

Dragoljub Acković – Bio-bibliography

Dragoljub Acković was born in 1952. in Osipaonica near Smederevo.

In the mid 70s, he finished the University of Political Sciences, and after that he also finished The University of Philosophy – department for ethnology. He continued his graduate studies at The Faculty of Law in Belgrade, and his PhD at The United Nations University for Peace.

Since the mid 90s of the 20th century, he has been active in Roma NGO sector. He is the founder of Roma Independent Publishing Organization Rominterpres, that has by now published dozens of books in many different languages.

Since 2001. he has been the director of NGO Roma Community Center 8th of April. He is the founder and the director of Independent Radio and Television „Khrlo e Romengo“. He is also the author of several hundreds of texts and about twenty books that tell about different Roma issues. Dr Acković is also active in Roma political movement. He was the first President of Roma Congress Party.

Since 1997. he has been the member of the Roma PEN Club, as well as the member of Association of Writers of Serbia.

He has been active in The Roma World Organization since its III Congress. On the IV Congress of Roma Worl Organization in Warsaw, he was elected President of Commission for War Reparations of Roma World Organization, and on the V Congress that was held in Prague, he was elected President of the Commission for Information of Roma World Organization. On the VI World Congress of Roma that was held in Lanciano – Italy, he was elected President of World Parliament of Roma, and in 2008. on its VII Congress that was held in Zagreb, he was assigned the same function, and recently he was also elected Secretary-General of ERU – Europe Roma Union.

On the 8th of April 2013. he was elected President for World Parliament of Roma.

He is the member of International Commission for Truth about Jasenovac since 2007, and the President of Fund for Genocide Research dr Milan Bulajić since 2010.

In October 2009. he founded the first Museum of Roma Culture in Serbia, of which he is the director, as well as Roma Art Galery which was founded on the 1st of September 2011.

The Oscar Award for lifework he got from the World Organization of Roma in 2008, and in November 2009. he got The International Award for lifework from Italian Organization „Amico Rom“.

Since the 1st of September 2011, he has been the vice president of International Roma Academy of Art and Science.

Since 2011. he has been the member of National Committee for Intangible Culture in the Ministry of Culture and Information Society of Serbia.

About 20 years he worked as an editor of the I Program in Belgrade Radio.

Since September 2012. he works as a deputy director in the Office for Human and Minority Rights in the Government of Serbia.