

EHPS Annual National Delegate Report 2016

Country: Poland

National Delegate: Ewa Gruszczyńska

Conferences and meetings

During the past year, as usual, two meetings of the Health Psychology Section of Polish Psychological Association took place: one in October 2015 and the second one (board only) in June 2016. The autumn meeting was devoted to the customary annual report on the Section activity. The summer meeting was more of working character; plans for the nearest future were discussed:

- The 25th Anniversary of the Section will be celebrated in October 2016
- The 11th national conference will be held in May 2017 in Poznań:
 - ✓ the title was agreed as "Health in a changing world: Challenges and threats"
 - ✓ scientific and organizing committees were proposed,
 - ✓ procedure and calendar were established.

The Section comprises of 66 members now, most of them are rather scholars than practitioners. Members are very active, in terms of numbers they have published 24 chapters in books, 16 papers in Polish and 56 papers in English-language peer-reviewed journals. Almost 50 members were presenters in national conferences, 18 took part in international conferences (including EHPS conference in Cyprus). Also, they are principal investigators or members of research teams in 17 ongoing scientific projects.

Legislation

There have been no significant changes in legislation process regarding recognition of psychology as a profession since last year. Updated information can be found (in Polish only) on webpage of the Polish Psychological Association.

Education

Psychology can be studied in a 5-year cycle or in two cycles (a 3-year bachelor's and a 2-year master's degree, separately), although this second option is significantly less popular. All major universities provide health psychology courses. Members declared 10 new courses related to health psychology introduced last year.