

**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
PRESIDENCY**

DECISION

No. _____ dated _____ June 2017

On the establishment of the *Young Academy* at the Academy of Sciences, in view of supporting the young researchers

The Academy of Sciences of Albania, taking into account:

1. The Law no. 9655, dated 11.12.2006, *On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania*, Article 4, point *a*;
2. The statute of the Academy of Sciences, Article 2, point 10 and 12;
3. The recommendations of the *Western Balkan Process— Berlin Process* (2015-2016, attached herewith);
4. The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity;

I Noticed:

1. The institutional responsibility to directly encourage, based on criteria of academic and university excellence, the research activity of the young researchers, individually or institutionally;

2. The functional duty of the Academy of Sciences to provide for the continuation of the track of the generations of researchers in the research activity;

3. The need to support the quality and to provide for decent competition in research, in any fields or institutions.

Based on the above, and taking into account the legal responsibilities of the Academy of Sciences, as provided for by the Law no. 9655 and its Statute, as well as in view of the recommendations of the ALLEA General Assembly in Vienna (2016) and the 2nd JSC for Western Balkan in the framework of the Berlin Process in Vienna (2016) that:

a). *Special attention should be attached to the young researchers, as the drive for positive change;*

b). *Academies should support the young researchers by providing institutional opportunities at home;*

c). *Academies should take care to establish innovation communities at the scientific institutions.*

Based on the proposal of the Scientific Secretary of the Academy of Sciences:

I Order:

1. The establishment of *the Young Academy* at the Academy of Sciences, as a permanent innovation commission, with young researchers in the field of the Social and Albanian Sciences and the Natural & Technical Sciences, from the ranks of the most successful scientists of the network of the public and private universities and the research institutions, evaluated in a competition process.

2. In the *Young Academy*, as co-founders, shall participate:

2.1 the winners of the scientific prizes for the most successful researcher, awarded by the Academy of Sciences.

2.2 the nominees for the scientific prizes *Çabej* and *Radovicka* awarded by the Academy of Sciences who are under 40 years old.

2.3 The winners and the nominees for important international prizes or competitions in research and innovation, of the EC research programs, of the Academies of Sciences, etc.

2.4 Researchers under 40 years old, who have the scientific degree *Doctor of Sciences*, with certified publications in the scientific journals which are part of the *WEB of SCIENCE*.

2.5 The coordinative Secretariat shall be composed of young researchers who have the scientific degree *Doctor of Sciences*, and hold permanent positions in the administration of the scientific sections of the Academy of Sciences.

2.6 The selection of the members pursuant to the points 2.3, 2.4, is done based on:

a). the proposal from the respective Section of Sciences;

- b). the proposal from the Assembly of the Academy of Sciences.
 - c). the members of the Assembly of the Academy of Sciences individualisht.
 - d) the Senates of the public and private universities.
3. the founding members of the *Young Academy* are provided with this decision as follows:

Young researchers, winners and nominees for the annual prizes of the Academy of Sciences:

- **Andi Rëmbeci**, Faculty of History and Philology of the University of Tirana, winner of the prize for the most successful young researcher in Social and Albanian Sciences (2016).
- **Sokol Çunga**, General Directorate of Archives, winner of the prize for the most successful young researcher in Social and Albanian Sciences (2016).
- **Rigers Bakiu**, Agricultural University, winner of the prize for the most successful young researcher in Natural and Technical Sciences (2016).
- **Erida Gjini**, nominee for the prize of the most successful young researcher in Natural and Technical Sciences (2016).
- **Nebi Bardhoshi**, Center for Albanian Studies, nominee for the prize of the most successful young researcher in Social and Albanian Sciences (2016).
- **Proposed pursuant to the points 2.3, 2.4,:**
- **Dr. Belfjore Qosja** (born in 1985), Lecturer in the Department of Literature at the *University of Tirana*.
- **Dr. Teuta Toska** (born in 1979), Lecturer in the Department of Language at the University *Aleksandër Xhuvani*, Elbasan.
- **Dr. Evis Rusi** (born in 1983), graduated at *La Sapienca*, Lecturer in the Department of Literature at the University *Fan Noli* Korçë.
- **Dr. Mikaela Minga** (born in 1982), musicologist, researcher at the Center for Albanian Studies.
- **Dr. Mentor Beqa** (born in 1981), Lecturer at the UET, political sciences, international relations.
- **Thomas Frashëri** (born in 1983), winner of the prize "Emile Girardeu" in economic and social sciences of the (French) Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, 2002; history of Albania, history of international relations and the jurisdictional and constitutional systems.
- **Dr. Edelajda Cenaj-Cepa** (born in 1982), Lecturer at the the University of Elbasan, ethnology.
- **Prof. As. Dr. Ilda Kazani** (born in 1979), Polytechnic University of Tirana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.
- **Prof. As. Dr. Valbona Sota** (born in 1980), The University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences.
- **Dr. Shaniko Allajbeu** (born in 1989), University "Ismail Qemali", Vlorë, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Chemistry.

The Coordinative Secretariat:

- **Dr. Albana Velianj**, Chief of the Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences.
- **Dr. Edmond Cane**, specialist of public and foreign relations of the Academy of Sciences.
- **Dr. Anita Berberi**, the Academy of Sciences.

4. The Academy of Sciences shall support the activity of the *Young Academy* in the following priority directions:

4.1 Through counselling on successful career orientation, essential aspects in research, main trends and directions of contemporary science.

4.2 Through infrastructure facilities for research it avails or has access to.

4.3 Through involving their research in the Academy's annual publication planning.

4.4 Through financial support for primary research with the scientific sections and the academicians in fields of strategic priorities.

4.5 Through cooperation and participation in important national and international conferences.

4.6 Through supporting recommendations to their work at research and state institutions at home and abroad.

4.7 Through involvement in the scientific activities organized by the Academy of Sciences.

4.8 Through the support to establishing cooperation with the *Global Young Academy*, and the *National Young Academies*.

4.9 Through providing sustainable opportunities for continuation of important research projects, which the young researchers have applied to and have won, in the framework of the *post-doctoral studies*.

4.10 Through other scientific and organizational initiatives which aim to establish long-term community and national network of young researchers.

4.11. Through its mediating role for the formalization of their cooperation with the respective international networks.

4.12. Through promoting their best achievements, with academic speeches, lectures and other academic forums.

4.13 Through the representational election in collegial bodies of the Academy of Sciences.

5. The actual forms to support the organization and the activities of the Young Academy and its members, shall be formally submitted by the respective sections to the Executive Council of the Academy of Sciences.

6. The foundation of the Young Academy, object of this act, shall be promoted in a ceremony organized by the Academy of Sciences, with the participation of the founding members.

7. The Young Academy shall be an open forum, whose membership is renewed each year with the winners and the nominees for the annual national scientific prizes of the Academy of Sciences and the provisions of point 3, *the membership of the Young Academy*.

8. The Young Academy has its own logo.

9. The respective sections of the Academy of Sciences and their sub-structures are charged with the implementation of this Decision.

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

11. The specialist of the scientific public and foreign relations is charged with promoting the activity of *the Young Academy* in the media, prior to, through and after such activities.

12. Presidency and the Academy of Sciences shall support the functioning of *the Young Academy* after this decision.

13. This decision takes effect immediately.

President

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