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**REGULATION**

**“On**

**The establishment of the national scientific prizes of the Academy of Sciences of Albania, the procedure of the scientific competitions, their criteria for evaluation and award”**

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**Part 1**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

**Purpose and object**

* 1. The regulation aims to establish the annual scientific prizes as well as the procedure of the organization of the scientific competitions, which are announced, organized and awarded by the Academy of Sciences of Albania (that shall be further in this document be referred as ASA), pursuant to the Law no. 9655 of 11.12.2006, “*On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania”,* point dh) *“It organizes competitions and awards scientific prizes”.*
	2. This regulation defines the priority fields for which the ASA annual national prizes shall be awarded: the criteria and the procedure of organization of the competitions, the procedure for establishment of the juries and their composition, the nominations and their eligibility, their selection, the evaluation and the announcement of the winners.

**Article 2**

**Definitions**

In this regulation, the terms that follow shall have these meanings

1. “Law” is the Law no. 9655 of 11.12.2006, “*On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania”,* amended.

2. “Scientific prizes” are the prizes awarded by the Academy of Sciences of Albania

3. “Scientific competitions” are the competitions organized by the Academy of Sciences of Albania

4. “The fields of scientific research”. Are the disciplines and sub-disciplines of research.

5. “Scientific publication/project/patent” are scientific monographic works published, registered, which synthesize original results of research and include certified solutions.

6. “Nomination” is the process of the pre-final selection of no fewer than 3 candidates nominated for each of the national scientific prizes.

7. “Laureate” is any of the winners of national scientific prizes.

8. The ARTI is the Agency for Research, Technology and Information.

9. The MTI is the Ministry of Technology and Innovation

10. The NCU is the National Commission of UNESCO at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11. The AIESEE National Commission is the Commission of the Association Internationale d’Etudes du Sud-Est Europe at the ASA

12. IAP is the Inter-Academy Partnership, the Global Network of Science Academies.

13. Other terms used in this regulation shall have the same meaning with the ones used in the Decision No. 2 of 1st of July 2014 “*On the approval of the criteria for publication in the Academy of Sciences”*

**Part II**

**THE GOAL AND TIME OF ORGANIZATION**

**Article 3**

**The Mission**

***3.1 The ASA annual national scientific prizes shall be established with the aim:***

a. To support and promote *original scientific studies and research, in alignment with the essential priorities of the academic and university scientific research,* in view of the country’s social, economic and cultural development.

b. To encourage competition and to recognize the *scientific quality* of the most outstanding achievements in research, science, innovation, of authors from Albania/Albanian authors from other countries of the world, which have distinguished values and originality, high level of creativity, independence, global significance and importance.

c. To guide *scientific research in fields and disciplines that relate to immediate issues* of the country’s overall development.

d. To provide for *supporting the most successful young researchers*, with demands for scientific quality and original research; to promote interaction and the continuity among generations of researchers.

e. To evaluate the scientific life merits of the personalities and the successful academic career of the researchers, at the level of excellence.

f. To encourage the institutional research from the base unit of the scientific research: to highlight and re-evaluate the tradition of groupwork of interdisciplinary nature.

***3.2 The scientific competitions are organized for the purpose of:***

g. Providing concrete solutions to specific themes relating to the country’s development, which necessarily demand the expertise of research.

gj. Providing for the efficient functioning of communication bridges between the political decision-making and science for developmental issues that require the support of the scientific research.

h. To establish and to support priority research with direct and immediate impact on the country’s scientific, social and economic development

**Article 4**

**The Time of organization of the scientific prizes**

1. The ASA’s national scientific prizes are annual

2. The announcement of the procedures, the timelines, the criteria and the way of the organization of the national scientific prizes is done by this regulation and by the acts pursuant to it, by decision of the of the ASA Presidency.

3. The Register of Prizes is kept and administered at the ASA Presidency.

**Article 5**

**The Time of organization of the scientific competitions**

1. The ASA, in compliance with its main functional priorities, and with the demands for the science promotion stemming from the country’s economic and social development, organizes occasional scientific competitions.

2. The organization of the national competitions, their theme and the criteria, is done based on the proposals by the ASA’s scientific Sections and are formalized by the ASA Presidency Decision.

3. The Register of Prizes is kept and administered at the ASA Presidency.

**Part III**

**THE KINDS OF SCIENTIFIC PRIZES AND THE CRITERIA FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION**

**Article 6**

**The annual national scientific prize in the field of the social and Albanian studies**

1.The annual national scientific prize in the field of the social and Albanian studies is awarded for publications and outstanding academic achievements in the priority fields in social and Albanian studies.

2. The prize is named after the Academician “EqeremCabej”.

3. The financial reward for this prize is provided for in the ASA budget and is defined in the respective order of the announcement of the winning candidate, following the jury’s decision.

4. The prize winner is entitled to the prize symbol and to the diploma which contains: the name and surname of winning candidate, the research field, the date, the motivation, the year of award and the register number.

**Article 7**

**The annual national scientific prize in the field of the natural and technical studies**

1. The annual national scientific prize in the field of the natural and technical studies is awarded for publications and outstanding academic achievements in the priority fields in natural and technical studies.

2. The prize is named after the Academician “Petrit Radovicka”.

3. The financial reward for this prize is provided for in the ASA budget and is defined in the respective order of the announcement of the winning candidate, following the jury’s decision.

4. The prize winner is entitled to the prize symbol and to the diploma which contains: the name and surname of winning candidate, the research field, the date, the motivation, the year of award and the register number.

**Article 8**

**The annual national scientific prize of the academic career**

1. The national scientific prize of academic career is awarded for *continuousscientific merits with great importance for national knowledge and research,* awarded to personalities of the national science, to honour their researcher’s contributions along the life-long creativity.

2. This prize is awarded to one personality only once.

3. The financial reward for this prize is provided for in the ASA budget and is defined in the respective order of the announcement of the winning candidate, following the jury’s decision.

4. The prize winner is entitled to the prize symbol and to the diploma which contains: the name and surname of winning candidate, the research field, the date, the motivation, the year of award and the register number.

**Article 9**

**The annual national scientific prize for the most successful young researcher**

1. The annual prize for *the most successful young researcher,* is awarded to the young researcher most evaluated, selected based on the achieved results in the doctoral studies and independent research.

2. This prize is awarded to a young researcher only once.

3. The financial reward for this prize is provided for in the ASA budget and is defined in the respective order of the announcement of the winning candidate, following the jury’s decision.

4. The prize winner is entitled to the prize symbol and to the diploma which contains: the name and surname of winning candidate, the research field, the date, the motivation, the year of award and the register number.

**Article 10**

**The participants**

In the annual competitions for the annual national prizes awarded by the ASA for outstanding scientific works, can participate the following candidates:

1. Researchers from the Republic of Albania, from the Albanian historical area and the Diaspora.

2. Foreign researchers and Albanologists, with active outstanding activity in the Albanian studies.

3. The candidates may be nominated by the research institutions where they conduct research, the publishers and associations in which they participate. The candidates may be also self-nominated.

4. For works of an institutional character, proposing entities and participants may be the units of fundamental research institutions or universities (departments, research institutes or centers), which carry out research in the country’s national system of scientific research.

5. There may be nominations for works with an author or several authors, for individual works. For winners of works with several authors, the reward accompanying the prize is shared among them.

**Article 11**

**The criteria for their organization**

1. The annual national prizes are awarded by the ASA for monograph publications, research projects, registered scientific patents, with outstanding and original values.

2. The announcement of the annual prizes is done through *a call for participation* announced on the ASA’s official site, and at least *three national media*.

3. With the exception of the first time, in the annual scientific national prizes awarded by the ASA, are eligible only scientific *works, (publications, research projects and registered patents)* of original character, *belonging to the preceding year.*

4. With the exception of the first time, the period of expression of interest starts from June the 1st each year and closes on December 31st.

5. The Jury announces the *full list of the nominated or self-nominated candidates,* no later than the first half of January of the following year*.*

6. The Jury selects from the general number, no more than five nominated candidates for each prize, who are officially recognized for nomination. The nominations are announced publicly by the jury no later than the first half of February of the following year.

7. The announcement of the annual national prizes with the winning laureates, takes place in a special, solemn public ceremony, organized by the ASA in March each calendar year.

**Article 12**

**The certification of participation**

The self-nominated candidates or those nominated by a research center, association or publishing institution; as well as the institutions nominated for multi-author works, shall officially submit to the protocol office of the ASA, the following documentation:

1. The request for participation.

2. The personal curriculum vitae – CV

3. The list of the co-authors and the composition of the editing board (for works with several authors and the scientific institutional initiatives)

4. Two copies, not to be returned, of the published study/project. At the end of the competition, the publications become part of the ASA scientific library inventory.

5. The certificate for the registration of the patent; the certificate of the authority for project approval.

6. The declaration of ownership and originality of the scientific work.

7. An analytical summary in English of the research/study submitted for competition.

8. The declaration for accepting the competition conditions as provided for in the regulation.

9. The participants in the competition present a motivated rationale on the significance of the research conducted and completed by them, and the reasons why their work should be winner of the annual scientific prize announced by the ASA.

10. The jury welcomes two supporting references for the work of the nominated candidate from specialised research institutes or university institutions.

11. When the prize is awarded to an institution, the latter submits as well the foundation act/decree, the statute, a copy of the document as legal person, a declaration of the acceptance of the prize.

**Part IV**

**THE JURY, COMPOSITION, RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**

**Article 13**

**Jury composition**

1. The Jury is composed as follows:

**Chairperson:** *A representative of the ASA Presidency*

**Member:** *A representative of the section of the social and Albanian studies, with the title Academician*

**Member:** *A representative of the of the section of the natural and technical studies, with the title Academician*

**Member:** *Two representatives of the respective sections of the Assembly of the Academy of Sciences*

**Member:** *A representative of the academicians over 75 years of age*

**Member:** *representative of the Agency of Research, Technology and Innovation at the Ministry of Education and Sports*

**Member:** *A representative of the Ministry of Technology and Innovation*

**Member:** *Two representatives of the network of the Albanian universities with the title “Professor”, respectively from the social sciences and the natural technical sciences.*

**Member:** *A representative of the IAP*

**Member:** *A representative of the National Commission of UNESCO, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**Member:** *A representative of the National Commission* *of the AIESEE*

2. The jury members who are representatives of institutions, are appointed by the heads of the institutions they represent.

3. The jury members can not be nominated for national scientific prizes.

4. The nominal composition of the jury is announced by decision of the President of the Academy of Sciences

5. The jury is established for one only edition of the competitions for national prizes awarded by the ASA (for one year).

6. The ASA provides for the necessary conditions for the work and the normal exercise of the responsibilities of the jury.

7. The jury has its own scientific secretariat who document and prepare the reports of the procedures carried out by the jury. For the function of the scientific secretary, there shall be appointed an employee of the ASA sector of the scientific library and publications.

8. The evaluation of the nominations shall be based on the international standards of evaluation and the basic parameters of excellence.

9. The jury shall receive financial reward for its work.

**Article 14**

**The jury responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities and tasks of the jury are defined in this regulation and, in a more analytic way, in the special Order issued by the ASA President

2. The Jury may hold several meetings until it comes to a decision. The final decision of the jury which contains the names of the winning candidates, signed by all jury members, is announced by Order of the ASA President.

3. The jury is autonomous in decision-taking. The jury decisions are taken by secret ballot. The minority does not comment publicly comments its own decision.

4. The discussion in the jury remain confidential. The Jury Chairperson may appear with comments to the media with the jury authorization.

**Article 15**

**The prize winners**

*The winners of the ASA annual national prize are awarded:*

*1.* The diploma for the ASA national prize winner, is signed by the jury Chairperson and the ASA President. The diploma contains the name of the prize winner, the title of the prize, the signing of the decision-taking authority and the register number.

2. The symbol of the awarded prize and the financial reward defined for the prize.

3. The award of the prizes is done through a public solemn ceremony organized by the ASA

**Article 16**

**The revocation of prize**

The prize may be revoked when there is evidence that there has been violation of the research ethics, of the copyright of a third party.

**Article 17**

**The amendment of the regulation**

1. This regulation may be amended by decision of the ASA Presidency, on the proposal of the ASA Scientific Sections or one third of the members of the ASA Assembly.

**Article 18**

**Last provisions**

1. The regulation enters into effect immediately.

2. The Regulation shall be announced on the ASA official website