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SS BOFOS III Congress - a Success Confirmation

Mara Erdelj re-elected president

- I hope that this day is confirmation of the achieved success of our union. I believe that this day should be the first step towards achieving the goals that we set before our union, as well. We need to understand that this Congress is very important for us, and its importance is confirmed by numerous guests who came from foreign trade unions, as well as from Serbian state institutions, and from NGO sector, said Mara Erdelj President of SS BOFOS in her opening speech.

According to election results Mara Erdelj was re-elected as a president of Autonomous Trade Union of Employees in Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Organizations of Serbia.



Congress has adopted four important documents:

1. Work report of the Autonomous Trade Union of Employees in Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Organizations of Serbia in four years period (2006-2010).
2. Program of activities and actions of the Autonomous Trade Union of Employees in Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Organizations of Serbia for the next four-year period (2010-2015).
3. Statute of the Autonomous Trade Union of Employees in Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Organizations of Serbia.
4. Report of the Supervisory Board.





Guests of SS BOFOS III Congress



- You have friends in Denmark who want to support you and who are always there for you, said Søren Fibiger Olesen, the president of Kristelig Fagbevægelse. He also said that cooperation between unions at the time of global economic crisis and globalization is most needed.



- Your Congress is an important democratic tool that can affect not only the future development of the union and your membership, but also on society as a whole, said Bjørn van Heusden- Executive Secretary of the World Organization of Workers (WOW).



SS BOFOS President Mara Erdelj deserve respect for the things she did. I hope that the future Program tasks - which should be adopted by delegates - will become guideline for SS BOFOS activities, said Slavica Savic, Secretary of the Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia (CATUS) Board.

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- We will continue to resist those who want to get rich off the backs of the workers. Currently, this is happening in Greece, but soon it may happen in any other country. We will not allow that workers in any other country answer for financial manipulators mistakes. Because of that we want to express our solidarity, said Nikos Kipos, Treasurer of the Union of the Employees in the National Bank₃ of Greece (SYETE).



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SS BOFOS is a modern and democratic trade union that is able to function in the time in which we live, said Slobodanka Brankovic, Advisor of the Minister of labour and social policy.



- It is important that the Union members are trained to protect workers' rights. There is a lot of problems in the collective bargaining process, but it will be less of them if you build a strong union, said Jasmina Maricic-Vukotic, Labour Inspector.



- Mara Erdelj, is affirmed SS BOFOS and CATUS, as well as womankind. She have shown that women can work and solve serious problems in difficult times, said Jelena Cesljevic, vice president of Association of the Independent Unions of Vojvodina.



- We want to encourage employees to become members of trade unions. Results of our cooperation can already be seen in the anti-mobbing activities which we carry out together, said Majda Sikosek, Main Coordinator of NGO "Felicitas".

*Happy
Easter*



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