

The awards of the Victimology Society of Serbia for 2013

The award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights is awarded to individuals or organizations who, through their activities and efforts, have contributed significantly to the achievement of the goals of the Victimology Society of Serbia

This year the award was given to the Legal Clinic for the Protection of Women's Rights, Law Faculty, University of Niš

The Legal clinic for the protection of women's rights was developed within the Legal clinic at the Law Faculty, University of Niš, through the project with the same title, which was implemented by the Women's research center for education and communication from Niš in cooperation with the Law Faculty, University of Niš, and the Autonomous women's center from Belgrade. Clinical training program for students, through the provision of free legal assistance to clients, was conducted in the attorney at law's office in the building of the Law Faculty. From November 1st 2010 to October 30th 2013, 470 female clients contacted the Clinic, and got free legal aid in the form of legal advice, drafting of lawsuits, criminal charges and other acts. Members and founders of the Victimology Society of Serbia, dr Slobodanka Konstantinović-Vilić and dr Nevena Petrušić, full professors at the Law Faculty, University of Niš gave a special contribution to the development of the Clinical training program for protection of women's rights and the Legal clinic for protection of women's rights. Having in mind the importance of this kind of professional training of law students and a focus of this part of the Legal clinic on the protection of women's rights, especially in the cases of domestic violence, Executive Board of Victimology Society of Serbia decided to assign this year's award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights to the Legal clinic for protection of women's rights of the Law Faculty, University of Niš.

The award "Third way" is awarded to individuals or organizations who have contributed to the development of a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of war and promotion of peace in Serbia

This year the award was given to Zdravko Marijanović

Zdravko Marijanović is a peace activist and president of the organization Drustvo za toleranciju (Association for tolerance) from Bačka Palanka. He is the winner of the peace award of the German town Ahen (2009). Three years ago he initiated the foundation of the Forum "Bridge of friendship" (Forum "Most prijateljstva"), which connects organizations and individuals from the former Yugoslav republics. Through this Forum, people again learn about the wealth and beauty of living in diversity, far from distorted political image that is constantly imposing. Special attention in his work and the work of Association for tolerance, as well as of the Forum "Bridge of friendship", Zdravko pays to young people, and encounters of young people from the former Yugoslav republics and other states in the region. In this way he promotes tolerance, mutual interaction, understanding and getting close, prevention future conflicts in that way. Zdravko is a member of the Executive Board of the Association Joint Action for Truth and Reconciliation. He has been a collaborator of the Victimology Society of Serbia for years on the projects that were focused on promotion of the idea of the "Third way" and peaceful conflict resolution. Having in mind the contribution that Zdravko made through his activities and commitment of the Association that he has been running for more than 15 years, as well as the contribution that he is still giving to the development of the non-conflict and comprehensive dealing with the consequences of war and peace building in Serbia and the region, Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia decided to assign this year's award for the development of a non-conflict and comprehensive approach to dealing with the consequences of war and promotion of peace "Third way" to Zdravko Marijanović.

Award for a talented young researcher is given to young researchers for exceptional research in the field of victimology. This award aims at encouraging young researchers to conduct research in the field of victimology.

This year the award is given to: Filip Mirić, Milica Popović, and Una Radovanović

Filip Mirić is a jurist, PhD student at the Law Faculty, University of Niš. In the period February 2009-February 2012 he worked as a judge trainee in the Basic court in Niš. Since February 2012 he has been working in the Legal clinic of the Law Faculty in Niš. He has published several papers in the leading academic journals of national importance so far. Having in mind Filip's great research work, the Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia decided to assign this year's award for a talented young researcher to Filip Mirić as an acknowledgment for his so far work, but much more as a stimulus for further work and specialization.

Milica Popović is a special pedagogist and master student at the Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade. Since May 2011 she has been a volunteer in the victim support service of the Victimology society of Serbia VDS info and victim support. She has participated at several conferences and round tables.

Una Radovanović is a special pedagogist and master student at the Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade. Since May 2011 she has been a volunteer in the victim support service of the Victimology society of Serbia VDS info and victim support. She has participated at several conferences and round tables.

Having in mind previous work of Milica Popović and Una Radovanović, and especially their ability to link theory and practice, research work and the use of literature, which they showed in the co-author paper „Homosexual relationships in women's prisons: deviation or deprivation?“ that was published in academic journal Temida, the Executive Board of the Victimology society of Serbia decided to assign this year's award for a talented young researcher to Milica Popović and Una Radovanović. The Executive Board thought that this award will stimulate them and contribute to their efforts to become good and quality researchers.

