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Invitation letter for the Third Summer School of the Serbian Language

Dear friends,

Matica srpska - Association of Members in Montenegro¹ with associates (Municipality of Nikšić and NGO "Friends of Nikšić") cordially invites you to participate in the Summer School of Serbian Language, which will be organized from 9 July to 31 July 2023 in Nikšić and Budva.

The school is intended for students of Serbian language (European and world universities), the Serbian diaspora and all interested people over 18 years of age. Lectures will include learning the Serbian language (ekavian and ijekavian pronunciation, speaking skills, writing, grammatical and lexical system) and will be organized on three levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced). Lectures by university professors in the field of Serbian literature, film, history of Serbs and Serbian language, history of Montenegro, art, science, religion are also planned... This year, just like they did previously, the organizers will try to offer high-quality and diverse contents, so many extracurricular activities will be organised - visiting the Montenegrin coast (Budva from 26-30 July), tour of Zabljak and Black Lake, Skadar Lake, visit to the Ostrog monastery, and tour of cultural and historical sites of Montenegro, poetry and film evenings, festivals, concerts, learning folk dances

A short film about the Summer School of Serbian Language 2022 is available via the following link: <u>https://youtu.be/AF87L0EglGk</u>.

¹ Matica srpska - The Association of Members in Montenegro is a non-profit scientific and professional non-governmental association founded in Podgorica in 2010 with the aim of nurturing spiritual and cultural life, developing and promoting literature, art and science.

The Society performs scientific research, publishing and archival activities and other activities in the field of culture; contributes to the construction and coordination of scientific research, especially in the field of social sciences and humanities; promotes scientific periodicals and achieves multidisciplinary projects in the field of social and natural sciences, literature and language, as well as art (visual art, music, theater, film), and also encourages and develops cooperation with institutions in the country and abroad. Website: https://maticasrpskacg.org/.

Attendees will be accommodated in double and triple rooms at the Onogošt Hotel² (with a possible surcharge for a single room). Rooms are air conditioned, have a private bathroom, TV, refrigerator, internet. Meals (two meals a day) are provided in the hotel restaurant.

Interested candidates should fill in the application form (which can be downloaded at the link https://maticasrpskacg.org/skola/) and send a short motivation letter (up to 1,000 characters). The motivation letter could be written in Serbian, English, or Russian. The requested data should be sent to the e-mail address skolasrpskog.niksic@gmail.com by April 30, 2023 at the latest. The organizers will inform you immediately after the application whether you have been accepted, and by May 5, 2023 at the latest. The number of participants is limited to 30. All participants who pass the final test receive diplomas from Matica Srpska - Association of Members in Montenegro for successfully completed Summer School.

Instead of paying the full price of accommodation, food, tuition and extracurricular programs, each participant will pay 350 euros, and the rest of the costs will be covered by the organizer (Matica Srpska - Association of Members in Montenegro) with associates (Municipality of Niksic and NGO "Friends of Nikšić") and sponsors. Participants bear the costs of travel and health insurance.

For all additional information about our Summer School, you can contact us at: <u>skolasrpskog.niksic@gmail.com.</u>

Welcome!

President of Matica Srpska - Association of Members in Montenegro

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² http://www.hotelonogost.com/.