



Organization Profile

Nikola Tesla Museum



Summary

The Nikola Tesla Museum is a scientific and cultural institution which is unique in Serbia and the world. It is the only museum preserving the original and personal legacy of Nikola Tesla, which contains a collection of more than 200.000 personal objects, documents, writings, drawings and patents, including the funerary urn with the ashes of Nikola Tesla. In 2003, UNESCO included Tesla's archive in the Memory of the World Register, as part of the documentary heritage of the mankind.

History

On the initiative of Sava Kosanović, all Nikola Tesla's personal property and writings were shipped to Belgrade, where Kosanović subsequently presented them to the state. Packed in sixty packages, suitcases, metal trunks and barrels, the legacy of Nikola Tesla arrived by ship and then by train to Belgrade, where it was stored in the Belgrade University Faculty of Electrical Engineering. In June, 1952, it was moved from the Faculty to the Genčić Villa, where the museum was founded.

The Nikola Tesla Museum in Belgrade opened for the public on October 20, 1955. It was the first technical museum in Yugoslavia. The opening presented the permanent exhibition, which gave visitors the opportunity to see models built accurately according to Tesla's drawings. The museological work of the Nikola Tesla Museum may be seen as beginning in 1957, when the urn received by the Museum went on display as a permanent exhibit.

In 2003, UNESCO included Tesla's archive in the Memory of the World Register, as part of the documentary heritage of the mankind, which represents the highest form of protection of a cultural property. On the national level, the Parliament of the Republic of Serbia, in 2005, brought a Resolution declaring the archival material preserved in the Nikola Tesla Museum as the Personal Collection of Nikola Tesla to be cultural material of exceptional significance.

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Our Mission

Honoring the memory of Nikola Tesla by educating the public about his scientific impact on the modern world.