
REPORTS



19th RAMIRO AND ZORAN BUJAS' DAYS

April 22 – 25, 2009, Zagreb, Croatia

The 19th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days were held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb, from 22nd to 25th April 2009. The organizer of this psychological scientific conference, the oldest of its kind in Croatia, is the Department of Psychology of the Faculty Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, and the co-organizer is Croatian Psychological Association. The „Days“ are held biennially, with this year being the first time they were held in spring, lasting altogether as long as four days.

Program and Organizing Committee of the 19th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days consisted of Damir Ljubotina (president), Denis Bratko (vice-president), Tiziano Agostini (Italy), Dean Ajduković, Valentin Bucik (Slovenia), Vesna Buško, Hrvoje Gligora (CPA), Herbert Janig (Austria), Željka Kamenov, Gordana Kuterovac-Jagodić, Riccardo Luccio (Italy), Želimir Pavlina (CPA), Vlasta Vizek Vidović, Vesna Vlahovic-Štetić, Marijana Glavica, Aleksandra Huić, Una Mikac, Blaž Rebernjak, Dina Šverko, Maša Tonković, and Dražen Urch.

Within the 19th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days we also celebrated 80 years of university studies of psychology in Croatia, which started with the Chair of psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb founded in 1929; as well as the 130th anniversary of birth of Ramiro Bujas, the founder of scientific psychology in Croatia. The official sponsors of the conference were the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia, University of Zagreb and the City of Zagreb.

More than 250 participants were coming from Croatia and 12 foreign countries: Austria, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Macedonia, Norway, Slovenia, Serbia, Switzerland and United Kingdom. In the total of 129 oral presentations and 26 posters, the biggest number to date, domestic and foreign authors were equally represented which confirms the Days' international character.

Traditional awards of the Croatian Psychological Association were granted at the Opening ceremony. The lifetime achievement award “Ramiro Bujas” went to professor Katica Lacković-Grgin and professor Branimir Šverko, and the “Ramiro Bujas” award for especially valuable achievement in the social affirmation of psychology went to professor Vladimir Takšić. The “Zoran Bujas” awards for a valuable psychological book were granted to Majda Rijavec, Dubravka Miljković, Ingrid Brdar, Dinka Čorkalo Biruški, Katica Lacković-Grgin i Slavka Galić. The Bujas Golden Pin for especially valuable graduate thesis went to Ivana Rak i Jelena Levačić (Department of Psychology, University of Zadar), Una Mikac (Department of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb), Diana Kopačević i Marina Štambuk (Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb) i Tena Velki (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University, Osijek).

The program was abundant and diverse. Three keynote lectures were given by professors Vladimir Kolesarić with the topic on “80 Years of Psychology in Croatia”, Branimir Šverko on the “The Quality of Work Life in Croatia”, and

Arie Nadler from the University of Tel Aviv, Israel with the presentation entitled "Going Beyond Victimhood and Guilt: Promoting Socio-Emotional Reconciliation through Satisfaction of Victims and Perpetrators Psychological Needs".

Four invited symposia were held: "4th Psychometric Symposium in Honour of Professor Alija Kulenović" (convenor: Vesna Buško), "Reconstructing Communities After War" (convenor: Dinka Čorkalo-Biruški), "Psychological Factors of Effective Learning" (convenor: Vesna Vlahović Štetić), and "Quality of Family Relationships" (convenor: Željka Kamenov).

Three round tables were held: University Studies of Psychology in Croatia: Current Condition and Future Perspectives (moderator: Vlasta Vizek Vidović), Application of Modern Technologies in Psychological Testing (moderator: Damir Ljubotina) and "How to manage talents in the times of crisis?" (moderator: Marino Miloš). Two books: "Tkanje života" by Mirjana Krizmanić, and "Primijenjena psihologija: pitanja i odgovori" by a group of authors - mainly assistants at our Department of Psychology including the book editor Dinka Čorkalo Biruški, were promoted within the conference. At 19th Days' we had again one post-confer-

ence workshop, this time organized and conducted by Blaž Rebernjak and Dražen Urch, who presented on "R – statistical data analysis program".

An exhibition named "80 Years of University Studies of Psychology in Croatia and 130th Anniversary of Ramiro Bujas' Birth" was staged in the lobby of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The exhibition was prepared by Damir Ljubotina, Želimir Pavlina, Vladimir Kolesarić and Maša Tonković with a great help from psychology students of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Students also prepared a movie about the history of the Department of Psychology, the short segment of which was shown at the opening ceremony.

Besides the Program and Organizing Committee, many members and students of the Department of Psychology participated in the preparation of the 19th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days, so once again we wish to express our thanks them all of them.

Damir Ljubotina