

Conference report „Social Processes and Personality“, Stara Lesna, September 5 – 7, 2022

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Between September 5 – 7th 2022, the 23rd International Conference Social Processes and Personality was organized by the Institute of Experimental Psychology of CSPA SAS. After 2 years of pandemic, the conference was held physically at the Congress Center Academia in the beautiful mountain surroundings in Stara Lesna. The conference offers space for the entire spectrum of topics directly or indirectly related to the functioning of personality in a social context.

The organizers prepared a rich, three-day program with a number of interesting contributions and opportunities for discussions, sharing and getting to know each other. The conference program consisted of presentations from about 70 speakers, based in institutions in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The program included nine symposium and five blocks of oral presentations dedicated to various topics of current research and issues. A poster session was held - containing 46 posters, which gave a further opportunity for researchers to discuss their work in a more personal and face-to-face way. In addition, the program also included two invited presentations and two panel discussions.

On Monday, 5th of September, Peter Halama, head of the Institute of Experimental Psychology, officially opened the conference and gave the floor to the author of the first invited presentation entitled „*Register Report: brief instructions*“ (Marcel Martončík). In two simultaneous sessions, a symposium was held on the topic of *Transparency of psychological research: why and how?* and block of presentations related to *Language in our life*. After a short afternoon break, further contributions were made. Within two symposiums, the participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the topic of *Psychological connections between unfounded beliefs and current social phenomena*, as well as with the topic of *Dark sides of information technology use: technostress and its consequences on work and private well-being*. After the presentations, two panel discussions were followed on the topic of *Sorrows and pleasures of open science practices* and *Current challenges of psychologists from central and eastern Europe in the European research area*.

The program of the second day of the conference consisted of several parts. Radovan Šikl started the day with an invited presentation related to „*Czech and Slovak psychology before and after 1989*“. This was followed by 38 different contributions divided into 5 symposiums and 3 blocks of presentations throughout the day. Symposiums were focused on topics such as *Anti-Roma racism in Europe: implications for Roma identity and collective action*, *Intergroup relations*, *Transformation in middle age*, *Current attitudes towards migrants* and *Transitions to adulthood and its specifics*. In simultaneously ongoing blocks of presentations, the authors presented topics on *How to face the crises around us*, *Relationships and behavior*, as well as *Psychometric, psychodiagnosis & personality*.

At the end of this day, the poster session was held, where participants had the opportunity to present their contributions in a visual form. They presented the results of their work, findings and new theoretical knowledge on 46 posters, engaging not only with content, but also with their design. The authors were motivated to win a prize for the best poster. After the poster session, the social evening took place, with a great dinner, which provided social engagement between participants in a pleasant, informal atmosphere. During the social event, the organizers prepared a surprise for the participants in the form of virtual reality, in which participants had the opportunity to explore the Tatras, both in an educational and adrenaline-producing way.