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Abstract

The following document is a report on Activity 2.9 Cooperation with scientific diaspora established

Report on Activity 2.9

University of Tirana aims to foster relationships between present and future alumni by enriching the professional and personal lives of all alumni and by recognizing alumni contributions to our university community and to enhance the growth, development and advancement of University of Tirana.

There is an opportunity for alumni to act as promoters for the University of Tirana, using their experience, knowledge and leadership skills to assist student recruitment goals. Through the provision of postgraduate alumni insights, we can better target and cross-promote relevant postgraduate courses and enrolment opportunities in our alumni channels.

In addition UT is trying to strengthen opportunities for the alumni to take an active role in promoting the University of Tirana, offering volunteering opportunities to represent the University to potential future students. The goal is to empower alumni to become confident promoters when attending and presenting at student recruitment events.

There are no exact figures about scientists living and working outside Albania and no systematic analysis or survey of scientific Diaspora has so far taken place. Raising awareness among the general public about this population's possible contribution and the setting up of scientific Diaspora networks is very important.

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The First Summit of All - Albanian Diaspora took place in Tirana on 18 – 20 November 2016. All interested fellow citizens, leaders and representatives of Albanian cultural associations, personalities in the fields of culture, arts, literature, business and others participated in this event. In full compliance with the National Strategy on Diaspora (2018 – 2024), the National Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation (decision of the Council of Ministers no. 710 date 01/12/2017), and the University’s Strategy for Development, University of Tirana has started to analyze ways on how to connect scientific Diaspora Alumni from everywhere around the globe could strengthen the links between the Albanian scientists living and working abroad with the scientists living and working in Albania and create a network. Scientific Diaspora and Alumni associations can play a key role in forming research partnerships and enhance cooperation between scientists.

Having more permanent structures and a list of databases of Albanian academics living and working abroad who are willing to come to their home country and contribute to the University of Tirana engaging in various development projects or undertaking teaching assignments at our university would result in the constitution of real Alumni networks.

Thus, the set-up of the scientific Diaspora alumni database by the University of Tirana is very important, as well as an alumni contact point who might be the main point for the spreading of information to the rest of the members. This database system will enable Albanian Diaspora to become members filling their profiles in the system. Having created the system, the University of Tirana could bring scientists from the Diaspora and Albania altogether in different research activities which help develop the scientific research. UT has started working by preparing and distributing a survey to obtain information from Alumni. This survey can be found at the following link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uDB18hb2F3Wh-LINApB4LU2R1VDPAvKIVuSKED2AgI/viewform?edit_requested=true

There has been a considerable number of former students filling out the data and we are providing here the results obtained so far.

Graphic 1

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Graphic 1. Alumni distribution by gender

Referring to the branches offered by UT, there is a large number of female employment.

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Following the publication of the form with regard to the employment of UT Alumni, the results for each faculty are as follows:

- Faculty of Economics 24.3%
- Faculty of Natural Sciences 8%
- Faculty of Social Sciences 30.5%
- Faculty of Law 23.2%
- Faculty of History and Philology 1.7%
- Faculty of Foreign languages 0.6%

Graphic 3. Type of qualification/Diploma

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The above graphic introduces the type of qualification obtained by Alumni who have completed the questions. Results are as follows:

- 89.8% Master
- 7.9% Bachelor
- 2.3% PhD

**Graphic 4**

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![Pie chart showing Alumni distribution by sector]

- Private Sector 54.2%
- State Sector 38.4%
- Self-employed 7.3%

**Graphic 5**

**Viti i fillimit**

![Bar chart showing First year of studies]

**Grafiku 5. First year of studies:**

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From the answers obtained, it results that the Alumni who responded to the questions according to the year they began their studies at UT belongs to 2002-2016 time frame. The highest percentage is in 2014 and the lowest in 2002.

Graphic 6
Viti i përfundimit

Grafiku 6. Last year of studies:
Alumni who have responded about their last year of studies belong to 2007-2018. The highest percentage is in 2017 and the lowest in 2015.

At the end of the process all data will be analyzed and used to prepare an action plan on cooperation between Alumni and University aiming to attract the attention of Albanian scientists to come and work in Albania with other scientists and in different disciplines.