

## Review of Thematic Proceedings "Psychology in and around us"

The official topic of the conference in Niš was *Psychology in and around us*. Readers will realize that the name was properly chosen after reading 23 articles from various psychological disciplines dealing with interesting, current, novel, relevant and diverse topics, which were presented during the conference. Articles were written on the basis of carefully and very creatively designed researches. They comply with high methodological standards and cover diverse and very interesting topics from various disciplines such as organizational, educational, clinical and personality psychology, as well as psychology of sport and recreation, psychometrics, mental health and others.

In this book, readers will find various thought-provoking topics regarding important new concepts in psychology such as cyber bullying and social networks, procrastination among student population, the connection between sports recreation and level of depression and stress intensity or social trauma. Concepts dealt with in this book could be interesting for those interested in the field of psychology such as psychology students, academics and professionals. Psychometric evaluation of some newly developed or translated instruments have been made available for the readers through this book. Apart from the fact that some research was conducted on an impressive number of participating subjects, it is also highly interesting that articles include participants from Serbia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and China which gives opportunity for the readers to have some insight in psychological concepts across different countries and cultures. Even though less attention has been given to theoretical articles lately, they may have an important role in presenting new theoretical insights in old concepts such as the article about the relationship between psychology and art.

In contemporary science being creative and having a good idea is not enough; it is also highly important to have financial support by countries that recognize the importance of science and scientific research. Research funding in Southeast Europe is minimal. The overall government and public impression is that investing in science is not profitable. Sometimes it is hard to see the actual results of scientific research since the wall of knowledge is build one brick at a time. In this climate, researchers and scientists must be especially motivated to carry out research and write articles. Just like many other collections of scientific articles and journals, this one is nothing short of a

miracle. Articles you will get the opportunity to read (for free!) are the result of great effort, creativity, experience, commitment and knowledge of a small community of enthusiasts whose efforts are certainly significantly greater than those by colleagues from countries where science is much more appreciated. It is now more important than ever to try to affect public opinion about the relevance of science, given that every piece of information is available to everyone. If this book finds its way to general public, it would be a small but significant factor in achieving that goal.



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