

MACEDONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

The Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts was established by the Macedonian Assembly on 22th February 1967 as the highest scientific, scholarly and artistic institution in the country with the aim of monitoring and stimulating the sciences and arts. The Academy's objectives are to survey the cultural heritage and natural resources, to assist in the planning of a national policy regarding the sciences and arts, to stimulate, coordinate, organize and conduct scientific and scholarly research and to promote artistic achievement, especially where particularly relevant to the Republic of Macedonia. The Academy facilitates scholarly, scientific and artistic endeavor on the part of its members and encourages the use of the most up-to-date methodology and scientific information and the results of the latest research. It also works on developing international co-operation in the fields of the sciences and arts.

As an independent scientific and artistic institution the Academy achieves these objectives by basic, developmental and applied research, comprehensive and interdisciplinary research projects, by organizing scientific and scholarly conferences and symposia, by publishing the results of the same and of other scientific and artistic research and by organizing events in the field of the arts. The Academy collaborates with the universities, other scientific, scholarly and cultural institutions, scientific and artistic societies and other comparable organizations in the Republic of Macedonia. It also co-operates with other academies of sciences and arts, and with scientific, scholarly and artistic institutions abroad.

The Macedonian state came into being with the First Anti-fascist Assembly of the People's Liberation of Macedonia (ASNOM) in 1944. Twenty-three years later, in 1967, the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts was founded. In 2012 it celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary.

A significant period in its development to date has passed. However, as with everything at the turn of the century, it, too, confronts the great challenges which the new millennium brings.

If all things mature through time, if only time can yield their final meaning, it is up to the sciences and the arts to leave their mark on it.

The Academy today

The Academy's supreme body is the Assembly of all of its members. The Assembly is in charge of passing the statutory regulations regarding the organization and general activities of

the Academy such as its Statute, Financial Plan, the establishment of departments and scientific, scholarly and artistic units, etc. The Assembly elects the President, Vice-President and Secretary of Academy as well as a number of the members of the Presidency.

It also elects full, foreign and honorary members of the Academy. The election of members takes place every three years by a majority vote in secret ballot of the Academy's full members.

The members are independent in their scientific and scholarly research and artistic work and are elected for life.

The organizational structure of the Academy includes the Presidency, six departments, eight research centers, two technical units and the Academy's Secretariat.