

EHPS National report for 2014/2015

Slovakia

Conferences:

Participation on national conferences and seminars

Annual 10th national Health Psychology conference was organized in Bratislava on 3rd of June with the attendance of participants working on the field on Health Psychology.

Participation on international conferences and seminars

Slovakia was represented on 28th EHPS conference in Innsbruck, Austria by 3 oral and also by 11 poster presentations.

Legislation and organizational aspects:

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. There has been discussion about possible official structure to be prepared in the upcoming years.

Continuing education:

Health Psychology is not recognized as a specialization in Slovakia. A systematic review of education in the field of Health Psychology is lacking. However, relevant content might be found in the courses of many study programs.

Work related to professional recognition in health psychology:

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. In period from September 2014 to May 2015 national report based on HBSC 2013/2014 data collection in Slovakia was prepared by Slovak national team with main coordination by Department of Health Psychology, Medical faculty, PJ Šafárik University in Kosice. On 8th of June 2015 press conference was held in Bratislava to support the launch of the HBSC 2013/2014 national report and to inform the wide public about the health behaviour of adolescents. On the same date seminar was organised to share data and information about health of adolescents with relevant stakeholders and to outline interventions to improve the situation.

Slovak HBSC 2013/2014 national report could be found here
http://www.coherent.sk/docs/hbsc-narodna-sprava-2013_2014_final.pdf.

Information about the EHPS in general and about the 29th EHPS conference held in Limassol, Cyprus in August of 2015 was disseminated.