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Milja Stijovic PhD – letter of recommendation

It is my pleasure to recommend my ICOM-DEMHIIST colleague **Milja Stijovic PhD** for the ICOM Serbia award for Best Museum Worker of 2023.

I have known Milja Stijovic since we attended the DEMHIST-CECA joint conference in London in 2017. Since then, we have both remained active members of DEMHIST. She was successful in proposing Belgrade and the Yugoslav Film Archive where she is senior curator as host city and institution for the 2023 annual DEMHIST conference. There is no doubt that the success of this conference was because of her leadership. She developed the conference theme “Remembrance of Things Lost: Triggering the memory of the historic house through loss (and regain)” turning what could have been a discussion pertinent to the local museum community into a global issue, making it possible to receive the high quality of papers and presentations from around the world. The programming for the conference showed the wide range of museums and house museums in Belgrade to the professional house museum community. Milja Stijovic’s high level of dedication, professionalism, knowledge, and practical execution led to the success of the conference, as can be seen in the feedback survey which we carried out.

The DEMHIST community recognized Milja Stijovic’s professionalism, and during the elections for the DEMHIST board that were held during the conference, she was elected to board and now holds the position of Vice chair. In this position she continues to be a dedicated member of the team, working on all aspects of DEMHIST activities while continuing to be a dedicated member of the Yugoslav Film Archive staff.

I have no doubt that **Milja Stijovic PhD** is a most worthy candidate for the Best Museum Worker 2023 award as she has most definitely made a significant contribution to international understanding and awareness of Serbia’s cultural heritage through the DEMHIST conference.

Yours sincerely,



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