

## Words from Alexandra Mandic:

"I am pleased to announce that the Second Annual Cetnik Family Reunion will be held on September 19, 2015 at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 2151 West Wallings Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. The invitation is open to Cetniks, members of all Cetnik organizations, the descendants of Cetniks, and supporters of Cetniks. Our mission for the reunion is to get acquainted or reacquainted with Cetnik families across the United States and Canada. In order to ensure the success of this year's reunion, we are looking to have representatives from each city/church to spread the news of the reunion and to post flyers on church bulletin boards. Please let me know via email at alexam1976@aol.com if you would like to represent your city/church. I will also be taking suggestions for this year's reunion at that same email address. For those that attended last year's reunion, please consider providing what you liked and what you think we could do differently from last year's reunion. I look forward to seeing you at our next reunion. May God bless all of you!"



**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

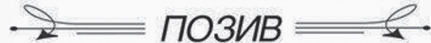
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church ~ Cleveland, OH  
2151 W. Wallings Rd. Broadview Hts., OH

All Chetniks, their descendants  
and supporters of Chetniks are welcome.

*Details to follow in future communications*

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suggestions, donations, or to volunteer



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**Субота 19. Септембар, 2015**

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2151 W. Wallings Rd. Broadview Hts. OH

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## LET'S CREATE A TESLA CURRICULUM

by Milos Rastovic

The Tesla Science Foundation of Philadelphia held its third Tesla Memorial Conference in New York January 10, 2015 at the New Yorker Hotel where Nikola Tesla lived his last years. The Serb National Federation was a co-sponsor of this event. The conference was dedicated to create a Tesla curriculum and educational plans in the U.S. and throughout the world.

In cooperation with the Nikola Tesla Museum in Belgrade, the Tesla Science Foundation presented an exhibition "Tesla: Past, Present and Future." The exhibition showed Tesla's scientific way from his childhood up through his greatest inventions. At the opening ceremony, representatives of the Tesla Science Foundation talked about the conference and their work in the last year and plans for this year.

The Hon. Mirjana Zivkovic, Consul General of Serbia in New York, stressed the importance of adding Tesla to school curricula and announced that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia will continue to support this event.

It was my personal honor to introduce to the audience the fine work of the Serb National Federation, including its support of Serbian churches, church camps, athletic and social events, and its perpetuation of Serbian ethnic and religious identity. I drew the attention of the audience to the SNF table where, throughout the conference, our SNF exhibit was frequented by many curious visitors who were unfamiliar with our fraternal organization.

Dr. Michael R. Powers, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, talked about Tesla and Chinese higher education, saying: "China's system of higher education is often criticized, by both domestic and international educators, as being excessively: exhaustive (i.e., emphasizing diligence and brute force); mathematical (exalting or worshipping formulas); and fact-based (i.e., encouraging extensive memorization). One problem in reforming the current system is to identify exactly how each of these characteristics should be changed. Certainly, one doesn't want to replace diligence with laziness, mathematics with innumeracy, or facts with ignorance. Within the research ethos of Nikola Tesla, one can find the appropriate directions for improvement. Tesla recalls watching Edison work 'with the diligence of the bee . . . when a little theory and calculation would have saved him ninety percent of his labor.' Thus, exhaustiveness must be enhanced by innovation. Moreover, Tesla wrote that 'Today's scientists have substituted mathematics for experiments...', showing that mathematics should be informed by practical considerations. Once these improvements are made, China's curriculum will move away from memorizing facts toward designing solutions. This is really the fundamental aspiration of Tesla's work: to find effective solutions to the scientific and social challenges facing mankind."

Ashley Redfeam-Neswick, principal of Tacony Academy in Philadelphia, with

Brianna Cutillo, Heather Noel, and Todd Smith, was a team leader committed to building a Tesla curriculum in schools. She spoke about how to create an environment for successful implementation of Tesla's work in a school setting - such as giving students assemblies to inspire inventions dreams, respecting the scholarly voice, and acclimating teachers and students to Tesla's ideas. She stressed the importance of "professional development: building background knowledge about the life and legacy of Tesla to teachers, supporting actual facts, body study plan, and creating more experts to carry on this project." Additionally, W. Bernard Carlson, Ph.D. and Maja Herman-Sekulic, Ph.D. presented their works about Tesla. Three children: Magdalena Frances Waters, Julian Driebeek, and Kyle Driebeek performed live in a marvelous theatre performance "A story of Youth Told by Age" dedicated to Miss Paula Fotich by Nikola Tesla. In this performance, Magdalena, Julian, and Kyle covered Tesla's legacy and work.

The culmination of the conference was the unveiling of the Tesla bust in the lobby of the New Yorker Hotel. The bust was made by artist Bojan Mikulic, recognized sculptor from Banja Luka, Republika Srpska and the lobby was crowded with curious onlookers who wanted to see the Tesla bust and know more about it. Father Djokan Majstorovic of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in New York blessed the bust after Nikola Lonchar, President of the Tesla Science Foundation, unveiled it. Among many guests were distinguished representatives of Republika Srpska and Republic of Serbia.

The annual Awards Ceremony was held that evening, in the Grand Ballroom. Among the Tesla Spirit Award recipients were Jane Alcorn on behalf of the Tesla Science Center at Wardencliff; Father Djokan Majstorovic on behalf of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in New York; and Ashley Redfeam-Neswick and Tesla Curriculum team on behalf of the Tacony Academy in Philadelphia. Tesla Spirit President's Award winner Mano Divina, is a professional concert thereminist who performed music based on Tesla's invention. He received the President's Award for his contributions to promote the work of Tesla. Brit Walmsley, member of Mano's Divine Hand Ensemble, performed music on the gusle.

Other notable speakers were Mr. Milan Milanovic, Serbian Ambassador in the United Nations and Ms. Moufida Goucha, representative of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) who stressed the importance of Tesla's work for humankind. Mr. Ivan Bosiljcic, actor, and Ms. Jelena Tomasevic, singer, were special guests from Belgrade. Mr. Bosiljcic said that his connection with Tesla is in Uzice, his hometown, where the first electric power by Tesla's alternative current in Europe and second in the world was built in 1900.

On Sunday morning, at the St. Sava Cathedral, Father Djokan led a service dedicated to the memory of Nikola Tesla. The fourth Tesla Memorial Conference will be held on January 9, 2016. For more information about the Tesla Science Foundation, please visit <http://teslasciencefoundation.com/>



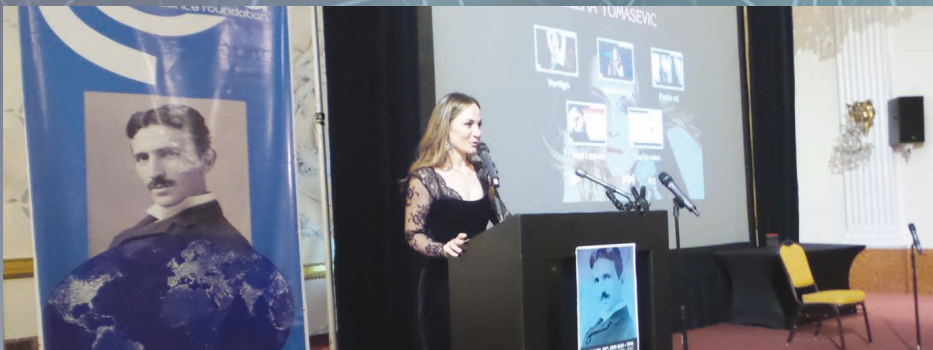
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**Milos Rastovic** promoting the Serb National Federation at the SNF exhibit table



**Ashley Redfeam-Newsick**, Principal of Tacony Academy, Philadelphia, PA



**Jelena Tomasevic**, a singer from Belgrade, spoke about Tesla



**Ivan Bosiljic**, an actor from Belgrade, at the conference



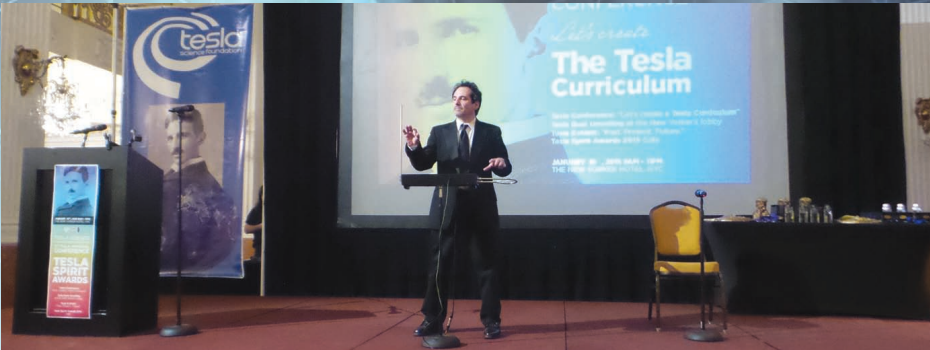
**Father Djokan Majstorovic** received the Tesla Spirit Award on behalf of the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, New York, NY



From left are **Branko Mikasinovic**, **Sanja Vrcelj**, **Andjela Petrovic** and **Branko Terzic** in front of the SNF Table



**Julian Driebeek**, **Kyle Driebeek** and **Magdalena Frances Waters** in the theatre performance "A Story of Youth Told by Age" by Nikola Tesla

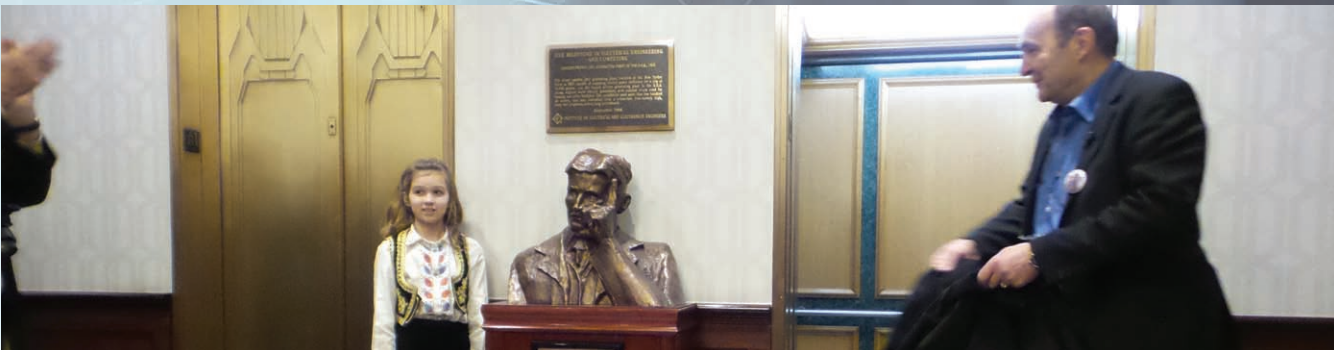


**Mano Divina** performed music based on Tesla's invention



**Dr. Michael R. Powers**,  
Tsinghua University,  
Beijing, China

The newly installed Tesla bust in the lobby of the New Yorker Hotel, New York City



**Nikola Lonchar**, President of the Tesla Science Foundation, unveiling the Tesla Bust