REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDENCY

Call for participation In the competition for the national scientific prizes 2017 of the Academy of Sciences of Albania 2nd Edition

(Established by the Order no. 11, of 6 October 2016)

Pursuant to the 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,* the Academy of Sciences opens the second edition (2017) of the competition for the national scientific prizes 2017 of the Academy of Sciences of Albania.

1. The Presidency of the Academy of Sciences of Albania shall this call to the scientific communities in the country and abroad to participate in the annual national scientific competition 2017 for the following national scientific prizes:

- The Prize *Çabej*, national scientific prize in the field of the social and Albanian sciences;

- The Prize Radovicka, national scientific prize in the field of the natural and technical sciences.

- The Prize for academic career for vital merits and works in science;

- The two prizes for the most successful young scientist in the social and Albanian sciences and the natural and technical sciences.

2. The call shall open on 1 June 2017 and shall close on 31 December 2017.

3. In the competition for the national scientific prizes, the jury shall accept only scientific *works* of original character, *(publications, research projects and registered patents)* published or registered during 2017.

4. In the annual competitions for the annual national prizes 2017 can participate researchers from the Republic of Albania, from the Albanian historical area and the Diaspora, foreign researchers and Albanologists, with active outstanding activity in the Albanian studies.

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

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.

Authors may participate for works with an author or several authors, for institutional works..

6. The self-proposed 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:

- The personal motivation request.
- The personal curriculum vitae
- The list of the co-authors and the composition of the editing board (for works with several authors and the scientific institutional initiatives)
- *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.*
- The certificate for the registration of the patent;
- The declaration of ownership and originality of the scientific work.
- An analytical summary in English of the research/study submitted for competition.
- The declaration for accepting the competition conditions as provided for in the regulation.
- The jury welcomes two supporting references for the work of the nominated candidate from specialised research institutes or university institutions.
- 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.

7. The jury announces publicly on the official webpage <u>www.akad.gov.al</u> and on the Academy's social networks, the full list of the proposed competitor, or the self-proposed ones, no later than mid-January 2018.

8. From the overall number of the candidates, the jury shall select no more than 4 (four) of them as nominees for each prize. The nomination shall be announced no later than mid-February 2018.

9. After the nomination and until the announcement of the winners, the Academy of Sciences provides for opportunities that the nominees may come up to present the issues elaborated in their works in scientific lectures in public scientific forums with the presence of the jury, specialist audience and the interested public.

10. The winners of the national scientific prizes shall be awarded:

- 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;

- the personalized seal of the prize-awarding institution;

- for the winners of the prize "Cabej", "Radovicka" and "The Prize of Career", the jury shall also reward the artistic statue, done by the sculptor Maksi Velo;

- the winners of the national scientific prizes shall be given a financial award, that shall be assigned by

the Presidency of the Academy of Sciences.

11. A secretariat is established to assist the jury in its technical official communications.

12. The award of the prizes is done through a public solemn ceremony organized by the ASA in the period March—April 2018 in the conference room "Aleks Buda" of the Academy of Sciences.

Tiranë on 1 June 2017