

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the MSSA  
(for the period December 2020-December 2021)

The Annual Assembly of the MSSA was held on 24.12.2021. Due to the current COVID 19 crisis, it was held through the Microsoft Teams platform. The annual meeting was attended by: Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, M.A Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska, Vesna Filipovska, Dr. Dejan Trajkov, Fiki Gaspar, Prof. Dr. Dejan Trajkov Dr Anna Frichand, associate. Prof. Dr. Dr. Vladimir Ilievski, Aleksandra Karagirova, Adriana Kukoska, Lilyana Ivanova, Elena Penov, Mr. Slavica Todorova, as well as newly joined members Katerina Kalkova, Thea Petrusheva and Anja Pandurevic.

Justifiably absent were: Prof. Dr. Risto Petrov, MD, Prof. Dr. Zoran Kitkanj, M.D., Rosalia Boskovski and Angela Mircevska.

The annual meeting officially started at 13:00. with the following:

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Adoption of the 2020 annual assembly record**

President of the Ministry of Interior Prof. Dr. Dr Vladimir Trajkovski presented the record of the last annual meeting held for 2020, while reminding members that he received it at their e-mail addresses. Members were then invited to vote on its adoption. After the voting, the minutes were unanimously adopted by those present.

#### **2. Admission of new members in MSSA;**

Regarding the second point, the President announced that this year he has received three membership applications and called on them to present themselves before the membership. After they introduced themselves, the president called for a vote. New members of MSSA are: Anja Pandurevic– clinical speech therapist, Tea Petrusheva– special educator and rehabilitator and Katerina Kalkova – clinical speech therapist. After the brief representation, the president welcomed them with the hope of fruitful co-operation. At this point, he also noted that due to inactivity lasting more than 2–3 years, some of the existing members of the MSSA will be removed from membership.

### **3. Report on the work of the MSSA of 2021**

The President declared 2021 quite successful and productive for the MSSA, filled with many activities and projects despite the COVID 19 crisis. This year was particularly marked by many webinars held by members of the MSSA, but also by numerous eminent names in the field of autism.

He also called and encouraged all attendees if they wanted to write papers or compete with projects in NGOs and municipalities. All activities by the President were then presented in chronological order (Annex Report on work of the MSSA for period from December 2020-December 2021 )

This point also included Fiki Gaspar, who also highlighted the visit with the president of TV Sitel on the morning programme, which discussed autism as a condition and treatment, and Also M.A Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska added an article published in the Free Press to mark 3 December, in co-operation with Maria Marinakou , leader of the project "Supporting the modernisation and disintegration of social services".

### **4. Financial Report 2020 - 2021**

The fourth point concerned the 2021 Financial Report, which was presented by Secretary Vesna Filipovska. Total revenue is 2,244,064.00 denari. The amount of costs incurred during this time period is 1,746,659.00 denari, and the positive difference achieved is 497,405 denari. The financial report was put to a vote, and after the vote it was adopted by the attendees.

### **5. Assembly Work Programme 2022**

The president called on Vice President Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska to present the programme for the work of the assembly during 2021.

During 2022, the Macedonian Scientific Association for Autism plans to carry out more activities: Erasmus's ongoing activities plus the LEBEL project;

- Finalisation of erasmus activities plus the "Autism Friendly Spaces" project; 7 people will go to training in Malta from 23–29 January 2022. Organization of 12 workshops (youth hubs at 4 locations in Skopje, Prilep and Gostivar). In April, the project was promoted.
- Starting Erasmus Plus project: "Inclusion through social skills for students with autism and intellectual disabilities".
- Inclusion in activities to mark International Day of Persons with Autism 2 April;
- Maintenance of webinars with world-renowned autismologists;
- Application for international projects (through EU funds, etc.).
- Regular maintenance of the MSSA website and social media.

## **6. Early and proper diagnosis as a key part for appropriate treatment and rehabilitation in people with autism**

At this point, a short presentation was given by special educator and rehabilitator Tea Petrusheva, introducing those present to the results of her research. After a brief statement, as there were no questions from the attendees, the president thanked her for the useful information and the presentation made to enrich the agenda of this assembly.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

At this point, the President of the association asked if anyone of the present wants to speak on any grounds. Since none of the attendees took the floor, the Annual Assembly ended with congratulations on happy holidays, more health and hope for even more constructive cooperation in the new year. The annual meeting ended at 14.10.

**Date:**

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