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BIOGRAPHY

Prof. Assoc. Lila Shundi graduated in 1989 from the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the University of Tirana. From 1994 to 1999, she conducted her research activity at the Laboratory of Molecular Epidemiology at the Cantacuzino Institute in Bucharest, Romania, as part of her doctoral and post-doctoral studies.

In 1999, she earned the degree Doctor of Science in Genetics from the Department of Genetics at the Faculty of Biology, University of Bucharest. In 2016, she was awarded the academic title Associate Professor.

Between 2000 and 2002, she worked as a Scientific Researcher at the Department of Microbiology at the Institute of Biological Research, Academy of Sciences, Tirana. Since 2002, she has been a Scientific Researcher at the Institute of Public Health, where she currently serves as Head of the Basic Unit of National Reference Laboratories.

She has designed and operationalized several key laboratories in the field of Molecular Biology in Albania, including:

- the Laboratory of Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics at the Institute of Public Health
- the Laboratory of Molecular Diagnostics of Genetic Diseases and Prenatal Diagnosis at the “Queen Geraldine” Maternity Hospital in Tirana
- the Central Laboratory for Cervical Cancer Screening

She has also introduced into Albania several important innovations, including:

- Molecular diagnostics for infectious diseases caused by agents such as Group A Streptococcus, viral hepatitis, HIV, HPV, Chlamydia, Neisseria
- Prenatal diagnostics for genetic diseases
- Immunohistochemical techniques for the management of breast cancer patients

Prof. Assoc. Lila Shundi also leads laboratory screening activities under the framework of the National Cancer Programs.

In the field of teaching, she has been active since 2008 in various public and private universities.

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