

Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

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History

The Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts is the highest scientific and art institution in the Republic of Serbia. It develops and encourages science, organizes and promotes basic and applied scientific research, encourages and promotes artistic activity. The Academy is an institution of special national importance. Its members are elected based on the results of their research or artistic work.

The name of the Academy was officially introduced by the Law of November 1, 1886, but it was not the actual beginning of the Academy's work in Serbia. The formal founding of the Serbian Royal Academy was only one of the turning points in the development of learned societies in Serbia. The Academy inherited the property of the Serbian Learned Society and continued its work. Finally, in 1892 when the two institutions merged the Academy accepted the members of the Serbian Learned Society as its own either regular or honorary members. The Serbian Learned Society (1864-1892) was, however, only the short-term extension of the suspended Society of Serbian Letters (1841-1864). Thus, the development of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts cannot be presented without the learned societies that preceded it and from which it originated. ENDOWMENTS and FUNDS have also enormous importance for life and development of the Academy.

Membership

Members of the Academy are divided into categories - full members (academicians) - 96 members, corresponding members - 57, external (non resident) members - 22 and foreign members - 115.

Full members are elected from the ranks of corresponding members on the basis of their significant contribution to science or art, achieved since their election as corresponding members of the Academy.

Corresponding members are Serbian citizens who distinguished themselves having achieved significant results in the field of science or art.

Full and corresponding members constitute active members of the Academy (those who have the right to elect members of the Academy or to be elected to the Academy's bodies).

Prominent scientists and artists who are Serbian citizens and whose residence is outside the territory of the Republic of Serbia are external members.

Foreign members of the Academy are elected from the ranks of foreign citizens recognized for the general development of science and art and for the promotion of scientific and artistic relations between the country in which they work and the Republic of Serbia.

Members of the Academy are elected by the Assembly of the Academy at a special sitting. Full members are elected by the majority of votes of all full members, while other members are elected by a majority of votes of all full and corresponding members by secret ballot.

Proportion of young scientists and women

Out of 182 research projects headed by members of the Academy that gather 1037 researchers from non-academy institutions approximately 20% are young scientists below 40 years of age. There is consideration for establishment of a more formal association of young scientists (Young Academy)

Around 10% of Academy membership is women scientists, and that figure is less than a number of women involved in research activities in the country.

Academy Organization

The basic activities of the Academy take place in the Academy, its Branch in Novi Sad, the departments, units and institutions, as well as in centers in Kragujevac and Niš.

Academy bodies

Assembly

The highest administrative body of the Academy is the Assembly which is made up of all of the members. The Assembly meets at least once a year. The most important tasks and decision-making falls within the sphere of its activity: passing of the Statute, work programme and financial plan; election of Academy members; election of the President, members of the Executive Council and Presidency, etc.

Presidency

The Academy Presidency is the executive body of the Academy's Assembly, made up of the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary General of the Academy, President of the Academy's Branch in Novi Sad, Department Secretaries and one chosen members from the Branch and each Department.

Executive Council of the Presidency

Decisions and conclusions of the Presidency are carried out by the Executive Council of the Presidency, also in charge of all current administrative work of the Academy. It consists of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General and President of the Academy's Branch in Novi Sad.

Publications

The academy issues two publications -

Bulletin of the scientific research is published once a year as a report of the scientific activities of the Academy in all research fields (in Serbian and English)

Annual Report is published once a year as a report of the Academy's program activities.

Budget of the Academy

The resources for the work of the Academy are secured in the budget of the Republic of Serbia. The resources that are also used for the work of the Academy include resources from endowments, funds, foundations, resources obtained through a contract with third person, resources from donors and other sources.

The Academy independently manages its sources in accordance with the Law.

Prices and medals

The Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts grants Medallion and a Badge.

A Badge made in silver is granted to all full members of the Academy at the election ceremony.

A Medallion made in metal is granted by the Presidency of the Academy for the extraordinary important contribution in the field of science or art and for the special contribution in realization of the main tasks of the Academy. The Medallion can be granted both to the individual and to an institution.

Institutions dependent of the Academy

The Academy consists of several institutes closely depended on the Academy. Those institutes are:

- Archeological Institute
- Institute for Balkan Studies
- Institute for Byzantine Studies
- Geographical institute Jovan Cvijic
- Ethnographical Institute
- Institute for the Serbian Language
- Historical Institute
- Mathematical Institute
- Institute if Musicology

The Academy awards Directors of institutes and ratifies the Annual-reports. Individual projects of the institutes are financed from the budget of the Ministry of Science.

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Programs and activities of the Academy

The Academy's programs focus on research projects carried out by members of the Academy and other researchers gathered around the Academy's committees. The main projects of the Academy are directed towards development in the material and social sphere. There are 182 research projects headed by members of the Academy, gathering 1037 researchers. The work results are published in scientific and professional journals and monographs or are presented at scientific meetings.

Each year SASA organizes scientific gatherings of national and international character in almost all fields of scientific research. Academy plays an important role in the cultural life of the country, offering

the services of its galleries, Library, Archive and its regular musical programmes devoted to the promotion of young talents.

International activities

Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts establishes and promotes cooperation with the national academies of the European member countries, as well as with other academies, especially those in the region. The SASA maintains its international cooperation through:

- The exchange of researchers under bilateral agreement on scientific cooperation with 17 national academies within the realization of 146 joint research projects.
- Multilateral cooperation, which implies the activities linked to the programmes financed from the European Commission's and other funding (FP 6, FP 7, SEE-ERA.NET, COST, IAP, ICSU, UNESCO)
- Membership in non-governmental international scientific associations and panels at all levels, that is, at the global (IAP, ICSU), European (ALLEA, IUA, EASA, EAASH), regional (CEEN, ICBSS) and Balkan (IAC SEE) levels.