

1. Traditional annual working meeting of Health Psychology Section of Polish Psychological Association(PPA) was held in November 2011. The Section comprises of 71 members now (4 new members joined the Section during last year).
2. Five brand new health psychology courses (seminars, lectures or/and classes) were introduced into the curricula at different Polish universities. Also, after a few-year break a master program in health psychology was reactivated at the Warsaw University.
3. The members of the Section actively participated in 34th Scientific Meeting of PPA, the biggest event for psychologists in Poland in terms of number of participants and variety of topics being discussed. Organized every three years it is the only event of that kind widely attended by both academics and practitioners.
4. The national health psychology conference to be held in May 2013 in Warsaw is under preparation. It will be dedicated to social and professional functioning of somatically ill people.
5. A psychological test commission of PPA was brought to life. Its aim is to regulate access to diagnostic and research tools, including those used in health psychology. The members of Health Psychology Section prepared mutual recommendations regarding this issue.
6. Polish Psychological Association sent the complaint to the Ministry of Labour indicating no significant progress in legal recognition of the profession of a psychologist has been made as yet.
7. A discussion about professional certification of psychologists took place at the PPA general assembly meeting, which is a sign of an urgent need to normalize the current situation. Due to lack of legal legitimacy there are at least several competing certificate programs in Poland with a huge diversity regarding quality, length and enrollment requirements. Those under auspices of PPA are perceived as the most demanding, as well as the most prestigious ones, nonetheless they are not obligatory. This way or another, all of them are concentrated solely on psychotherapy (clinical psychology), not on specific domains of professional activity (i.e., health psychology).