

Country: Poland

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Health Psychology Section of Polish Psychological Association

Meetings and members' activities:

The board meeting took place in November 2017. It was devoted to the customary annual report on the Section activity but also to strategic planning for the next year. Also the details of the biannual 12th national conference planned to be held in Katowice in May 2019 were discussed.

The Section members during last year were authors or editors of 4 books as well as authors or co-authors of 17 papers published in Polish and 25 in English. They were also presenters at various national (28 presentations) and international (14 presentations) conferences, including the EHPS 2017 conference in Padova. In addition, members of the Section have been currently involved in 9 research projects as PIs or team members. It is also a pleasure to announce that prof. Aleksandra Łuszczyńska was awarded by the International Association of Applied Psychology.

The special issue of the Polish Psychological Bulletin, entitled "[Health, stress and coping](#)" was published to commemorate the 25th jubilee of the Section.

Legislation

There has been no progress in the legislation process. Thus, in fact there is no legal recognition of the profession of a health psychologist, but also of a psychologist in general.

Education

The situation has been stable since last year, although some systemic changes may be expected soon due to introduction of new law on higher education and science, the so-called Constitution for Science. For details, please look at the webpage of [Ministry of Science and Higher Education](#).

Additional changes in existing curricula may be generated as a result of introducing the European Psychological Certificate ([EuroPsy](#)) in Poland; the process has been initiated this year by the Polish Psychological Association. The document proposes a system of pan-European standards for both academic education and basic vocational training for psychologists. It was prepared as a result of the Leonardo da Vinci programme under auspices of the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA), which consists of 37 national associations.