

## **YEARLY ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESS COUNCIL IN BIH**

**Sarajevo, December 21, 2107**

**Vildana Selimbegovic, newly appointed President of the Assembly of the Press Council in BiH**

The yearly Assembly of the self-regulatory body for the press and online media, the Press Council in BiH, was held on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 in Sarajevo.

The assembly was attended by members of the Press Council from 19 printed and online media, as well as journalist Associations. The Assembly started with a minute of silence to pay tribute and respects to the longstanding President of the Assembly, Mr. Erbein Residbegovic.

Upon majority decision of the members of the Council, Ms. Vildana Selimbegovic, Director of "Oslobodjenje" ltd. and editor in chief of the daily "Oslobodjenje" was elected Assembly President of the Press Council in BiH, while Mr. Dario Simic, Director of Intersoft Ltd., portal klix.ba, was elected Deputy President.

Ms. Vildana Selimbegovic expressed her gratitude for the trust the Members of the Council placed in her: "I am someone who has much experience with working with the Press Council and I hope that this experience will help me to replace Erbein Residbegovic, our previous President, who abandoned us so suddenly a few months ago. They told me when they nominated me that my obligations would not be too extensive. I sincerely hope with all my heart that we, the Press Council, and all of us who are doing this job, will really have the energy to professionally and ethically respond to the tasks ahead of us, especially during next year when we are expecting probably one of the most difficult, dirtiest and most intense election campaigns, and I will attempt to maximally engage on my behalf."

Besides the previous members of the Council, the new members from online and printed media attended were also introduced: bljesak.info, Rerezent.ba, hayat.ba, SportSport.ba, as well as dnevnik.ba, avaz.ba and Dnevni avaz, who renewed their membership in the Council.

The Work Report of the Board of Directors of the Press Council and the Work Report of the Press Council for 2016/17 was also introduced, along with information and plans for the coming year.

The colleague journalists and editors agreed that they have to jointly work on maintaining the news professional and media ethics standards, especially in the upcoming election year, and announced frequent gatherings and considering mutual problems that threaten the news profession.

The members of the Press Council in BiH: Večernji list for BiH, Oslobođenje, Dnevni Avaz, Nezavisne novine, Glas Srpske, Start BiH, Fena, slobodna-bosna.ba, Association BH Journalists, Dnevni list, Association of Journalists of BiH, klix.ba, SportSport.ba, Rerezent.ba, hayat.ba, dnevnik.ba, Stav, bljesak.info, Dani, novovrijeme.ba.