

## **I) Health Psychology in the country**

Health Psychology is not recognized as a specialization in Slovakia. 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.

## **II) Education, training & professionalization**

### **1. PROMOTION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

Information about the EHPS in general and about the upcoming EHPS conference was disseminated through various channels. Most relevant information might relevant conferences, research project and activities might be found on <http://www.psychologiazdravia.sk/> and [www.coherentsite.com](http://www.coherentsite.com). In addition to that Slovakia is a part of international Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study carried out in cooperation with WHO and Regional Office of Public Health.

### **2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS**

Health Psychology is not recognized as a specialization in Slovakia and is only one of the subjects provided in the courses of several study programmes mostly to the students of undergraduate or master level of general psychology programmes as a part of their curriculum. A systematic review of education in the field of Health Psychology is lacking. However, relevant content might be found.

## **III) Activities**

### **1. CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

#### **Participation on national conferences and seminars**

In June, 2016, National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Bratislava, The Health Psychology section within Slovak Psychological Association of the Slovak Academy of Science and Prohuman organized the 11th International Conference under the title Psychology of Health 2016 - Where are we after 10 years. The aim of the 11th conference was to provide an overview of the state of health psychology in the most diverse areas of research, application and theory in Slovakia in the Czech Republic Panel discussion was held on the state of psychological science in relation to the dynamic changes that our society and healthcare are going through.

#### **Participation on international conferences and seminars**

Slovakia was represented on 30<sup>th</sup> EHPS conference in Aberdeen, United Kingdom from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2016. Several representatives from Slovakia participated also on 23rd Annual National Section Conference in Vernířovice held by Czech Health Psychology Section from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016.

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

Research in the field of Health Psychology and Health promotion is primarily done by individual Health Psychology researchers within several academic institutions in different parts of Slovakia who received national or EU Funding. They are focusing on the broad area of interest within Health Psychology and Health Promotion and publish their findings on national level as well as in the international SSCI journals.

## 3. PLANNED/FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Since there is no clear organizational structure within The Health Psychology section of Slovak Psychological Association of the Slovak Academy of Science, there has been discussion about possible official structure to be prepared in the upcoming years.

## **IV) Other issues**