

Albanian Young Academy (ALBYA)

At the Academy of Sciences of Albania

*Empowering Early-Career
Researchers in Albania and Beyond*



Bridging Generations: The Creation of ALBYA

- The **Academy of Sciences of Albania** recognized the **need to bridge the generational gap** between senior and early-career researchers.
- To address this, it **founded the Albanian Young Academy (ALBYA) in 2017**, as part of the Academy's structure.
- The founder members were **included** in the process of creation of this new body.
- **ALBYA** operates as an **integral commission** within the Academy, maintaining close institutional ties while remaining **independent** in its activities and collaborations.
- In **November 2023**, the **Founding Charter of ALBYA** was officially **approved as a statutory document** of the Academy of Sciences of Albania, with the endorsement of **ALLEA** and the **Global Young Academy**.



Current Composition of ALBYA



Belfiore Qose



Resul Telaj



Romina Muka



Shaniko Allajbeu



Erald Silo



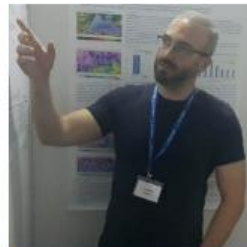
Joniada Bajraba



Aulon Shabani



Jonilda Llupa



Klaudio Peqini



Ledia Vasjari



Redion Luli

45.5% Male | 54.5% Female

MARCH
2024

9 New Members
2 Founding Members
Reconfirmed

Fields Represented

Chemistry · Physics ·
Finance · Informatics ·
Electrical Engineering ·
Biology · Linguistics ·
Literature ·
Sociology · Law

Beyond Membership: Building a National and International Network

- **ALBYA** represents a **broad community of young scholars** in Albania and abroad.
- **Connects** early-career researchers across **universities, institutes, and the Albanian diaspora**.
- **Organized a national tour** to present ALBYA in **public and private institutions**.
- **Built a platform** for collaboration, exchange, and shared scientific values.



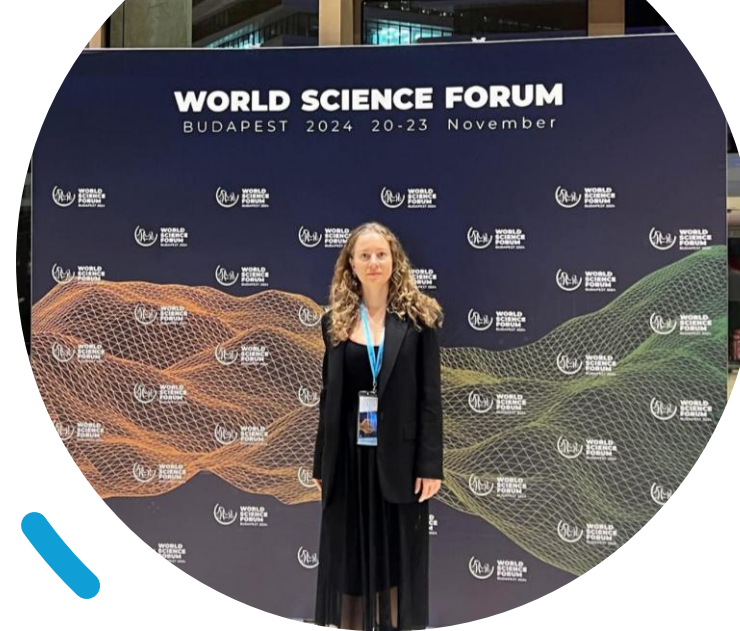
Our ALUMNI: The Founding Cohort of ALBYA (2017)

- Established in **2017**, the **first cohort** of the Albanian Young Academy consisted of **16 founding members**, **56% of whom were women**.
- As the **pioneers of ALBYA**, they laid the foundations for a new generation of scientific collaboration and integrity in Albania.
- Today, they form the **ALBYA Alumni Network** — an active and invaluable community of **mentors, collaborators, and supporters** of young researchers.
- Their continued engagement ensures that **the spirit and legacy of the founding members** remain integral to ALBYA's growth and mission.



ALBYA and the Global & European Network

- Since 2017, ALBYA has been part of the **Global Young Academy (GYA)**, sharing its values of **scientific integrity, freedom, and collaboration**.
- Through this affiliation, ALBYA contributes to the **European Network of Young Academies (ENYA)**, strengthening links between emerging scientific communities across Europe.
- **Our guiding principles** are inspired by the **GYA's "Guiding Principles for Young Academies,"** emphasizing openness, inclusiveness, and the social responsibility of science.
- Together, these partnerships help **position Albanian researchers within the global scientific dialogue** and promote the exchange of ideas across borders.
- Recently we signed the Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom.
- ALBYA is in the process of applying for membership in **YASAS** to strengthen its involvement in science advice and policy processes at the European level.



ENYA-ALLEA Annual Meeting 2024

The ENYA (European Network of Young Academies) meeting, co-organized by the German Young Academy and the Global Young Academy (GYA) at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, marked an important step in ALBYA's integration into the European network.

Participation in this event strengthened ALBYA's inter-academic cooperation, expanded its international partnerships, and provided valuable insights into the governance and collaboration models of other young academies.



ENYA Annual Meeting 2025 – Bern, Switzerland

- **ALBYA**, supported by the **Academy of Sciences of Albania**, took part in the **ENYA Annual Meeting 2025** in Bern.
- The meeting focused on **science diplomacy, policy advising, and responsible science** in uncertain times.
- ALBYA representatives engaged in **workshops and panels** on the role of young academies in policymaking, EU cooperation, and research evaluation.
- The participation strengthened **ALBYA's European presence**, fostering **new partnerships and exchanges** with young academies and networks across Europe.
- These collaborations contribute to **integrating Albanian researchers** into broader **European and global scientific dialogues**.





ALBYA's Activities and Support for Young Academics

- **Empowers early-career researchers** through training, mentorship, and academic networking.
- **Provides access** to international workshops and programs, including those of the **Global Young Academy (GYA)**.
- **Organizes national conferences** on methodology, research innovation, and emerging fields such as **Artificial Intelligence**.
- **Promotes visibility and career development**, helping young scholars connect across institutions and beyond Albanian borders.
- Guided by our own experiences, we strive to **create the opportunities we once searched for** — fostering growth and collaboration for the next generation.

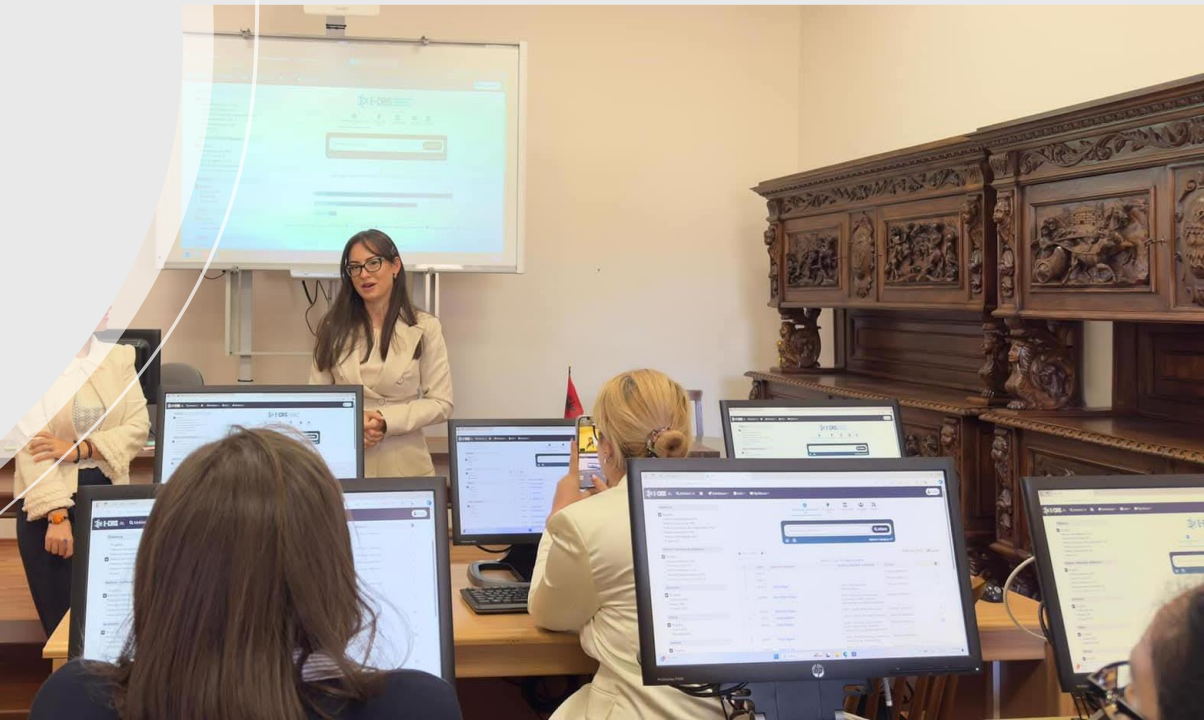
International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and the Transformation of Scientific Research (2024)

- The first international, interdisciplinary conference organized by **ALBYA**, in collaboration with the **Research Unit for Artificial Intelligence** at the **Academy of Sciences of Albania**.
- Included contributions from **over ten disciplines**, spanning **natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, economics, and the humanities**.
- Brought together **53 researchers** from **21 national and international institutions** across **7 countries**, including members of the **Global Young Academy (GYA)**.
- Explored how **AI and technology transform scientific research**, its ethics, methods, and role in society.
- A milestone event that **strengthened ALBYA's international presence** and fostered a **cross-disciplinary dialogue** on the future of science.



Workshops and Training Activities

- **Workshops** dedicated to improving the professional and international capacities of young researchers.
- **Trainings** on how to disseminate and promote research through platforms such as **ORCID**, **COBISS**, and **E-CRIS**, enhancing visibility, readership, and citation impact.
- **National Workshop:** “*Online Systems of Scientific Information – Trends and Innovations*”, organized with the **Center for Coordination and Dissemination of Scientific Information**, open to all young researchers in Albania.
- Through these initiatives, **ALBYA** helps early-career scientists **gain practical skills, expand international access, and strengthen their research profiles.**





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- **Meetings with high school students**, helping them explore study choices and careers in science.
- **Festival of Science:** “*From Young Scholars to High School Students*” — bringing research closer to the public and inspiring curiosity.
- **Event 2022:** “*Women – The Best Ambassadors for Science*”, highlighting the role and achievements of women researchers in Albania.
- Participation in the **Festival of the Scientific Book** at the **Academy of Sciences**, promoting the visibility of young scientists.
- Launch of the **ALBYA Journal**, providing a publishing space for early-career researchers and advancing the culture of scientific communication.



Our Ambitions and Objectives

- **Strengthening the contribution of science to society** through active engagement and collaboration.
- **Expanding cooperation and networking** among young Albanian researchers across disciplines and institutions.
- **Deepening international partnerships** through participation in **GYA, ALLEA, and ENYA**.
- **Enhancing the impact of scientific work in decision-making and policy processes**, advancing the dialogue between **science and politics**.
- **Giving voice to young researchers**, addressing their challenges, and fostering scientific leadership.
- **Encouraging intergenerational exchange** and building an **inspiring and inclusive academic environment**.