# Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award to the Best Student Papers in the TIEMS Annual Conference 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA



#### Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ

- □ Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ was TIEMS Acting Vice President and Director for Research and Technical Development (RTD) Activity. She did undergraduate studies at Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Split in 1982 1987, then postgraduate studies, master of philosophy at Faculty of Organization and Informatics, University of Zagreb in 1988 1993. She did her doctoral thesis at Faculty of Civil Engineering, University Split in 1998.
- □ She was full time professor at Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture at University of Split. Her research interests were in the application of system sciences and information technology, especially decision support systems and geographic information systems in emergency/disaster management and other engineering fields. She has published several peer-reviewed papers on emergency/disaster management.
- ☐ She was a member of ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers), Croatian Society of Civil Engineers, GIS Forum Croatia and Croatian Mathematical Society.
- ☐ She was living in Split, Croatia with her family. Dr. SNJEŽANA passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### IN MEMORY OF SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ



Snježana Knezić's involvement with TIEMS started in 2007 at that year's TIEMS Annual Conference in Trogir, Croatia. Since then, she served in various positions on the TIEMS Board of Directors, and she was an essential contributor to all of TIEMS's research & development projects she was involved in. She held the positions of Acting Vice President and Director of Research and Development for TIEMS until a month ago, when illness forced her to stop working.

Wherever Snjezana served in any position or activity, she did so with dedication, professionalism, and sincerity. Her work was of the highest quality, and she was a pleasure to work with. She listened carefully, was understanding and supportive, and she resolved issues and led teams without excessive self-promotion and with a good sense of humor. She was great person, and TIEMS as an organization and each individual member owe her a lot. She will be truly missed.

Although we admire and appreciate her work for TIEMS, family was her priority. All of us in TIEMS send our deepfelt and sincere condolences to her family, who has suffered an irreplaceable loss. We share with them her memory, which will live forever.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

On behalf of The International Emergency Management Society Its Directors, Officers, and Members

K. Harald Drager

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### Honouring the Memory of Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ

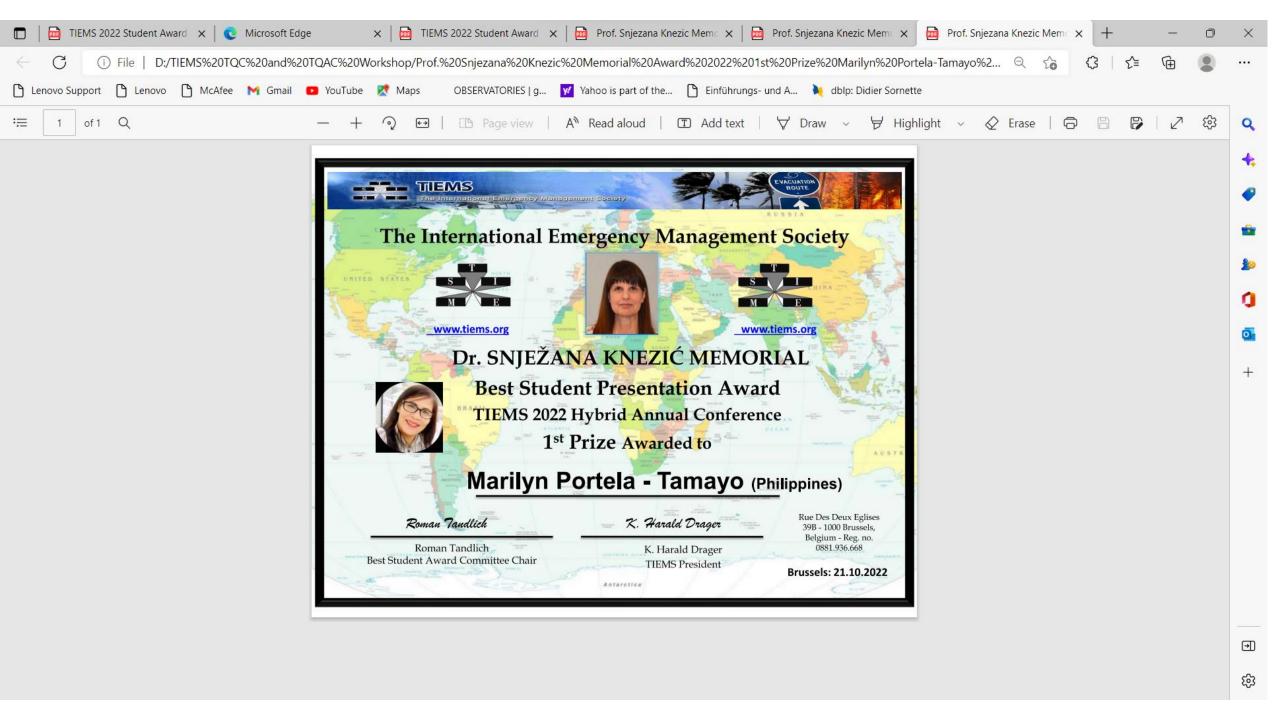
- □ Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ, Professor in the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture in the University of Split in Croatia and Acting Vice President and Director for Research Activities, The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Dr. SNJEŽANA completed her undergraduate studies at Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Split during 1982 to 1987, followed by a Postgraduate degree in Philosophy from the Faculty of Organisation and Informatics, University of Zagreb during 1988 to 1993. She was awarded a Ph.D. in 1998 by the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University Split in 1998. Dr. SNJEŽANA has several publications in the application of system sciences and information technology, especially on decision support systems and geographic information systems in emergency/disaster management and other engineering fields. She has published several peer-reviewed papers on emergency management. She was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Croatian Society of Civil Engineers, GIS Forum Croatia and Croatian Mathematical Society.
- □ Dr. SNJEŽANA has been a pillar of strength for TIEMS supporting the research activities of TIEMS very diligently and meticulously ever since she got associated with TIEMS at Trogir, Croatia during the TIEMS Annual Conference in 2007. TIEMS Board of Directors and Officers resolved to commemorate and honour Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ by establishing a Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award for the Best Student Papers presented at the TIEMS Annual Conferences from the TIEMS Annual Conference 2022 being held in Kennesaw University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA during 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 onwards.

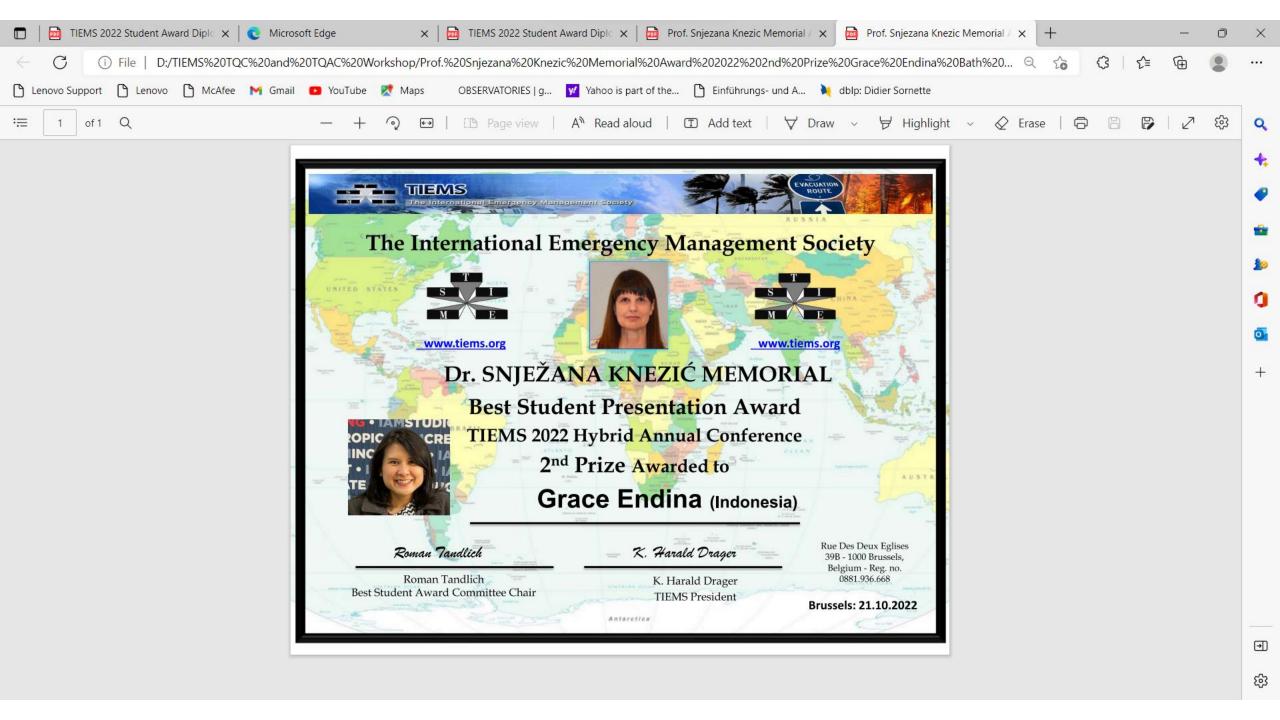
## Honouring the Memory of Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ

TIEMS Board of Directors would create a Fixed Deposit in the designated bank where TIEMS is holding its bank account and deposit an amount from TIEMS account and contributions/donations from Board Members to provide funds from accrued interest from the Fixed Deposit for the Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award.
An Award Committee will be constituted by TIEMS for the Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award for the TIEMS Annual Conference 2022 consisting of K. Harald Drager, President of TIEMS; Dr. George Markowsky, President of TIEMS US Chapter; Dr. Thomas V. Robertson, Regional Director, North America (USA); Kyle King, Treasurer TIEMS; Dr. Roman Tandlich, TIEMS Regional Director, Africa and Prof. Vinod Menon, TIEMS Regional Director, Asia.
In subsequent years, the Award Committee will co-opt the President of the TIEMS Country Chapter hosting the TIEMS Annual Conference and two office bearers from the Organising Committee nominated by the Board of Directors of the TIEMS Country Chapter hosting the Annual Conference.
The Award Committee members of the Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award for the Best Student Paper presented at the TIEMS Annual Conference will assess the papers presented by students whose identification and academic credentials have been scrutinised to select the best paper.
The TIEMS Country Chapter hosting the Annual Conference will decide on the nature of the Award: whether a Cash Award or books in the field of Emergency Management from eminent academics.

#### Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award for the Best Student Papers

This Award will be presented to the Best Student Papers in the TIEMS Annual Award 2022 to honour the memory of Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ In the subsequent years, the Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award will be presented to the best student papers in the TIEMS Annual Conferences. The best student papers for the Dr. SNJEŽANA KNEZIĆ Memorial Award will be selected by an Awards Committee consisting of Board Members nominated by the TIEMS President This Awards Committee will consist of nominated Board Members and the President of the TIEMS Chapter hosting the Annual Conference or his/her nominee. The Awards Committee can decide on the criteria for the selection of the best student paper and may select more than one recipient for the Award in deserving cases.







#### Grateful thanks to:

☐ K. Harald Drager, President, TIEMS ☐ Dr. George Markowsky, President, TIEMS US Chapter ☐ Dr. Tom Robertson ☐ Kyle King, Director, CBI and Treasurer, TIEMS ☐ Victoriia Dumask, CBI ☐ All Board Members of TIEMS ☐ Organizing Committee of TIEMS Annual Conference 2022 ☐ TIEMS US Chapter Office bearers

☐ Kennesaw State University faculty members and staff