REPORT
ON THE ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY IN ALBANIA

16 September 2016

During September 2016, the representatives of the National Ozone Unit organized and participated in many activities devoted to 16 September 2016, International Day of ozone layer protection. The main activities are as follows:

1. **On the 16th of September 2016**, representatives of NOU carried out an interesting activity in “Kleis” Kindergarten located in the capital city. The activity was organized under the motto: “Protect yourself from the sun” in order to make it more understandable for this age group.

   In the first part of the activity were displayed videos for children such as “Ozzy Ozone”, “Ozone Layer & Hole”, etc. Mrs. Silvana Delia, representative of NOU in cooperation with the teachers of the kindergarten, explained to children what is the ozone layer and why it should be protected. Then, the children painted the figures in printed format, prepared by NOU’s representatives. At the end of the activity the children played and danced in a circle and made common movements together with their teachers under the OZONE SONG.

   The director of the kindergarten, Mrs. Fatbardha Golikja highlighted that information and education of children through entertainment is a success, which reaches also their families. The activities carried out in this kindergarten informed in a creative and entertaining way, with a view of creating healthy and educative basis, having in consideration that it is better to prevent than to cure.
2. On the 16th of September 2016, the logo and the message of the International Ozone Day 2016 “Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united”, were shown up continuously on a big outdoor screen mounted at the biggest shopping centre “Tirana Ring Center” situated in centre of the city.

3. On the 16th of September 2016, representatives of NOU carried out a Relay race with pupils of Dora D’Istria School. This school has 800 pupils, with a pedagogic staff of 50 teachers, in the city of Tirana.

In the first part of the activity, the pupils became aware of the importance of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. NOU representatives presented the material “The importance of Ozone Layer protection for the benefits of human health and climate change”. Also documentary about the Montreal Protocol, Ozone layer and the importance of Ozone layer protection were demonstrated. Then the activity continued with the organization of the race “movable circus” with the pupils of the school. In the final race, competed pupils of 8th grade, both boys and girls.

The race was organized and directed by the teacher Dhurata Dushkaj, who ensured us for a further collaboration in the future. In the end of the activities, the pupils were rewarded with T-shirts with the logo of World Ozone Day 2016 and were delivered printed information prepared by NOU.
4. **On the 17th of September 2016 was organized a picnic** in the Peza Park, with pupils of 9 year’s schools from Tirana, Ndroqi and Peza in cooperation with Tirana municipality. Representatives of NOU organized the active participation of the pupils in different activities during the picnic and explained to them the importance of the International Ozone Day.

Also through different materials was delivered the message of this day “Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united” and “Working towards reducing global – warming HFCs under the Montreal Protocol”.

During this activity were held different entertaining and competitive games such as: popular locomotive games, sports games, volleyball matches, canoeing, shooting, etc. Riding ecological bicycles, equipped with posters of Ozone Day, was added to the picturesque landscape of the place where the activity was held.
5. Now it is a tradition the organization of varied activities with “Turgut Ozal“ College devoted to the International Day of the ozone layer protection. In this activity participated hundreds of pupils of primary and middle education, under the guidance of the director of the school Mr. Selman Fettahoglu and its pedagogic staff.
This activity was organized in three main directions:

**Knowledge competition** with the topic: Protection of Ozone Layer. In this competition participated many pupils of 8th grade from all branches of the College. During the last round of the competition the participants were divided in two teams, named respectively UV and O3. The questions directed from the teacher Marta Skenderaj and the answers of the pupils showed the work of the teachers and pupils in making them learn deep information on this topic. The pupil’s answers were judged by a jury made up by representatives of the pedagogic staff, representatives of NOU and specialists from RAC sector.

In the end of the competition the pupils were awarded certificates, for the participation in this competition and symbolic presents.

**Painting exhibition and competition:** In one of the main halls of this college was organized the painting exhibition directed by the talented teacher of figurative art, Mrs. Aferdita Riveni, who worked with the pupils for a long time in order to realize the best exhibition with pupil’s painting works. This exhibition was in continuation of the one opened a year ago where once again was clearly noticed the great number of works from pupils of grades 6 up to 9 of the College.
In the pupil’s paintings prevailed the love for a healthier life, their desire to protect the ozone layer and the message for a common effort toward this direction. To evaluate the works of the pupils was set up an assessment commission which with great difficulty selected the winners.

*Let’s celebrate together Ozone Day 2016* was the activity that followed which gathered in the concert hall a great number of pupils. Directors of the school greeted the efforts of the pupils for their achievements and their goals in progress. Also representatives of NOU appreciated the efforts up to now of the pupils of this school and also committed for further cooperation. Together with the choir of the school all the pupils present in the hall sang altogether the Ozone song. This activity was also transmitted in the main news edition in RTSH (Albanian National Television)