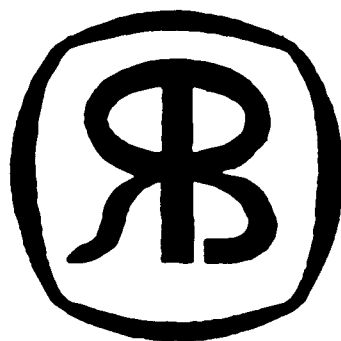

REPORT

17th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days



Zagreb, December 15th – 17th, 2005

Last December Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb traditionally hosted the Croatian oldest international biannual psychological scientific meeting, 17th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days. The meeting was organized by the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, with the Croatian Psychological Association as the co-organizer. It is a psychological conference that has been held since 1970 as Ramiro Bujas' Days. In January 2004 died professor Zoran Bujas and the name of the conference was changed in his honour.

More than 140 authors from Croatia and other, mostly neighboring countries, participated in 17th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days. We had the opportunity to hear from authors from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Italy, Macedonia, Norway, Slovenia, Serbia and Monte Negro, and United Kingdom. The scientific program covered fundamental and applied research topics from different areas of psychology: psychophysics, psychobiology, personality, cognitive, health, clinical, developmental, social, educational and work/organizational psychology. This year, for the first time, a poster-session was included in the program, as well as positively reviewed student papers. Students have also presented research conducted during two last Summer schools organized by the Department of Psychology in Zagreb.

The 17th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days program was enriched with several plenary lectures given by distinguished Croatian and foreign psychologists. Professor Robert A. Wicklund from Bergen presented the paper *Solidarity of distance*, prof. dr. sc. Vesna Vlahović Štetić from Zagreb *Children and mathematics – what can adults learn?*, prof. dr. sc. Katica Lacković Grgin from Zadar *Motivational bases of self-regulation during life transitions*, and Professor Klaus Kubinger from Vienna *Psychometric adequate handling of multiple-choice items – on the problem of guessing effects*.

For the first time, the program of this year's Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days included a symposium in honour of Professor Alija Kulenović, entitled *Contemporary Issues in Psychometrics*. The symposium was organized by dr. sc. Vesna Buško who managed to gather together distinguished authors from Croatia and several European countries. Within this symposium Professor Werner W. Wittmann, an expert in quantitative research methodology, gave invited lecture *Brunswik-symmetry – a golden key concept for successful psychological research*.

During the opening ceremony, some of our colleagues were awarded with the "Psychological reward Ramiro Bujas": Professor Slavko Kljaić and Professor Alija Kulenović for life achievement, Professors Dean Ajduković and Din-

ka Čorkalo-Biruški for the valuable scientific contribution to psychology, and a group of authors of *The Dictionary of Psychology* - Ivan Furlan, Slavko Kljaić, Vladimir Kolesarić, Mirjana Krizmanić, Boris Petz, Silvija Szabo i Branimir Šverko - for the affirmation of psychology in society. "Bujas' Golden Pin" for the exceptionally valuable graduated paper was awarded to: Petra Orlić and Domagoj Švegar, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy University of Rijeka; Ivana Raffaelli and Marija Galić, Department of Psychology, University of Zadar; Lena Svetličić and Dragana Markanović, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy University of Zagreb.

"Psychological award Zoran Bujas" was, for the first time, awarded for a special contribution to Croatian psychological press to: Professor Lidija Arambašić for the university textbook *Loss, mourning and support*, published by Naklada Slap; dr. sc. Goran Milas for the university textbook *Research methods in psychology and other social sciences*, published by Naklada Slap; and dr. sc. Anita Vulić Prtorić for the university textbook *Depression in children and adolescents*, published by Naklada Slap. Professor Vladimir Kolesarić was awarded the "Psychological award Zoran Bujas" for his many years long editorship of the scientific journal of Alps-Adria region *Review of Psychology*.

During the conference dr. sc. Damir Ljubotina started the initiative for organizing alumni who graduated in psychology at the University of Zagreb. The Centre for psychodiagnostic instruments from Zagreb presented his activities. Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days have always been an opportunity for pleasurable and informal getting together with many colleagues from the field. This enjoyable practice continued this year with many social events offered to participants. We have all had a very nice time during the conference and a common feeling was that the atmosphere was warm and stimulating.

Exceptionally rich program of the 17th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days and a large audience on all the events shows that there are more and more psychologists who are willing to take the advantage of this opportunity to share their ideas and knowledge with their colleagues from Croatia and abroad. We sincerely hope that the next Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days will attract plenty of interesting papers and be a place for fruitful discussions and enjoyable getting together with other psychologists.

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