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## ALPS ADRIA PSYCHOLOGISTS' COMMUNITY

### 4th Alps Adria Psychology Symposium, Zagreb, October 3-5, 1996

The 4th Alps Adria Psychology Symposium was held in Zagreb, Faculty of Philosophy, under the auspices of Rectors' Conference of the Universities in the Alps-Adria Region, and the Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia, prof. dr. **Ivica Kostović**.

The scientific program of the Symposium included: Keynote lectures, Thematic symposia, Special presentations, Oral presentations, Posters, and Round-table discussions.

There were 7 keynote lectures: **Riccardo Luccio** (Trieste), *Psychology in Alps-Adria Region: A Historical Sketch*; **Erich Kirchler** (Vienna), *New Directions in Economic Psychology*; **Vid Pečjak** (Ljubljana), *Psychology and Politics*; **Boris Petz** (Zagreb), *How Much Do We Know Today About Accidents?*; **Mirjana Krizmanić** (Zagreb), *A Salutogenic Model of Psychological Help*. Two keynote lectures were given by lecturers coming outside of the Alps-Adria region: **Bernhard Wilpert** (Berlin), *Psychology in High Hazard Systems* and **Patricia Blakeney** (Galvestone, USA), *Psychological and Social Recovery from Disfiguring Physical Trauma*.

There were four thematic symposia: *Research on Giftedness in Slovenia and Croatia*, organized and chaired by **Ivan Ferbežar** (Maribor); *Language Development and Language Disorders*, organized and chaired by **Melita Kovačević** and **Marta Ljubešić** (Zagreb); *Helping the Populations Traumatized by War*, organized and chaired by **Dean Ajduković** (Zagreb), and *Individual Differences in Personality and Intelligence*, organized and chaired by **Valentin Bucik** (Ljubljana). Altogether there were 22 presentations in these four symposia, given by presenters coming from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, and Slovenia.

Special presentations consisted of two psychosocial programs which are being implemented in Croatia; one of them focused on war victims all over Croatia, and the other one mainly aiming at helping children. These presentations were: *Croatian Psycho-Social Program for War Victims: Theoretic and Practical Aspects* (**Zvonimir Knezović**, Zagreb), and *"Step by Step to Recovery": Creative Therapies in War and After* (**Arpad Barath**, Zagreb).

Oral presentations were held under the titles: *Stress and its Consequences*, *Psychology of Teaching*, *Cognition and Perception*, *Life Span Psychology*, and *Work and Leisure*. There were 38 presentations given by authors from Ljubljana, Maribor, Rijeka, Zadar, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Salzburg, Vienna, Padova, and Trieste.

Posters were organized as Poster workshop and Interactive poster section. Poster Workshop was held under the title: *Cognitive and Motivational Processes in Education* and included 9 posters. Interactive poster section was thematically diverse. The poster presenters came from Maribor, Ljubljana, Sarajevo, Klagenfurt, Padova, Split, and Zagreb.

There were three Round-table discussions: *Public Opinion Research: Methodology and Application*, organized and chaired by **Vesna Lamza** (Zagreb); *Fundamentals in University Psychology Studies Curricula in the Countries of the Alps Adria Region*, organized and chaired by **Silvija Szabo** and **Vladimir Kolesarić** (Zagreb), and *Alps Adria Region Psychology Journal: "Review of Psychology" - Its Profile and Reviewing*, organized and chaired by **Vladimir Kolesarić** (Zagreb).

Presentation of *New technologies in Teaching Psychology at the University Level* was organized and chaired by **Branko Sremec** and his collaborators (Rijeka).

Altogether there were 99 presentations and 130 presenters from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Italy, and Slovenia. At the 4th Alps Adria Symposium there were 250 registered participants.

There were, of course, some social events too, which gave the opportunity participants to meet their colleagues from various parts of the Alps Adria region. The last day of the Symposium, some 50 participants took the invitation of the president of the Croatian Psychological Association **Krunoslav Matešić** to join him "for a glass of wine" in a well-known vineyard region near Zagreb.

During the Symposium the Scientific Committee (more properly called the "working party" by Herbert Janig in his paper "Alps-Adria Symposia", *Review of Psychology*, 1994, Vol.1, 39-41) held its meeting in order to establish the time and place of the 5th AAPS. The com-

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mittee agreed that the 5th Symposium should be organized in 1999., if possible in Pecs, Hungary. The final decision will be reached on the next meeting of the Scientific Committee to be held in Zagreb sometime in spring 1997.

Organizing committee wants to acknowledge all the participants for taking an active part and contributing to the success of the 4th AAPS. We look forward to meet all the participants again on the next Symposium. Department

of Psychology, Zagreb, offers thanks to all the colleagues participating in the organization of the Symposium.

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