

EHPS National report for 2013/2014

Slovakia

Conferences:

Participation on national conferences and seminars

Annual national Health Psychology conference was organized in Bratislava on 15th of May with the attendance of participants working on the field on Health Psychology but also in the different disciplines of nursing care, public health and medicine. Next national Health Psychology conference is planned for Bratislava, June 2015.

Participation on international conferences and seminars

Slovakia was represented on 27th EHPS conference in Bordeaux, France by 3 oral and also by 28 poster presentations. Annual national 21st Health Psychology conference with international participation was organized in Vernířovice, Czech Republic from 16th to 18th of May 2014 with the attendance of participants working on the field on Health Psychology but also in the different disciplines related to Health psychology. Slovakia was represented there by 3 oral presentations.

Legislation and organizational aspects:

Health psychologists in Slovakia have possibility to be organized by The Health Psychology section within Slovak Psychological Association of the Slovak Academy of Science, though there is no clear organizational structure within this section as of yet. There has been discussion about possible official structure to be prepared in the upcoming years.

Continuing education:

Health Psychology is not recognized as a specialization in Slovakia. A systematic review of education in the field of Health Psychology is lacking. With high probability, however, relevant content might be found in the courses of many study programs.

Work related to professional recognition in health psychology:

Information about the EHPS in general and about the 28th EHPS conference to be held in Innsbruck, Austria in August of 2014 was disseminated. Additionally, special presentation was prepared for the participants of the national meeting of the Health Psychology Section during Health Psychology conference in May 2014 in Bratislava. Participants were

encouraged to become members of EHPS, to attend EHPS conferences and to participate in the pre-conference workshops and symposiums.

Slovakia is a part of international Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study carried out in cooperation with WHO and Regional Office of Public Health. In May-June 2014 collection of HBSC data in Slovakia were prepared by Public Health Institute in Kosice.