

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 the pages of Slovak Psychological Association of the Slovak Academy of Science (<http://www.slovenskapsychologickaspolocnost.sk/>) as well as on other health psychology oriented pages <http://www.psychologiazdravia.sk/> and 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 (www.hbsc.org, www.hbscslovakia.com).

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

Participation on international conferences and seminars

Slovakia was represented on 31st EHPS conference in Padova, Italy from 29th of August to 2nd of September 2017. Several representatives from Slovakia participated also on 25th Annual National

Section Conference in Vernířovice held by Czech Health Psychology Section from 18th to 20th of May 2017.

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. In addition to that, next year XI. International Society of Critical Health Psychology Conference will be organized in Bratislava (15th to 17th of July 2019).

IV) Other issues