

SKËNDER BUÇPAPAJ CV

Skënder Buçpapaj was born at the 22nd of May 1953 in Tropoja. He completed his basic education and higher education in his birthplace.

He studied philology at the University of Tirana. He graduated with a master's degree in literature and art criticism. He began his literary work from very early on. He is fluent in English and Italian and has good knowledge in German. His works and translations of international poetry from Italian, German or English, for books, critiques, monographic studies and others, have been published in almost all Albanian dailies and periodicals.

From the year of 1976 he has been a member of the Union of the Writers and Artists of Albania.

From the year of 1986 to the year of 1991, he has been an editor of "Gazeta Drita" - "Light Newspaper" the Union's gazette, where he covered the critique sector.

In the beginning of the year of 1991 he was an initiator and co-founder of the Independent Union of Albanian Journalists, which later became the Union of Journalists, where he was twice elected as its president.

In the year of 1991, for a short time, he was the editor in chief of the journal "Kosova".

Later in the year of 1991, in December, he was appointed vice-director general of the Albanian Radio and Television Broadcast; whereas in 1992, he became the first director general of the RTSH, after the fall of the dictatorship, a duty that he maintained until the August of 1995.

The direction the RTSH took under Skënder Buçpapaj is considered as one of the main factors that led to the fall of the dictatorship.

From 1995 he turned to diplomacy, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then in the Embassy of the Albanian Republic in Bern, Switzerland, where he covered the different sectors and was also appointed with the chargé de affaires of this embassy.

From the year of 1998 he began his contribution to the daily journal "Bota Sot", of which he was the chief redactor for ten years, until 2008. During this time, this journal, with its headquarters in Zürich, Switzerland and other offices in Pristina, Tirana, Skopje, Frankfurt and New York, reached 200 thousand copies, a never before seen distribution in the 120 years of Albanian journalism.

Since the year of 2008, together with his spouse Elida Buçpapaj, they are the publishers of the online-portal voice.ch - Voice of Albanians, the most-read Albanian-speaking in the whole of the diaspora.

Since the year of 1991 he is a member of the International Federation of Journalists in Brussels in Belgium.

He is also a member of the journalistic Union APES, with its headquarters in Geneva and and Media Union SSM in Zürich. As a journalist he is accredited by the UNO and Swiss Foreign Ministry.

Skënder Buçpapaj is the president of UPAJD - Union of the Professional Albanian Journalists of Diaspora.

He has expanded in almost any genre of publicistic and literary articles, from information, chronicles, reportage, guidance, analysis, commentary, feuilleton, replica, lookout, conversations, interviews and so on, as he has also realized many television documentaries. He has won many awards and distinctions in poetry, critique, journalism, studies and scenarios for documentaries. He is included in different anthologies of Albanian poetry.

Skënder Buçpapaj is the author of many books of poetry, studies, essays and educational text that are mainly published in publishing houses and media in Albania, Kosovo and others.

He lives together with his spouse and his two sons in Switzerland.

Here are some data of his CV

Since 2008 Editor of online platform Voice of Albanians www.voal-online.ch and then www.voal.ch, the most-read Albanian-speaking in the whole of the diaspora.

1998 - 2008, Editor in chief of the Albanian daily newspaper "Bota Sot", Zürich, the greatest Albanian newspaper abroad in 120 years of Albanian press.

1996 - 1997 Diplomatic and Charge d'Affair at the Embassy of the Republic of Albania in Bern, Switzerland

1995 - 1996, Official at the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tirana

1992 - 1995 Director General of public Albanian Radio and Television

1991-1992 Vice Director General of public Albanian Radio and Television

1986-1991 Editor at Drita - "Light" Newspaper of the Union of the Writers and Artists of Albania.

1985-1986 He graduated with a master's degree in literature and art criticism at University of Tirana, Albania.

1978-1985 Teacher in Tropoja.