

REPORTS



Jubilee Conference Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days

April 7th – 9th, 2011

What started as a one day psychology colloquium held in a single room with only several presentations, has grown over the next 40 years into a three day international conference with the program that was delivered in six parallel lecture rooms. The 20th Ramiro and Zoran Bujas' Days conference was held from 7th to 9th of April 2011 at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb. As always, it was organized by the staff and students of the Department of Psychology, while the co-organizer was Croatian Psychological Association. The 22 psychology students worked endlessly to assist the Program and Organizing Committee make this conference a successful and memorable event.

The program comprised 231 presentations: invited plenary lectures, symposia, oral presentations, posters, round table discussions, and book presentations. The book of abstracts (282 pages), edited by Dinka Čorkalo Biruški and Tena Vukasović, and photo gallery are available at <http://psihologija.ffzg.hr/drzb2011>

The international invited plenary speaker was Professor Christina Maslach (Department of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley). Dr. Maslach is the leading world authority on burnout and the author of the acclaimed instrument for assessment of burnout (Maslach Burnout Inventory – MBI), who lectured about coping strategies and professional stress. Other two invited plenary speakers included Professor Alessandra Pokrajac Bulian (Department of Psychology, University of Rijeka) who addressed the

psychological aspects of eating disorders and the illusion of slim figure, and Professor Meri Tadinac who presented the evolutionary psychology interpretations of strategies of choosing short-time and long-time intimate partners.

The two invited thematic symposia included *5th Psychometric symposium in honor of Professor Alija Kulenović* (convened by Vesna Buško) and *Clinical psychology in Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia – current research* (convened by Nataša Jokić-Begić). Other symposia were *Sport psychology: theoretical and practical aspects* (convened by Renata Barić), *Methodological and ethical aspects of international research with children* (convened by Marina Ajduković), *Learning and teaching mathematics and sciences* (convened by Iris Marušić) and *New cognitive ability tests and their psychometric validation* (convened by Damir Ljubotina).

Two round table discussions were also held: *Academic teaching of clinical psychology* (organized by Nataša Jokić-Begić) and *Psychological test and testing—where we stand and how to move ahead* (organized by Krunoslav Matešić). The conference also included presentation of the published report of the 20th Summer Psychology School *Personality and musical preferences* (organized by Ana Butković).

The opening of the conference was followed by the traditional awards ceremony of the Croatian Psychological Association. The awards for life achievement went to Professor Vladimir Kolesarić, Nada Anić and Želimir Pavlina.

In addition to the scientific program, the conference also provided ample opportunities for informal gathering and networking. The participants enjoyed the welcome cocktail and the conference dinner which both lasted long into the warm spring night.

Immediately after the closing ceremony of the conference, the first ever *Psychofest* opened the doors. This was a unique manifestation of bringing psychology to the people organized by Veseljka Rebić. It offered rich and attractive 22 hours of program that included demonstration of psy-

chology experiments and perception illusions, attractive explanations of psychological phenomena and processes, and workshops. This festival of psychology had audience of several hundred, ranging from children with their grandparents, school and university students, and young couples, to general public on that Saturday afternoon, evening and night.

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