

Dear gentlemen,

You may rightly ask to know about the history of creation and activities of the National Association of the migratory birds.

Seeing the hard work done throughout the world where one season engage millions of birds I took the initiative to elevate a unanimous centre in Albania. After several attempts was made possible the realization of the first production of the Albanian rings acid engraved in which was marked my name and my address. I gathered around myself the most passionate people I knew and I told them about my project about the unanimity of the birds they were willing to help me in the ornithological field. The first unanimous movement started on the 25th of December 1988 proceeding afterwards in the peripherals areas of Tirana. Further to legalize our Association I addressed myself to the relevant Ministry according to Law No. 7850 dated 26/ 10/ 1989 in minutes for the establishment of the National Association of migrating poultry which has no purpose of economic profit. The legal office of the Ministry with its official document number 104 based on Law No. 2368 approved the request of our Association and ordered the deposit of the documents in the archives of the Ministry dated 10/ 05/ 1993. Afterwards I contacted EURING and it was a pleasure for us that our Association was accepted immediately as a member with full rights, thing that made us very happy because the ornithological map of Albania now will not remain blank in the general European one. The creation of the Association needed engagement in the contemporary level to be closer to the European standards. So I contacted Mr. Arian Gaçe president of the GEF/ SGP/ UNDP in Tirana and after talking about the scientific work of the European institutions of Ornithology, I asked them for financial support for our Association to get contemporary "cells". My proposal sounded interesting to him and was open to help about it. Our Association ABRC was selected by the board of GEF as winner of the ornithology project; "The lack of poultry movement through the observation of the unanimous activity" with an amount of 2000 American dollars on 31/ 10/ 2002. I withdrew the amount in Albanian money

But unfortunately dollar exchange rate moved and to complete the amount needed for the project I had to reduce my monthly salary as I had to pay the obligation to the polish workshop where I had graved the "cells". We are non-governmental Association so we are not financed by our state and we do not have any financial resource, our work is based on the voluntary one. As our state is small and do not have the possibilities to support us financially we have limited possibilities and so our results are not in response with time but with the new engagement that we are planning we believe that the work will proceed well. Till now the number of species "celled" reaches 71 types composed by 2100 individual, mainly Passeriformes.

I want to inform you that during hunter time many "celled" poultry are killed but the Albanian hunters throw the "cells" away as invalid. During some expeditions in different areas of the country I have indicated the importance of scientific work and the big sacrifices that make all the "cells" in the world. So the members as lovers of nature should give their contribution to save the "cells", for this reason I have distributed leaflets with addresses of the European cell centre. I'm very happy that some hunters are aware and during this period they have brought in the Association different "cells" but there are also hunters who preferred to sent them by themselves the information in the appropriate centers. We are continuing working in the peripheral areas of Tirana, when we will have the possibility of having some money we will also go in the other cities of the countries. In the end we were in mountainous area of Moravë (Korçë) in which for three days we dealt with "cells" of *O. oenanthe*. Now we are preparing for winter season and we will focus mainly to the poultry *Passeriformes* like; *E. rubecula*, *P. major*, *F. coelebs*, *S. atricapilla*, *S. serinus*, *C. spinus* and any other bird that will fall into our nets will be "celled", measured, weighed in base of the regulations. Our Association has in her disposition 12 types of different "cells" with an amount of 29500 pieces made of metal (aluminum). In this case let me to greet the persons who have contributed for the progress of our Association, I thank Mr. Wolfgang Fiedler who sent a package of ornithological materials very valuable whom we took on the 26/ 01/ 2006 also I want to thank Mr. Thord Fransson and the Board of EURING whom put in our disposition 300 Euros with which we purchased three nets, 1 scales and we made some metal constructions for the establishment of the networks. In conclusion we wish to the new elected board of EURING all the best and further successes. We greet also the "cells" station whenever they are wishing all the best, happiness in their families and further successes in their scientific work.

Respectfully

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