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Professional Activities and Conferences.

In February 2013, the "6th Psychology Week" was organized by the Croatian Psychological Association, in more than 60 Croatian cities, including about 500 different public contributions by 400 psychologists. The aim was to demonstrate wide and diverse psychological activities which may improve the quality of life of individuals and the community.

In March 2013, the students' conference "Psychology in Practice" was organized at the Centre of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb, by its psychology students, at which the presentation „Psychologist at the paediatric oncology clinic“ attracted a lot of attention.

In April 2013, the international scientific conference "21st Ramiro and Zoran Bujas Days" was co-organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Zagreb and the Croatian Psychological Association, also hosting ever growing number of contributions in health psychology.

In November 2013, the "21st Annual Conference of the Croatian Psychological Society" was held in Zagreb. Round table in Health Psychology was part of the conference programme.

Professionalization

In 2013, 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.

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 2013, offering education, counselling, publishing and researching.

Publications

An interesting book was published, presenting the possibilities and limitations of communication with a particular client group, and based on author's experience and research:

Brlas, S. (2013). *Komunikacija s ovisnicima [Communication with the Substance Addicted Clients]*. Virovitica: Zavod za javno zdravstvo „Sveti Rok“ [Institute for Public Health „St. Rok“].