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OUR SCHOOL PUPILS/COLLABORATORS OFTEN ASK, "WHEN WILL BE DRAWN THE LOCAL MERIDIAN AT THE BOTTOM OF POBEDNIK IN KALEMEGDAN?"

We describe the Initiative launched during the Conference "The development of Astronomy among Serbs XI" (2021), and how it has been developed since then. Initiators offered arguments about the possible usefulness of two installations to build at Belgrade fortress: 1) to draw the local meridian line at the bottom of the monument Winner (Pobednik) and 2) to build Day Night Year Globe - DING Parallel Globe in the surroundings of People's Observatory (Narodna Opservatorija), These two related installations would be useful and of interest for schoolpupils, students and citizens. It is argued that these installations would contribute to keep collectiv memory to two great, world known, Serbian astronomers, Milutin Milanković and Rudjer Bošković. Meridian line at the bottom of Pobednik could become the symbol of Belgrade as a marker between West and East. Signers of the official Initiative are respectable Serbian astronomers, who are at the same time representatives of important astronomical institutions and societies in Serbia. The Initiative was supported by the Management of the Belgrade fortress, Institution for the protection of cultural monuments of Serbia, Institution for the protection of cultural monuments of Belgrade. In the meantime, the school pupils of the Zemun grammar school became interested in this Initiative. They often ask, "when the Initiative will be realized?". The support of mentioned institutions and the interest and the support of school pupils/future students oblige us to accomplish the work which we started.

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