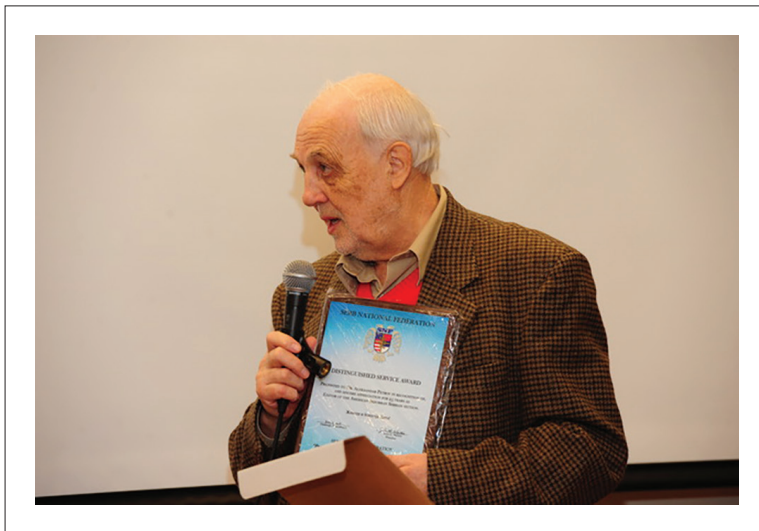
PITTSBURGH, PA – On March 30th, Dr. Aleksandar Petrov marked 26 years of editing the Serbian Section of the *American Srbobran*.

He was honored at the fourth Serbian Movie Festival at the University of Pittsburgh by SNF President John Martich, who bestowed the SNF Distinguished Service Award for his work and contribution to inform the Serbian-American community about important events in the United States and the homeland. Dr. Petrov expressed great respect on the recognition and stressed that editing the *American Srbobran* for him is not "a job, but a mission."

On April 1, 1993, Dr. Petrov officially began as editor of the Serbian Section. At the time, the *American Srbobran* was 32 pages in total, 12 pages devoted to the Serbian Section. The format was broad page. Compared to today's digital work, the paper was typed on machines for publishing, then sent to the printer. Dr. Petrov was the editor of the *American Srbobran* during the 1990s, some of the most difficult years for Serbian people abroad and here. He was active in supporting the Serbian cause, especially during the NATO bombing of Serbia in 1999.

Readers of the Serbian Section have always passionately read his literary corner, which was renewed during the 2000s. During his editing, many famous Serbian writers published their critiques, stories, and poems. In 2006, the *American Srbobran* celebrated its 100th anniversary. Dr. Petrov published the edition in *Politika*. This issue of *Politika* circulated 300,000 copies. He was also first to deliver a lecture and prepared an exhibition about the *American Srbobran* in the Kolarac Hall in Belgrade in the mid-1990s.

Besides working as an editor, he is also an outstanding Serbian poet, novelist, literary critic, and anthologist. He published three novels "Like Gold in



Fire" (1998), "Turkish Vienna" (2000), "The Lion's Cave" (2004) and the Trilogy (2009), and eight books of poetry. His poetry was translated to 29 foreign languages. He is a recipient of several Serbian and international awards. He received the Life Achievement Award from the Serbian Writers Association (2009), The Lucian Blaga Great Award for Poetry in Romania (2004), and the award for the best Russian language poet writing in the Russian Diaspora in Moscow (2008) among others. He served as a President of the Writers Association of Serbia, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Literature and Art in Belgrade, Director of the History of Literature Department, and taught at many universities in the United States and other countries. He is a currently affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh, and a member of

many literary and academic associations including P.E.N. Association.

In his works, he has always strengthened ties between Serbian-Americans and the homeland. For him, the Serb National Federation has always been a "bridge" for connecting people, and both countries the United States and Serbia: "It [the SNF] has spread its wings not across a river, but across the North American continent, bringing together Serbian Americans, and bridging the distances between them and differences that separate them. Our Savez has also spread its wings across the ocean, connecting Serbs in the homeland with Serbian-Americans here."

The Board and Staff of the Serb National Federation and the *American Srbobran* congratulate Dr. Petrov for his hard and excellent work and his great contribution to preserving our heritage and perpetuating Serbian culture and art. His beloved Savez is proud of his work in the *American Srbobran*, the oldest continuously published Serbian newspaper in the world.

Живели много лета!

## SAMANTHA MILOSH MAKES SFU HALL OF FAME

LORETTO, PA - Saint Francis University Department of Athletics has just announced the induction of eight members and one team into its Hall of Fame for the Class of 2019.

The eight individuals include Michael Caputo '07 (Football), Richard "Dick" Condo '69 (Wrestling), Jeff Hamilton '85 (Men's Basketball), Erika Jacobs '07 (Cross Country/Track & Field), Samantha Milosh '08 (Women's Golf), Jack Phelan '77 (Men's Basketball), Jay Roberts '75 (Football), and Colleen (Joyce) Simmons '96 (Women's Basketball). Additionally, the 2000 men's cross-country team will enter as the sixth team in school history to be inducted.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held during Alumni Weekend on Friday, July 26, on the campus of Saint Francis University.

Samantha Milosh Baldwin, a 2008 graduate of Saint Francis University was the dominant golfer on a dominant team. She was a two-time individual NEC Champion, winning the titles in 2006 and 2007. A four-time All-NEC selection, Milosh was the first player to shoot a round of 69 in the NEC Championships, which currently ranks second all-time. Her performance helped SFU to two NEC Team titles in 2006 and 2007.

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