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ALBANIA

2013-2017 Report

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Summary

- ▶ Review of NC Structure
- ▶ Applications, Selections and Students at UWC
- ▶ Alumni relations
- ▶ NC Finances & Needs
- ▶ Wish List and Future Plans
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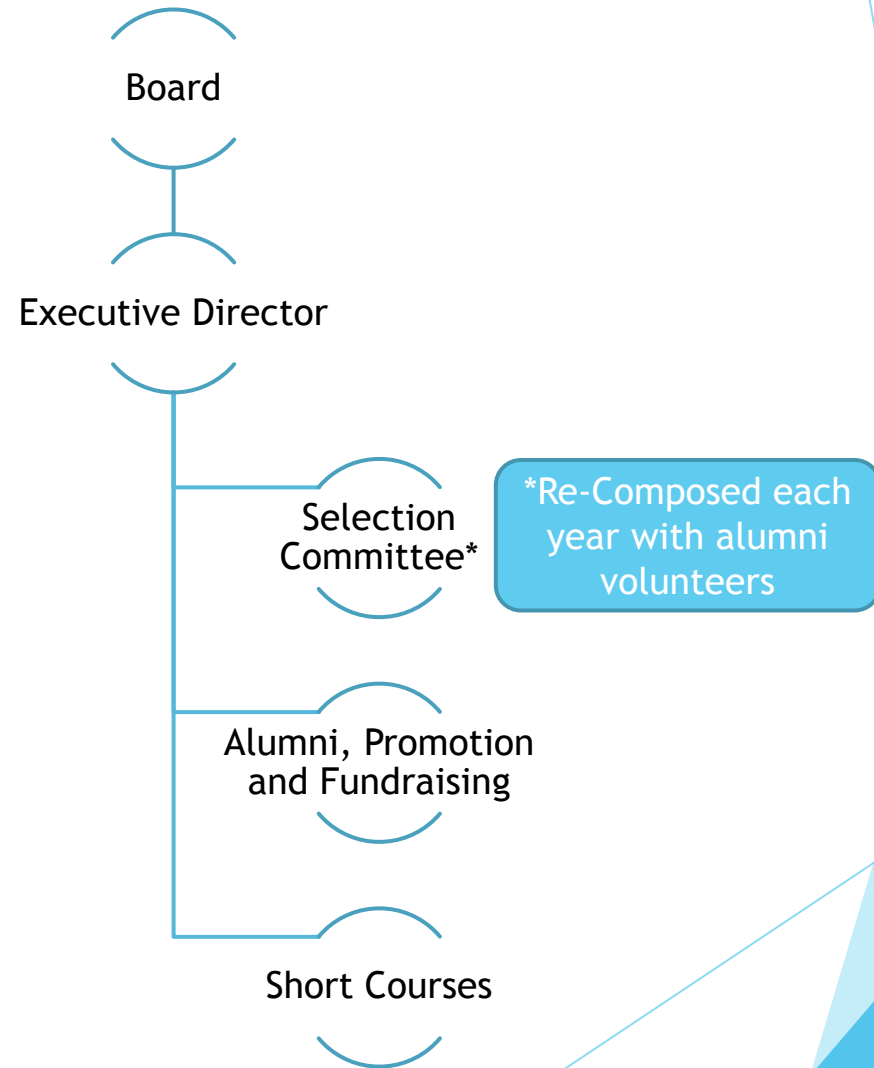
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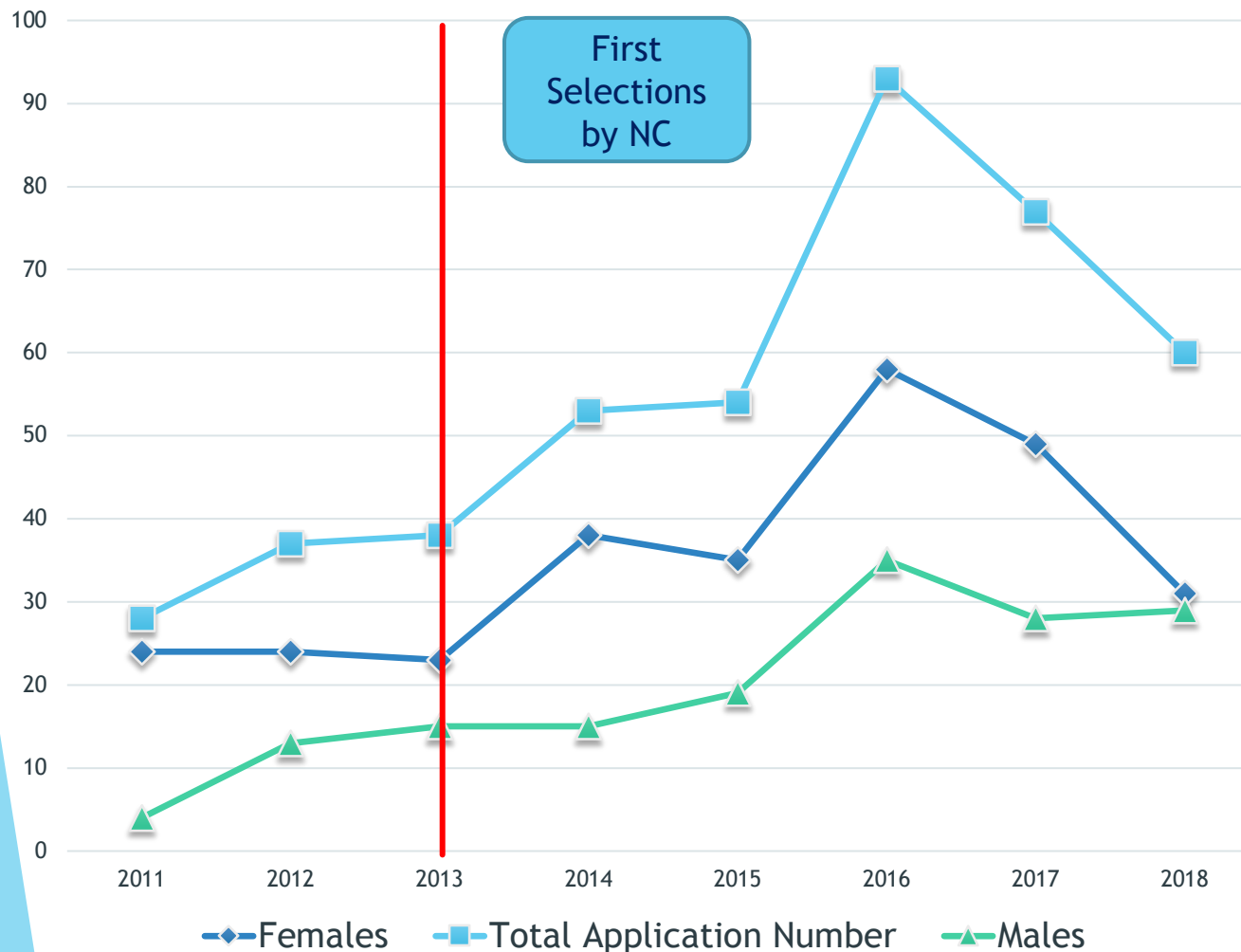
Board and National Committee Structure

- ▶ Registered as an NGO in Albania in October 2012. Board members have 3 year terms with right to re-election.
- ▶ **Current Board Members:** Smoki Musaraj (Pearson College 1997), Arber Qesja (Adriatic 2003), Chiara Prodani (AC 2010), Lorela Ciraku (RCN 2010), Amantia Muhedini (RCN 2011)
- ▶ **Executive Director:** Elona Toska (AC 2001)



Selection Process Improved Each Year

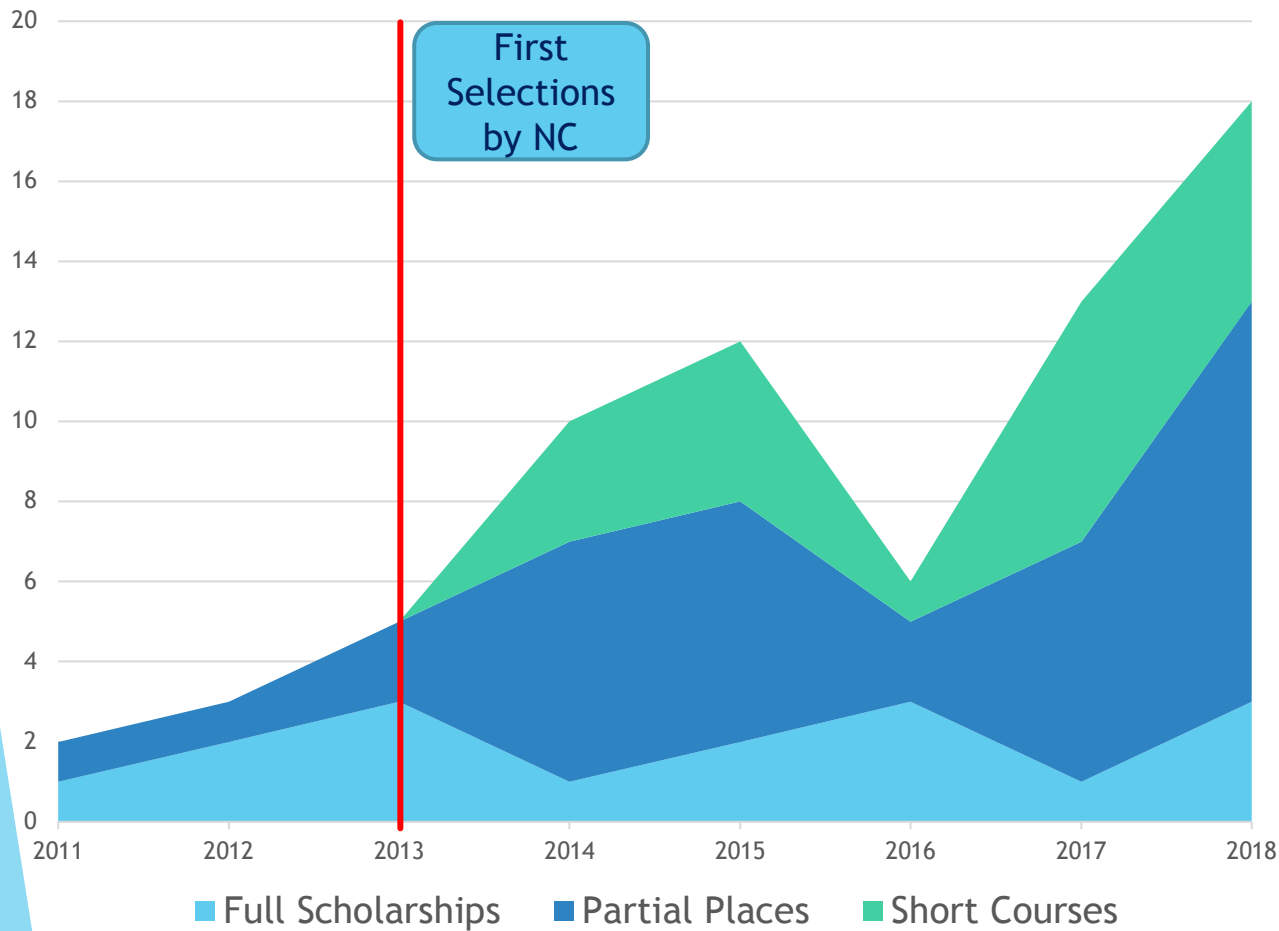
Total Application Numbers (Entry 2011-2018)



- Selection process overseen by Selection Committee (4-6 alumni).
- 14-18 alumni involved each year. 35 alumni involved in the Entry-2018 selections!
- A member of UWC Austria has joined at final selections since 2013. Additionally, 2-9 foreign alumni involved each year.
- Process reviewed and improved every year.
- Phases of selection:
 - online written application,
 - Skype/in person interview,
 - final interview weekend.
- Promotion through Facebook, TV, school visits by students.

45 Albanians Sent to 11 UWCs in 6 Years

Students Selected (Entry 2011-2018)*



- Number of full scholarships has remained consistent (1-3) each year but (filled) partial and unfunded places have increased 5 times in the last 6 selection cycles.
- 19 students have attended UWC short courses.

*Does not include students who may have been admitted through Direct Entry, includes Clearing

Other activities the NC is engaged in

- ▶ Short Courses: Send students to 3-5 short courses every year. At least 15 Albanians have attended so far!
- ▶ Small Grants Programme: 2 current students supported to carry out a summer-engagement programme in 2014.
- ▶ Each year the NC organizes an orientation weekend to prepare students to succeed at UWC.
- ▶ The NC is working with an Albanian expert to explore possibilities of fundraising from the private sector for scholarships in Albania.
- ▶ We are represented on the UWC Council, the Committee of National Committees, as well as the Community Engagement Committee, both committees of the International Board of UWC to advocate and advice on global UWC policy.
- ▶ NC members attend European Regional Meetings for NCs every three years.



Alumni & Student Engagement: Connect with the NC!

- ▶ Over **145 Albanian alumni** from 13 UWCs spread across 4 continents (Albania, Germany, the UK, France, Italy, the United States, Canada, Japan, Morocco, South Africa, etc.).
- ▶ **15 current students** and **13 incoming “0-years”**.
- ▶ **Reunions in Albania** at least twice a year (winter and summer).
- ▶ **Biannual emails** to alumni with updates and engagement opportunities.
- ▶ **15 - 35 alumni** volunteer with the NC each year.



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Want to engage but don't know how?

- Volunteer to join the Selection Committee, read applications and run selections in Tirana.
- Join NC hosted reunions or host your own event in your city!
- Spread the word: Help advertise UWC among your family and friends in Albania.
- Join any of the NC sub-committees.

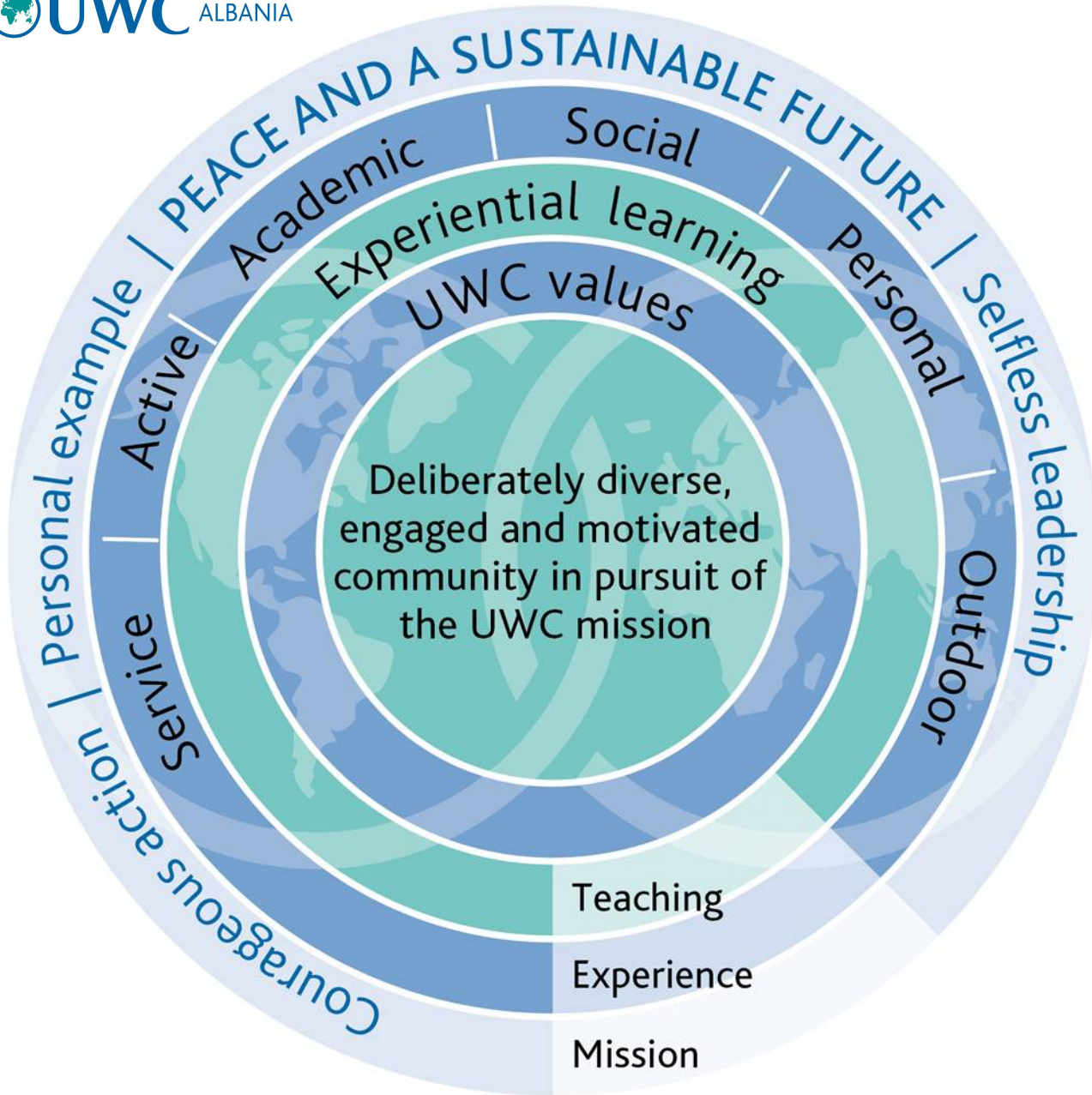
Next Five Years: Needs and How You Can Help

NC wish list and needs

- ▶ Re-invision the role of the Board and its relationship with NC volunteers.
- ▶ Find a new Executive Director and create a stable pipeline of NC volunteers.
- ▶ Review & update all internal policies and processes.
- ▶ Fundraise to cover operational costs.
- ▶ Fundraise to cover either one full scholarship a year OR to send more Albanians at UWC Short Courses.
- ▶ Strengthen the alumni network globally.
- ▶ Ramp-up promotion efforts to reach a diverse applicant pool.
- ▶ Send many excellent Albanians to UWC based on merit and potential.

How **YOU** can help

- ▶ Apply to join the UWC Albania Board.
- ▶ Help us find a new volunteer Executive Director.
- ▶ Join the National Committee to help with fundraising, selections, promotion and alumni engagement, or consult the NC on policy development.
- ▶ **DONATE - DONATE - DONATE!**
- ▶ Connect us with funding opportunities to support operations and future scholarships.
- ▶ Share your contacts with Albanian youth NGOs, education or fundraising specialists.
- ▶ Ask your parents or friends to volunteer - **all friends of UWC are welcome!**



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