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CROATIA EHPS NATIONAL DELEGATE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

Academic development

Education

Meetings of the Division of Health Psychology of the Croatian Psychological Society are held regularly, four times per year, dealing with professional issues and always including some educational topic.

Health psychologists in Regional Psychological Associations have continued to be very active in 2014, offering education, counselling, publishing and researching.

Publications

In 2014, the excellent Croatian translation of the book was published; offering theoretical and practical information on evidence based psychological care in nursing: Priest, Helena (2014). *Uvod u psihološku njegu u sestrinstvu i zdravstvenim strukama* [An introduction to psychological care in nursing and the health professions]. Jastrebarsko: Naklada Slap.

Applied developments

In 2014, all national associations continue to participate in negotiations with the Government and the Ministries in charge, regarding the role and status of psychologists in different fields of health practice.

In February 2014, the "7th Psychology Week" was organized by the Croatian Psychological Association, in more than 60 Croatian cities, including 426 different public contributions primarily by psychologists, and also by other collaborating professionals: social workers, medical doctors, teachers, special education teachers, etc. The aim was to demonstrate wide and diverse psychological activities that may improve the quality of life of individuals and the community.

EHPS-related activities

EHPS elections

In the process of election to positions on the EHPS Executive Committee, the Croatian ND was appointed a scrutineer (along with Marie Johnston), by the EC. The scrutineers independently tallied the votes for each candidate, and announced the results to the Past-President, Paul Norman, and at the members meeting at the EHPS conference in Innsbruck, 2014.

EHPS e-courses

Following on the EHPS conference in Innsbruck, 2014, the Croatian ND has joined the EHPS e-courses committee, along with Marta Marques (committee chair), Efrat Neter, and Dominika Kwasnicka. EHPS e-courses are short online meetings led by an expert on topics of interest for the EHPS community, and offered to EHPS members for free. After the experimental stage in 2014, they were regularly run in 2015.

EHPS advertising

Information on EHPS and its activities were regularly well announced and materials disseminated at all relevant Croatian psychology web-sites and conferences.

Conferences

In May 2014, the international scientific conference “19th Psychology Days in Zadar” was organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Zadar, hosting ever growing number of contributions in health psychology.

In November 2014, the “22nd Annual Conference of the Croatian Psychological Society” was held in Rovinj. Although the main theme was Educational Psychology, there were several activities in Health Psychology at the conference programme.