

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the MSSA
(for the period December 2021-December 2022)**

The Annual Assembly of MSSA was held on 23.12.2022, through the Microsoft Teams platform. The annual meeting was attended by: Prof. Dr. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, Vesna Filipovska, Mr. Fiki Gaspar, Aleksandra Karagirova, Mr. Rosalia Boskovski, Lilyana Ivanova, Elena Penov, Katerina Kalkova, Thea Petrusheva, Andrea Ivanovska, Peco Stojanovski, Angela Mirchevska, Zhivka Dimitrovska, Stojan Andonov, Mr. Irena Stojanovska, Natasa Jovanoska and Emilia Trumpevska. Justified absence announced: Mr. Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska, Mr. Tanja Stankova-Papic, Mr. Meri Nolcheva and Mr. Slavica Todorova.

The annual assembly officially began at 1:30 p.m. with the following:

Agenda

1. Adoption of the 2021 annual assembly record

President of the MSSA, Prof. Dr. Dr Vladimir Trajkovski presented the record of the last annual assembly held for 2021, while reminding members that they 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 had three membership supporters and called them to present themselves, to say something about themselves and the reason why they want to join to this organisation. Everyone noted that the main reason for their membership in the association is that during their work, they meet children with autism. New members of the MSSA are: Mr. Irena Stojanovska, former graduate student of autism and intellectual disability, Emilija Trumpevska, graduate special educator and rehabilitator, and Andrea Ivanovska, a graduate psychologist enrolled in postgraduate studies in Edinburgh. After the brief representation, a positive vote followed, after which the president welcomed them with the hope of good co-operation.

3. Report on the work of the MSSA of 2022

The President declared 2022 as quite successful and productive for MSSA, filled with many activities and projects. 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 (in addition to the Report on the Work of MSSA from period of December 2021 to December 2022). At this point, the president expressed gratitude to all those involved in the activities and projects, especially Andrea Ivanovska, who, although not yet an official member of the MSSA, contributed much with her activity and commitment.

4. Financial Report 2021 - 2022

The fourth point concerned the 2022 Financial Report, which was presented by Secretary Vesna Filipovska, which noted that the overall calculations were made by the accountants with whom the MSSA cooperates. Total revenue is 2,794,044.00 denari. The amount of costs incurred during this time period is 1,879,030.00 denari, and the positive difference achieved is 915,014 denari. The financial report was put to a vote, and after the vote it was adopted by the attendees. The president also ruled at this point that he wanted to point out that all fees were made by the participants in the project and that all the finances at the association's disposal were used consistently and appropriately without any abuse. Mr Fiki Gaspar also ruled at this point, saying that it may be good to find accountants who will volunteer to run the finances for the association, and the president stressed that he has already hired a new accounting bureau, which will receive less compensation than last year's.

5. Assembly Work Programme 2023

The president called on Aleksandra Karagirova to present the programme for the assembly's work during 2023.

During 2023, the Macedonian Scientific Association for Autism plans to have more activities:

- The Erasmus's plus project ongoing activities "Available digital education for students with autism and intellectual disabilities: innovative solutions and improvement of the competences of educators";
- Finalisation of the erasmus plus project activities for the project "Inclusion through social skills for students with an autistic spectrum of disorder and intellectual disability".
- Inclusion in activities to mark International Day of Persons with Autism 2 April;

- Inclusion of young Members of the MSSA in study visits within the Cupid project;
- Maintenance of webinars with world-renowned autismologists;
- Application for international projects (through EU funds, etc.).
- Regular maintenance of the MSSAA website and social media.

6. Medicated and biomedical treatment of ASN - opportunities for improvement in nuclei and accompanying deficits and symptoms

Irena Stojanovska

At this point, mr. Irena Stojanovska presented a brief presentation, 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 someone of the attendees wanted to speak on any grounds. Mr Rosalia Boskovski noted that MSSA has made great progress in the work in the last seven years and unlike when she joined 11 years ago and when most activities volunteered, now they are paid to the participants. She also noted that the project Friendly Places for Autism has positive grades in some of macedonia's primary schools. Then, none of the attendees signed up for the word, the Annual Assembly was completed by sending greetings for happy holidays, more health and hope for even more fruitful co-operation in the new year 2023. The annual meeting ended at 3:08 p.m.

Date:

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