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Nikola Tesla Day, science, technology and innovation day and the 158th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla

The first Nikola Tesla Day, Science, Technology and Innovation Day and the 158th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla were celebrated in Zagreb with a three-day event 'Tesla & Friends' organized by the Nikola Tesla – Genius for the Future Association.

The marking of Tesla's birthday began with the Conference 'Tesla in Zagreb', with participation of many renowned experts from Croatia and abroad. Flowers were laid on 10 July at the monument of Nikola Tesla in Zagreb by the Mayor Milan Bandić, representatives of the Ruđer Bošković Institute and the Association's President Dragica Mihajlović.

In the evening, the first national Nikola Tesla Day, Science, Technology and Innovation Day and the 158th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla were celebrated with the inaugural Annual Nikola Tesla – Genius for the Future Awards at the Regent Esplanade. In the category of Quiz in Physics and General Knowledge about Nikola Tesla, the award went to Sara Cepić, a pupil at the Sesvete High School. Bernardica Gršić received an award for a stylized figure of Tesla in the category of Innovative Invention and Manufacture, while in the

category of Wider Tesla Activities the award went to the company Genijator for the ortho hydrogen production system.

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Bernardić, Member of the Parliament, Andrea Doko Jelušić, the Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia and Dragica Mihajlović, the President of the Association addressed the gathered guests.

Two panel discussions were also held as part of the program. They comprised Tomislav Petković, physicist, Renato Filipin from the Technical Museum, researcher Velimir Abramović and pupils from Zagreb's schools – Sara, Valentin, Ela and Hrvoje. The guests were also shown a video greeting card 'Children of the World for Tesla's Birthday' created by UNDP and the Association.

