

Report on the International Day of the Book

23rd of April 2016, Tirana – Albania



On the occasion of the International Day of the Book, the Universal Peace Federation in cooperation with PEN Albania – a branch of PEN International, organized an event at the Peace Embassy in Tirana.

Around 40 national level academics, writers, poets and ambassadors for Peace attended the event. The opening address was given by Mrs. Entela Kasi, president of PEN Albania.



Four eminent figures in the field of academia gave their remarks on the occasion of this important day. Prof. Dr. Xhevat Lloshi, one of the most important albanian figures on the field of linguistics, spoke about the history of albanian books from the 15th century until today. Other respected speakers who gave their contribution to this important day were Mr. Ndue Gjika – former Member of Parliament and writer, Dr. Sadik Bejko – former Member of Parliament and professor at Tirana University, and Mr. Hysen Sinani – Chairman of the Albanian League of Writers.



Afterwards, a 10 minutes video about the Autobiography book of the Founder of Universal Peace Federation Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon was shown, followed by the emotional recitation from Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani, of the poem written by Rev. Moon at the age of 16, *"The Crown of Glory"*.

The closing address was given by Mr. Gaqo Apostoli, chairman of UPF Albania who thanked everybody for their participation and contribution to this day and sang a famous song about the book.



It was a very warm atmosphere and everybody felt like home. At the end of the event, 7 people received the certificate of Ambassador for Peace, thus joining the big family of hundreds & thousands of Ambassadors for Peace around the world. Mr. Apostoli, Mrs. Lavdie Ruci – chair of Tirana Peace Council and Mrs. Entela Kasi – president of PEN Albania presented the AfP certificates.





Those who received the Ambassador for Peace certificate were:

- Prof. Dr. Xheval Lloshi
- Prof. Dr. Emil Lafa
- Mr. Ndue Gjika
- Mr. Sadik Bejko
- Mr. Servet Tartari,
- Mrs. Jolanda Trebicka
- Mrs. Anila Veizi

We welcome the new Ambassadors for Peace in our family and wish that many other peace-loving people will soon join us.

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