



Lietuvos mokslų akademija
The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

H.E. Mr. Filip Vujanović
President
Montenegro

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Your Excellency Mr. President,

I have an honour to apply to you as the President of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

Our Academy has received the letter from the President of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts concerning the adoption of the new Law on Montenegrin ASA. Our Montenegrin colleagues are concerned about the possible appointment of its new members not by election by present Academy members as it is a usual practice worldwide but by a political and administrative willpower.

We are concerned about such information. Not knowing all the details of the process, we would like to express our strong position that one can become a member of the national academy only by elections, which are preceded by peer review procedure based on scientific and artistic achievements as it is the usual practice in the academies of sciences.

We want to pay your attention that if it happens so that the new Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts will imply the membership in MASA by verification or in any other way, instead of election on the basis of scientific or artistic achievements, this might cause problems in recognizing the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as the member of the national science academies' family, and may negatively reflect on our further cooperation.

Your Excellency Mr. President of Montenegro, we would like to express a hope that the leadership of your esteemed country will be able to take into account our considerations concerning the democratic procedure of the election of new members of the National Academy. We are very committed to maintaining good relations with the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts as a very active and well recognized institution in the family of national academies. However, this is greatly conditioned by its' success in preserving autonomy.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Valdemaras Razumas
President