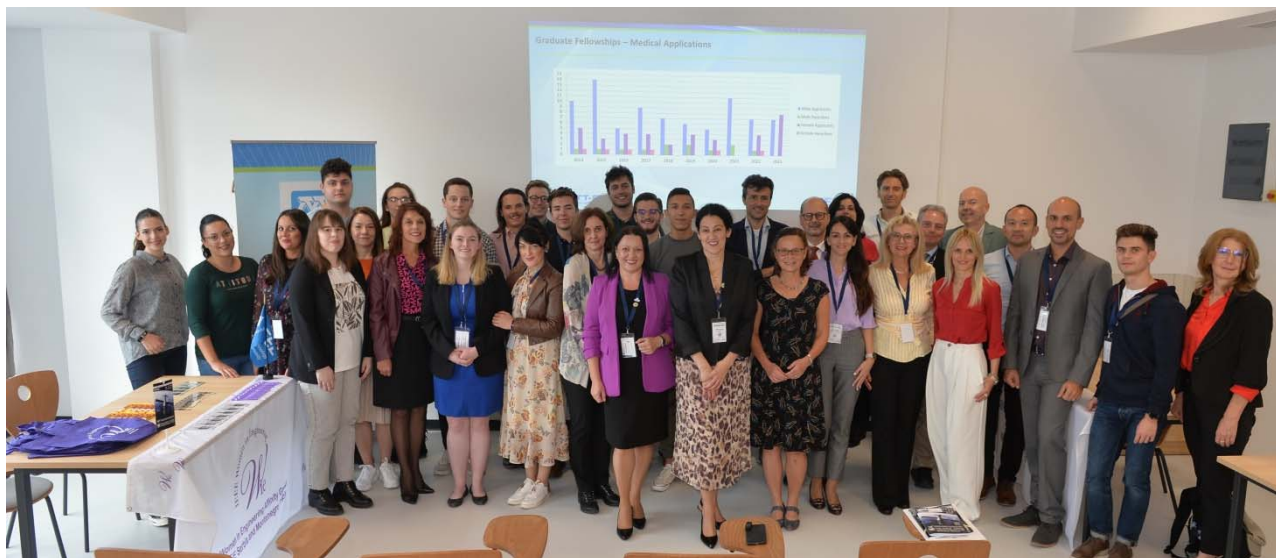


## TELSIKS 2023 Women in Microwaves



**Women in Microwaves: Speakers and audience**

The International Conference on Advanced Technologies, Systems and Services in Telecommunications – TELSIKS 2023 was hosting the **Women in Microwaves** event, jointly organized by Serbia and Montenegro IEEE MTT-S Chapter and IEEE WiE Affinity Group. The joint MTT-S/WiE event took place on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Niš, Serbia. All attendees in favor of WiM, WiE, MTT-S and engineering were cordially invited.

I am very happy that I chaired that very interesting event **Women in Microwaves**, gathering together women and men with a spotlight on the work of female engineers and researchers.

Excellent speakers at the event:

1. Prof. **Maurizio Bozzi**, University of Pavia, Italy, IEEE MTT-S President-Elect 2023  
Talk: "The Female Presence in MTT Society"
2. Prof. **Zoya Popović**, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA  
Talk: "Men and Women Together Make Engineering Better"
3. Prof. **Olga Borić-Lubecke**, University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA  
Talk: "Diversity: Importance and Challenges" and
4. Prof. **Zlatica Marinković**, University of Niš, Serbia, MTT-S Undergraduate Scholarships Chair  
Talk: "MTT-S Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships – Gender Issues".

Therefore, the event provided a great opportunity to students to learn about the female presence in MTT-S, how the engineering gets better when women and men work together, and importance of gender balance, diversity and inclusion in engineering, as well as available MTT-S Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships and success of female applicants. The event's goal to increase the visibility of distinguished women researchers and inspire young female students was certainly achieved.



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Prof. Zlatica Marinković, *University of Niš, Serbia*



Small gifts ☺

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the speakers who accepted the invitation to address the participants. I am grateful to spend time with these incredible man and women that empower and inspire girls to pursue careers in engineering. Thanks to everyone who accepted the invitation to join this event. I am sure that all of us had a great time during the event and enjoyed hearing the speakers' thoughts and views on the current situation in engineering.

Together, we can contribute to the further developments in the fields of microwave theory and technology, as well as gender equality in engineering.

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