

## EHPS Annual National Delegate Report 2016

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### CROATIA EHPS NATIONAL DELEGATE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

#### 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 2015, new journal was released, the Journal of Applied Health Sciences, with international editorial board, and peer review, publishing original research, theoretical and methodological scientific and professional papers from all areas of health sciences, in Croatian and in English language. More about it at: <http://jahs.eu/about/>

#### Applied developments

In 2015, health psychologists have actively participated in public discussion on the changes of the Health Care Law, and have submitted their comments and proposals, mainly regarding the role and status of psychologists in different fields of health practice.

In February 2015, the "8<sup>th</sup> Psychology Week" was organized by the Croatian Psychological Association, in more than 60 Croatian cities, including numerous public contributions. Among them, public presentation "Healthy Mind and Healthy Body" was organized, on the role of health psychology and health psychologists in promotion of health and quality of life, including several expert health psychologists as lecturers.

#### EHPS-related activities

##### EHPS Annual Conference

Croatia submitted the proposal to host the 2017 EHPS Conference, in Dubrovnik, and then resubmitted the same proposal for 2018, after positive evaluation and support by the EHPS and by many delegates present at the 2015 EHPS Conference.

##### EHPS e-courses

The Croatian ND continues to participate in the EHPS e-courses committee, along with Marta Marques (committee chair), Efrat Neter, Dominika Kwasnicka. and Jan Keller. 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 April 2015, the international scientific conference “22<sup>nd</sup> Ramiro and Zoran Bujas Days” was organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Zagreb, Croatia, hosting ever growing number of contributions in health psychology.

In November 2015, the “23<sup>rd</sup> Croatian Annual Psychology Conference” was organized in Sibenik, Croatia, with the main topic: Psychology of Aging: A View into the Future. There were many Health Psychology contributions and activities in the conference programme.