

I) Health Psychology in the country

There were no changes in the status of Health Psychology (further: HP) regarding the health care system in the Czech Republic during the last year. As many years ago, HP is still a part of bachelor's and master's curricula for psychologist in the Faculty of Arts in the Charles University, Prague, in the Masaryk University, Brno and in the Palackého University, Olomouc. Up to now there has not been established the PhD programme in HP at universities yet and PhD degree in HP can be achieved only within clinical, general or social departments of psychology.

II) Education, training & professionalization

1. PROMOTION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

On average, one or two-term courses in HP are offered in Masters' Programme of Psychology in Czech and Moravian universities. In the Masaryk University, the two-term course in Positive Psychology is the part of curriculum for the future psychologists. Moreover, psychohygiene has been traditionally a part of the curriculum for undergraduates since the 70th, a long time before the division of HP in CZ was established.

The majority of Bohemian and Moravian Faculties of Pedagogy (in Prague, Ostrava, Brno, Olomouc, Ústí nad Labem, České Budějovice, Plzeň etc.) offer a course called „Education for Health“ aiming toward strengthening teachers' psychosocial health.

Information on working opportunities abroad, lists for applicants, offerings of pregradual and/or postgradual programmes are available to all members in the Journal of CMPS, printed quarterly and via the ČMPS web-page.

2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS

Hence HP is implicitly intervoven in clinical settings and psychotherapeutic trainings, it is applied by licensed clinical psychologists whose medical outputs are paid by the Ministry of Health. For psychologists working in the health care system has been accredited postgraduate course „Psychologist in the Health Service“. It is obligatory for undergraduates who are interested in clinical psychology, psychotherapy and health prevention provided in clinical settings (hospitals and clinical rooms). The course has been accredited by the Czech Ministry of Health and currently are offered in three universities in Prague, Olomouc and Brno. The textbook for the course“Psychologist in the Health system care” was published in 2014 by prof. V. Kebza et al. (Karolinum, 2014, ISBN 978-80-246-2446-24).

III)Activities

1. CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

The Czech Health Psychology Section held the Annual National Section Conference in Vernířovice in May 2016, as every year. The Conference is an open platform and unique opportunity to socialize and personally share new ideas, directions and challenges in the field. More than 50 Czech members and supporters of HP from Czech Republic, Slovenia and Poland have taken part in this year. The Committee members are also organizers as well as participants of the mentioned Annual National Section Conference in Vernířovice. A lot of Czech health psychologists participate also in educational and training activities as university teachers, supervisors, tutors etc.

The Book of Abstracts of the Conference was prepared in the printed form (with ISBN index).

Simultaneously it was distributed via ČMPS web-site (http://cmps.ecn.cz/dl/Sbornik_PZ_2013.pdf).

Czech health psychologists also took part in the two important international psychological events: The first event was the 31th International Congress of Psychology in Jokohama, July 2016 , the second Conference was 29th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, Aberdeen, August, 2016.

2. PUBLICATIONS/grants

There have been an estimated 10 published peer-reviewed Czech articles or dissertations in the HP during the 2016. (This amount is estimated on the base of the published articles in HP per year during the previous years).

There are two unfolding projects concerning HP in the Masaryk University:

In period 2013 – 2016, the team around J. Dosedlová (Bureřová, Dosedlová, Havigerová, Jelínek, Klimusová, Pučelíková, Slezáčková, & Vašina), worked on the project Health-related Behaviour: Determinants, Models and Consequences (founded by GA13-19808S). A lot of preliminary results have been published in Czech peer-reviewed journals. All results will be published in the monography Health-related Behaviour (Munipress, MU, in print).

I. Bureřová has been working on the project “Psychological aspects of dealing with the overload in the top-level adolescent sportsman” (founded by MUNI/A/1042/2015).

Brabcová, Kohout, Beňová from Western Bohemia University implemented research concerning epilepsy in the school-aged children (founded by GACR 16-02453Y). At the same University, M. Svoboda and I. Rysová have been conducting the project on Psychosocial aspects of “Fast food” style.

3. **WORKING GROUPS**

Six members of the Committee of the HP, voted in period 2013 – 2020, used to take part once a year to discuss directions and some procedural issues that appeared during the scope of a year. There are no other special working groups within the Czech HP section. Members of Committee narrowly cooperate with the sections within Czech Moravian Psychological Society (ČMPS) and other professional associations in the country, e.g. Psychological Association of Clinical Psychology (AKP) or Union of Psychological Sciences (UPA).

4. **PLANNED/FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES**

The year of 2018 is associated with 30th anniversary of the HP department. Regarding this anniversary, the Book of papers that will contain history and development of this subject (in period 1988 – 2018) will be prepared. A lot of respected Czech psychologists and professionals from HP and other overlapping areas will be invited to Conference in Vernířovice 2018. Nowadays, the first interdisciplinary Czech monography of Health Psychology for the medical staff is coming to its last period.

Members of the HP Committee in cooperation with the local and international professional associations (CMPS, UPA) & (EHPS, EFPA etc.) are also preparing to the 32th International Conference of Psychology, Prague 2020.

IV) Other issues