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Regulations of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

Preamble

The movement of young academies around the world began in 2000 when the first Young Academy was established by mutual agreement between Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Exact Sciences and Humanities and the German Academy of Natural Sciences "Leopoldina". Later, between 2005 and 2017, over 40 young academies were established worldwide. Most of them are members of the Global Young Academy and are actively involved in its activities. In Europe, young academies operating at or within science academies have been established in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Finland, Scotland, Sweden, and Germany. Young academies bring together talented promising scientists who have achieved outstanding scientific results, promote their professional, international and interdisciplinary scientific, innovative, and social activities.

1. Organisation

The Young Academy is part of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, and its official name is the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. The symbols and operation and management regulations of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences are coordinated with the Presidium of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

2. The Aim

The Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences brings together active researchers for activities corresponding to the mission of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, who have achieved outstanding scientific results and are promising young scientists engaged in scientific and innovative activities. It promotes their creative, scientific and expert activities, represents the interests of young Lithuanian scientists, provides opinions on issues of Lithuanian research policy, creates conditions to pursue an academic career, to communicate with young academies of other countries, to raise the prestige of science and the availability of science-based knowledge in society, to analyse the development of science in an academic environment, to activate academic mentoring.

3. Membership

Members of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences shall be elected by a competitive procedure. The applicants shall be motivated by the activities of the Young Academy, will have achieved significant scientific results, and shall be active in professional and social activities, having obtained a doctoral degree not earlier than ten (10) years ago and shall be not older than 40 years of age before the final date of the acceptance of documents. Up to ten

(10) members shall be elected in the first year, and up to 10 new members shall be elected each following year. A maximum of forty (40) members shall be elected for a single term. The duration of the term in office shall be four years. At the end of their term in office, the members of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences shall become alumni of the Young Academy.

4. Elections

After the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences announces a competition for the membership of the Young Academy, the candidates shall be nominated by the senates and research councils of Lithuanian research and higher education institutions, members of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, and associations of Lithuanian scientists. Young scientists shall be allowed to nominate themselves. The competition criteria are established by the Presidium of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. To the Secretariat of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, the candidates shall submit an application, a curriculum vitae, a description of their research activities, a list of scientific publications, patents, research projects and innovative activities, as well as other documents specified in the conditions of the competition. The winners shall be selected by commissions formed of the members of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences by fields of research and approved by a resolution of the Presidium of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. Approved by the Presidium of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, the winners of the competition shall become members of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. The members shall be awarded certificates of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences of the established form. At their meeting, the members of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences shall elect the Chair, the Secretary, and the Bureau for a term of two years.

5. Activities

The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences shall provide conditions for the following activities of the Young Academy by:

- representing its interests,
- providing premises for the activities of the Chair, the Secretary, and the Bureau, and for scientific conferences, seminars, discussions, meetings, and other events,
- providing the necessary organisational equipment and facilities, and financing them as much as possible;
- providing opportunities for participation in science and science dissemination projects, international young scientist organisations, and publicising their activities.

A separate division shall be established in the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences for the development of the work of the Young Academy. Employment contracts may be concluded with the Chair and the Secretary of the Young Academy. The Chair may attend the meetings of the Presidium of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

6. Rights and Obligations of Members

Each young researcher who meets the requirements of these regulations shall be eligible to be elected a member of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. The members

shall be provided with the opportunity to actively participate in the activities of the Young Academy:

- to organise conferences, discussions, and seminars; to express their opinion on the policy of research, higher education, and innovations pursued in the Republic of Lithuania;
- to receive information on the activities of the Chair, the Secretary, and the Bureau;
- to participate in the events organised by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- to use information accumulated by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences and its Young Academy.
- It shall be the duty of a member of the Young Academy
- to comply with these Regulations, the Operational and Management Regulations, decisions of the Bureau, and other internal documents,
- to protect the property of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences,
- to raise the prestige of science,
- to adhere to the provisions of academic ethics adopted by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

7. Adoption and Amendment of the Regulations

These regulations shall be adopted and amended by a resolution of the members of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.