

The Review of Thematic International Proceedings "Psychological research and practice"

The 15th Conference Days of Applied Psychology, organized by the Department of Psychology of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, Serbia, took place on September 27th and 28th 2019, at the Faculty of Philosophy in Niš. The official topic of the Conference was **Psychological research and practice**. From a large number of papers presented at the conference, selected papers were submitted, which will be printed in their entirety, in the form of Thematic International Proceedings.

Thematic International Proceedings "Psychological research and practice" was composed of 18 papers, whose authors come from several countries: Bulgaria, Slovakia, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia. All submitted manuscripts can be classified as original scientific papers. They cover different areas of psychology, reflecting the breadth of interest of the authors, but also the scope of the conference topic. Collected papers belong to the fields of Social, Clinical, Organizational, Psychology of education, and Personality, and most of them go beyond the boundaries of individual areas.

At the very beginning of Thematic International Proceedings "Psychological research and practice" was presented the paper based on a plenary lecture of the 15th Conference Days of Applied Psychology. This paper was entitled "Open science as a framework for psychological research" and it emphasizes the importance of open science, which can be achieved by favorizing open access and open databases.

Significant topics are also covered in the following papers. The problem of violence on the Internet was the topic of the paper "Attitudes toward cyberbullying and cyberaggressive behavior among adolescents".

In paper "Coaching Psychology: Are we there yet with the evidence base?" was performed the review of scholarly literature on coaching outcomes and coaching process, with aim to provide answers to the following questions: does coaching work and how does it work?

Two papers deal with problem of sexuality. First one examines if negative affects are associated with masturbation related to attachment dimensions and love attitudes. The second paper tested prediction of sexual satisfaction based on body uneasiness.

The paper entitled "Authoritarianism as a predictor of homophobia among students" investigated veru actual problem in curent society. An interesting socio-psychological topic is also addressed in paper "The relationship between impostor phenomenon and fear of failure". We remain in the same field reading the paper entitled "Politically radical organizations from Serbia and militant extremism - content analysis of websites". Digital communications showed to be very important topic of this conference. The paper entitled "A systematic review of mobile phone applications for compassionate interventions" proves the possibilities for their use for the purposes of psychological interventions.

In the paper "Psychological past, present and future in relation to future considerations and self-esteem" the psychological concept of time was examined in relation to several self-related constructs.

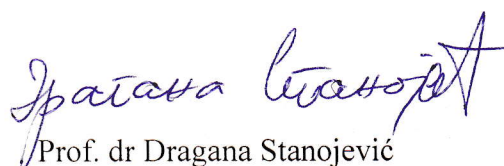
Other papers also show broad scope of possibilities of psychological theory and practice. Their subjects reflect problems of teachers' burnout related to socio-demographic characteristics such as gender, age, duration of service, etc.; importance of validation of new measures (such as The Transgression Related Interpersonal Motivations Inventory). Also, they showed the possibilities for use well known instruments (i.e. Big Five) and models in different areas of psychology. Authors were investigated other subjects: social structure in groups of children, the role of cognitive strategies in the relationships between dark triad personality traits and subjective well-being, eating behaviors in adults, anxiety about aging and quality of life, and employees' satisfaction boosters related to social benefits.

At the end of this review, I can conclude that Thematic International Proceedings "Psychological research and practice" reflect broad aspects of psychological research and their relevance for practice. All papers are relevant, interesting and prepared in line with all scientific criteria.

I can recommend the Thematic International Proceedings "Psychological research and practice" for publication.

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