

## **EXCELLENCE AWARD COMMITTEE**

## <u>RATIONALE</u>

Taking into account the human, professional, academic, and ethical qualities and references from life, biography, and bibliography, the Hemofarm Foundation Excellence Award Committee decided that **Prof. Ivanka Popović**, **Rector of the University of Belgrade** shall become the **laureate of the 2020 Excellence Award**.

The award is presented for the devoted work with students, improvement of university education and science in Serbia and a strong commitment to preserving the integrity and reputation of the University, as an institution of general importance.

The Hemofarm Foundation Excellence Award Committee believes that this award will encourage Prof. Ivanka Popović to persist in the current efforts for improvement of quality of teaching and improvement of science as well as that the values the laurete is endowed with – integrity, ethics, honesty, and culture of dialogue will be the values that will govern the Serbian society.

Without brave and honourable people, a free University and free thought, it is difficult to achieve stable existence and certain future, and therefore the Excellence Award Committee sees Prof. Ivanka Popović as a person whose actions have contributed most towards an improvement of education and science in our country and towards preserving the dignity of the University which earned her the 2020 Excellence Award.

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