

**Taki Fiti, President of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (MASA)**

Dear President of the Leibniz Society of Sciences from Berlin,

Dear Members of the Leibniz Society of Sciences from Berlin,

Dear Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear Friends,

It is my great honor and pleasure to greet you on behalf of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and on my personal behalf, as President of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, to congratulate you on your jubilee and to wish you many successes in your future work and in the accomplishment of your noble mission.

The Leibniz Society of Sciences in Berlin is a scientific society with a high reputation in Germany, but also on an international scale. Although 25 years have passed from the official act of your establishment on 15 of April 1993, we are aware of the fact that the roots of your Society go far back in history, over a period of time measured in centuries, because the Leibniz Society of Sciences from Berlin continues the tradition of The Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences.

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Impressive is the fact that the Leibniz Society of Sciences from Berlin has more than 300 members of which 62 were previously members of the GDR Academy. Your typical interdisciplinary scientific and research activity, because you are a free association of natural and technical scientists, mathematicians, physicians, and scientists in the humanities and in the social sciences, the great number of scientific events that you organize (national and international scientific conferences, scientific colloquiums, round tables and other scientific events, all funded on a high scientific level), your rich publishing activity, cooperation with other German scientific societies and with foreign academies and scientific societies, make a great contribution, not only to the promotion of science in the tradition of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, but also in the development of the modern sciences and the spiritual life of our time.

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On this occasion, I would like to emphasize and to assure you that among the members of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts you have many sincere friends, admirers and collaborators in joint scientific events. Of course, we have members of MASA who are also members of your Society and vice versa, members of your Society who are foreign members of MASA. This is understandable because our two institutions have been cooperating for more than 11 years.

Allow me, once again, to congratulate you on the anniversary and to wish you all the best.

On behalf of our long-lasting cooperation, allow me, at the end, to present you with a modest gift from the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts.