Sport Science Studies in Albania

From tradition toward future
Our history

- The Academy of Physical Education and Sports “Vojo Kushi” created with the Governmental Decision Nr 266, dated 25.05.2000.
- With the decision of the Council of Ministers of Albania Nr 127, Date 17.02.2010 was created the Sports University of Tirana.
Before

- 1948 High Professional School for the preparation of physical education classes in national school system.
- 52 students (18 girls)
- It functioned as a High School until 1967-68.
- Graduated 635 students that worked in all Albania.
• 1958 “Physical Education Branch “ in the Institute of History and Literature in the Tirana University.
• It was two years studies program.
• In 1959 this branch was nominated faculty of Physculture.(!)
• In 22.08.1960 with the Decree Nr.2 of the Minister of Education the program was prolonged in three years.
• It was separated from Institute of History and Literature, taking over responsibility the High School of Physical Education that already existed, created in 1948.
• In 14.09.1960 the faculty become Institute of “Physculture”.

In 14.09. 1961 with Decision of the Council of Ministers of Republic of Albania nr 385 was created the Higher Institute of Physical Culture “Vojo Kushi”.

This institute was the equivalent of the other universities of Albania.

The students finishing this Institute were nominated “specialists with higher education”.

In 30.07.1992 with the decision Nr. 328 of the Council of Ministers the program of studies become 4 years instead of 3 existing.
• In year 2000 the Institute become Academy of Physical Education and Sport “Vojo Kushi”
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today

- Two Faculties and one Institute:
  - Faculty of the Sciences of Movement
  - Faculty of Physical Activity and Recreation
  - Institute of Scientific Research in Sports
Faculty of the Sciences of Movement

- Bachelor
- Professional master
- Scientific master
- Doctorate

**Diplomas**
- Teachers of Physical Education in school system
- Sport Trainers in sport clubs and associations
Structure of the Faculty

- Department of Sport Medicine
- Department of Social and Education Sciences
- Department of Sports
Faculty of Physical Activity and Recreation

- Bachelor
- Professional Master
- Scientific Master
- Doctorate (in process)

**Diplomas**
- Specialists in recreation
- Sport management
Structure of the Faculty

- Department of Recreational Activities
- Department of Organization and Management
- Department of Movement and Health
Institute of Scientific Research in Sports

Research in
• Sport
• Recreation
• Management
• Transferring of Technologies
Structure of the Institute

- The Unit of research in Sport
- The Unit of research in Physical, Recreational, and Health activities
Students of SUT

- 4348 students already finished the studies in the history of SUT.
- From them 2771 part time program.
- Professional master 1208
- Scientific master 35
- Doctorate 10 students
SUT

- Actually
  - 1649 students frequenting
  - Full time 1130
  - Part time 519
University of Shkodra

- The Branch of Physical Education and Sports (Faculty of Education).
  - Opened in the academic year 2006-2007 for bachelor studies
- In 2009 is approved the Professional Master Program
- In 2012 is approved the new program with three directions of studies:
  - Teaching
  - Training
  - Physiotherapy
Shkodra

- Total number of students graduated 2006-2014: 262 students
- Total number in the academic year 2013-2014: 265 students
- Total number of students in Prof. Master: 128 students
- Part Time studies 2013-2014: 56 students
- Overall number of students today: 450
University of Elbasan

- Started the Sport Science Program in 2010-2011 (Faculty of Education).
- Up to now:
  - 257 students registered in bachelor studies
  - 114 students have finished bachelor studies
  - 45 students are following the professional master in Physical Education and Sports,
  - The diploma has also a minor profile in health education.
Albania

• 59 higher education institutions
  • 15 public
  • 44 private
19 Universities
  • 12 public
  • 7 private
5 colleges (private)
29 high schools (private)
8 academies (2 public, 6 private)
17 Branches (5 public, 12 private)
Study programs of 59 HEI

1500 programs of studies
700 from public HEI
800 from private HEI

650 bachelor programs
250 Professional master
350 Scientific master
100 Doctorates
## Students in general (number)

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Challenges

- Importance in the overall panorama of University Studies in Albania
  - Improving but not satisfactory because
    - We have legal limitations for employing specialists only in school system.
    - Not is clubs
    - Not in gyms
    - Not in recreational system
challenges

Infrastructure

- We know that we need better infrastructure conditions both in labs, sport facilities and auditoriums.
- Although great improvements we are aware of the impact that this infrastructure has in the quality of our “product”

Financing

- We need more money from the government
- We need more autonomy in using the actual budget
collaboration

National collaboration

- Very good relations with our colleagues in Shkodra and Elbasan
- Good connections with
- National sport system
  - Federations
  - AOC
  - Clubs
  - MES
  - Municipalities
International collaboration

- Other universities
  - Bilateral
  - Multilateral

- International networks of sport science
- International projects
- Tempus project
Institutional evaluation

• Green Paper of the Governmental Commission on Higher Education Reformation in Albania:
  • “SUT is involved in a complete reformation and restructuring process leaded by the Consortium of the Network of EU Sport Universities composed from IUSM, University of Vienna, University of South Denmark, etc.”
  • “Aiming to place physical education more effectively in the job market we suggest that the programs of study, that are in the process of preparation, to be focused in integrated diplomas as PE and history, or geography, or health education teacher.”
The impact of previous Tempus projects

The two previous projects had an important contribution in our efforts for:

- Creating the University of Sport
- Improving the curricula
- Improving the labs and library
- Creating a network of very good friends and collaborators with IUSM, Vienna, Greece, Denmark, Germany.
- Strengthening the existing collaboration with Kosova (University of Prishtina) and FYROM (University of Tetova)
aspirations

- Harmonization of our study programs with the EU membership perspective of job market.
- Joint degrees with EU partners
- Strengthening academic collaboration with partner universities in Balkan and Europe
- Common projects in research in sport sciences
Thank you!