REPORT

18th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas’ Days
Zagreb, December 13 – 15, 2007

Scientific meeting 18th “Ramiro and Zoran Bujas’ Days”, the oldest psychological meeting in Croatia, was held on December 13-15, 2007, at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. Its organizer was Department of Psychology with the Croatian Psychological Association as a co-organizer.

Scientific and Organising Committee members, Gordana Keresteš (president), Željka Kamenov (vice-president), Irma Brković, Vesna Buško, Ana Butković, Hrvoje Gligora, Aleksandra Huić, Nataša Jokić Begić, Vladimir Kolesarić, Darja Maslič Seršić, and Želimir Pavlina, received more than 100 abstract submissions, which was the largest number of applications received in this conference’s history. After the abstracts review procedure 101 presentations were accepted. Apart from participants from Croatia, scientists from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Hungary, Macedonia, Slovenia, Serbia and Sweden also attended the conference. In total, more than 160 authors actively participated in the conference program, one third of them being from universities and institutes from abroad.

The conference program was rich and diverse. Its scientific part included keynote lectures, invited symposia, oral and poster presentations, a round table, and a post-conference workshop. Due to the extensive number of presentations conference program was, for the most part, held in three parallel sections.

Keynote lectures were held by prominent university professors whose research considerably influenced their respective areas of expertise. Tomas Tjus from the Department of Psychology at University of Göteborg, Sweden, held keynote lecture entitled May I get your attention, please? How infants understand and communicate intentions and how these predict cognitive development. Tiziano Agostini from the Department of Psychology, University of Trieste, held keynote lecture Sport performance and perceptual cues. Svjetlana Kolić-Vehovec from the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences at University of Rijeka held keynote lecture entitled Cognitive, Metacognitive and Motivational Aspects of the Teaching of Reading, and Predrag Zarevski from the host Department held keynote lecture entitled Cognitive gender differences: a mine field? With authors’ permission all keynote lectures were recorded and videos are made public at http://psihologija.ffzg.hr/drzb.

Within the three invited symposia 26 oral presentations were held. “Third psychometric symposium in honour of professor Alija Kulenović”, organized by Vesna Buško, encompassed ten presentations of leading domestic and foreign experts in the area of psychometrics. Nataša Jokić Begić and Anita Vulić Prtorić organised and convened symposium on anxiety sensitivity that included ten presentations in this recent research area. Symposium on close relationships and quality of life was organised and convened by Željka Kamenov and Vera Ćubela-Adorić, and consisted of six presentations.

Majority of presentations (62 in total) were oral presentations grouped within nine thematic units that covered various research areas of contemporary psychology. Thematic sections included 4 to 15 presentations, with following topics: Visual Perception; Perception and Psychomotorics; Cognitive Psychology; Personality, Motivation, Emotions; Social Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Educational Psychology; Organisational Psychology and Psychosocial Consequences of War. In addition, fifteen posters, including those of young colleagues awarded with Bujas’ golden pin – for the exceptional diploma thesis, were also presented. As many participants deemed, research work presented at the conference was of a high scientific quality. At the same time, presentations were of interest to a broader audience, and they initiated fruitful and vivid discussions. Abstracts of all presentations are available at the conference web-site.

Croatian Psychological Association organised the round table entitled Cooperation of psychologists from academic community and practice, which gathered university teach-
ers, students, Croatian Psychological Association representatives and psychologists from various areas of practice. Through dynamic discussion participants of the round table expressed their views on current state and needs in the process of university education and training of psychologists, as well as on changes introduced by “Bologna process”.

Upon formal closing of the conference the post-conference scientific workshop *Approaches to correct for missing data* was held. The workshop consisted of theoretical and practical sessions with up-to-date topics relevant for empirical researchers and taught by Levente Littvay, an international expert in the area, coming from Central European University, Hungary.

In addition to scientific program, 18th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas’ Days encompassed several informal social gatherings. After the opening ceremony, when Ramiro and Zoran Bujas awards were granted by Croatian Psychological Association, the welcome reception was held in the hall of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. On the second day of the conference all participants and guests were welcomed at the conference dinner in Golden Bear Brewery. Photographs that captured working and entertaining moments of 18th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas’ Days can be seen at the conference web-site.

18th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas’ Days were supported by numerous sponsors and donors. The conference was financed by: host Department of Psychology, Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Foundation of Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Department for Education, Culture and Sports of the City of Zagreb, Pliva Inc., Phoenix Farmacija Inc., and Eli Lilly (Suisse) S.A. Croatian Branch. Conference was also made possible with support from Zagreb Touris Board, Naklada Slap Ltd., Podravka Inc. Nescafé, Coca-Cola Beverages Croatia Inc., and Electus Ltd. Conference program leaflet was sponsored and printed by publishing house Alinea. Program and Abstracts book was prepared for printing by Zoran Žitnik, and sponsored and printed by publishing house Školska knjiga. Visual identity of the conference was created by Maro Pitarević, and web site was created and maintained by Marijana Glavica.

Program and Scientific committee would like to thank all the sponsors, donors and collaborators for their support and contribution to the conference. We owe special thanks to students of the Department of Psychology whose engagement significantly contributed to successful conduction of all conference activities. We also want to thank the Board of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences who offered the space and location for the conference activities. Above all, we thank all the authors who found interest in presenting their work at this scientific meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers
16th PSYCHOLOGY DAYS
Zadar – Croatia

Psychology Days in Zadar is a traditional international psychology conference organised biennially by the Department of Psychology, University of Zadar.

Our colleagues from abroad, as well as from Croatia, are invited to take part in the 16th Psychology Days with thematic symposia, round table discussions and/or paper/poster presentations, in the areas of:

- perception, cognition
- experimental psychology, methodology
- developmental, educational and social psychology
- personality, emotions, motivation
- psychophysiology of stress
- work psychophysiology, organisational psychology
- clinical, health psychology

Proposals for thematic symposia and round table discussions should include name(s) of their organisers. The symposia should have not less than five participants.

The attached attendance form, with the provisional title of the paper, poster, symposium or round table discussion should be sent to the organisers by 1st March 2008.

Abstracts, not exceeding 400 words, should be sent to the Organiser’s address or by e-mail to danipsihologije@unizd.hr by 15th March 2008.

The abstracts will be printed in a Book of Abstracts, which will be included in the conference materials. Croatian and English are the official languages.

The final programme of the 15th Psychology Days will be distributed by 15th May 2008.

Any information concerning the Conference may be obtained from the Organisers.
8th Alps-Adria Psychology Conference  
October 2-4, 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia

We are pleased to invite you to the 8th Alps-Adria Psychology Conference. It has been 15 years since the last AA meeting in Ljubljana, the beautiful capital of our small country on the sunny side of the Alps. Many things have happened in the meantime. If you haven’t been in Ljubljana since 1993, you will be able to notice some positive changes in the building of the Faculty of Arts, the city, and the country. Hopefully you will also notice that the people have remained friendly and hospitable. Continuing the tradition of a fee-free scientific research-oriented conference, the AA conference is an excellent opportunity to create or renew the bonds among psychological research institutions from the neighboring countries, to strengthen our cooperation, to exchange new findings in psychology and related disciplines, to discuss the difficulties we are facing every day in doing research and, most of all, in transferring our knowledge to the young. But perhaps an even more important element of the AA Psychology Conference is the social one, i.e. making new friends and enjoying the company of the old ones. So, please, do come to Ljubljana and make your contribution to the psychological spirit in the AA region!

Important dates:

May 31, 2008 - Abstract Submission Deadline  
Jun 30, 2008 - Abstract Acceptance Notification  
Sep 1, 2008 - Conference Registration Deadline

Conference address:

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More information can be found at:

http://psy.ff.uni-lj.si/alpsadia08/index.html