

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
PRESIDENCY

Tirana on 23 December 2017

**Decision No. 23, dated 22 December 2017**

***On the approval of the calendar for the institutional reform of the Academy of Sciences  
(January-March 2018)***

To:

*Members of the Assembly  
Section of Albanian and Social Studies  
Section of Natural and Technical Sciences  
Ad-Hoc Commission  
Sector of Scientific Publication and Library  
Sector of Finance  
Sector of Personnel*

*To the attention of*

*Prime Minister's Office  
Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth  
ALLEA  
German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina*

Pursuant to:

1. the Law no. 9655, dated 11.12.2006, "On the Academy of Sciences of Albania of the Republic of Albania, Article 4, letter c;
2. the Statute of the Academy of Sciences, Article 2, point 10 and 12;
3. the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity

The Assembly of the Academy of Sciences, in its meeting of 22 December 2017, with its agenda published online (see <http://akad.gov.al/ash/12-te-reja/322-mbledhje-e-asamblese-se-akademise-se-shkencave>) and attached herewith; after checking the quorum for the meeting and for the validity of its decisions, (see the list of attendants) and following the approval of the meeting agenda, in compliance with the institutional responsibilities and the commitment to complete the process for the restructuring of the Academy of Sciences:

## **Observing that**

- the draft paper of the reform developed by the Ad Hoc Commission and approved by the Assembly of the Academy of Sciences, and formally submitted to the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, is a basic document to proceed with the reform process through the drafting and the approval of the legal and sub-legal documents;
- the calendar for the steps to be taken in the framework of the reform, submitted by the Executive Council of the Academy of Sciences, through the Scientific Secretary, Academician Vasil S. Tole (the document attached herewith), followed by the discussion about the matter by the academicians: Apollon Bace, Jorgaq Kacani, Beqir Meta, Dhimitër Haxhimihali, Kosta Barjaba, Aurela Anastasi, Skënder Gjinushi, Arjan Durrësi, Shaban Sinani, Salvatore Bushati, Gudar Beqiraj, Muzafer Korkuti and Floran Vila, has to be approved by the Assembly of the Academy of Sciences, so as to complete the reform process already initiated;

By open unanimous vote

## **Decided:**

1. To approve the calendar for the steps and the documents for the reform of the Academy of Sciences.
2. The Calendar provides for the following schedule:
  - 2.1 The commitment for the establishment of the joint Commission of Trust, to monitor the reform process, by the Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth.
  - 2.2 the preparation of the draft law "On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania".
  - 2.3 the preparation of the draft DCM "On the administrative staff of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania".
  - 2.4 The preparation of the ASA's draft Statute and the drafting of the documents: "On the criteria and standards for new admissions of "Academician" and "Associate academician" and "On the criteria and standards for running and being elected in senior positions of the Academy that Science of the Republic of Albania".
  - 2.5 The drafting of the "Academic Code of Conduct for research Integrity In the Republic of Albania".
3. The Assembly authorized the Executive Council to inform the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth on the decision of this meeting, and at the same time, to request institutional cooperation in this joint process for setting up the reform

working groups through the respective acts, for the purpose of preparing, pursuant to the schedule (March 2017), the draft law of the "Academy of Sciences of Albania", the draft DCM "On the staff of the Academy of Sciences of Albania" and the "Code of Conduct for Research Integrity in the Republic of Albania".

4. The Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Reform Commission shall develop, within February 2018, the drafts of self-reform acts, such as "Statute of the Academy of Sciences" and the documents: "The criteria and standards for new admissions of "Academician "and "Associated Academician" and "Criteria and Standards for the running and the election in the senior executive positions in the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania". The above drafts and other documents shall be presented for review and approval at the meeting of the ASA Assembly of March 2018, also requesting in advance the expertise of the ALLEA and the German Academy of Sciences LEOPOLDINA

5. The Assembly decided that the package of all the draft reform documents shall be formally submitted to the respective authorities by March 2018.

6. The Executive Council, the Presidency and the administrative staff of the Academy of Sciences shall support, in all forms, the accomplishment and the implementation of all the scheduled steps for the reform of the Academy of Sciences, including the infrastructure and financial support. The Presidency shall evaluate and actualize, *mutatis mutandi*, all the necessary facilitating mechanisms for the operation of the working groups and the Ad Hoc Commission.

7. The scientific sections of the Academy of Sciences and other units mentioned at the top of this decision, are charged with the implementation of this decision.

8. The specialist of scientific communications, foreign and public relations is charged with the notification of this decision.

9. The IT specialist is charged with publishing this decision on the official website and social networks of the Academy of Sciences.

10. The Executive Council is charged with the follow-up and the implementation of this decision.

This decision shall enter into force immediately.

Scientific Secretary

Vasil S. Tole