

HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY DANUBINA

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Anniversaries are times when one recalls the past and expresses good wishes for the future and thus we are using the 35th anniversary of Psychiatria Danubina to recall, with a deep sense of gratitude Professor Hoffman, Professor Bohaček and Professor Schöny who were among the founding fathers of the Psychiatria Danubina. They helped us to have created the journal at a time when collaboration among scientists and clinicians across the iron curtain was almost unthinkable and used it to establish and maintain scientific and professional collaboration and contacts despite serious political obstacles and dangers.

At the time when the Psychiatria Danubina was created the symposia which were organized under the shield of the Danubian Psychiatric Association were the only occasions during which psychiatrists of Austria, Bulgaria Czechoslovakia, Germany (both GDR and FRG), Hungary, Romania and former Yugoslavia could meet, talk about their work, learn from one another, and present their achievements. Psychiatria Danubina served as the carrier of news and agreements, published papers, opened doors. Its function at the time was and is unparalleled by any other scientific journal in the world

– there is no other scientific journal which was continuously crossing the political barriers and obstacles helping to make scientists and practitioners remember that they belong to the same profession, strive for the same scientific and clinical goals and have colleagues who are willing to listen and help despite politics.

Years have gone by, the iron curtain was taken down, contacts became possible using a variety of means. The journal continued to serve its readers and contributors from countries along the Danube but also added new areas of work, expanded the list of countries which it serves, added supplements and special issues. It is to be hoped that the Psychiatria Danubina will continue to serve the scientific and practical needs of psychiatrists in the countries along the Danube and many more and that this, Psychiatria Danubina's 35th birthday will be one of many more celebrating a continuously expanding reach and improvement of quality of its contents.

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