

# Annual Report - Turkey

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## Developments / Challenges

- The field of health psychology started to be represented as a separate division in the Turkish Psychological Association. Since 4.11.2014, relevant regulations are officially shared on the association's web site.

- Early in 2015, the Turkish Ministry of Health officially started a new project called "Collaboration Protocol; Moral Support Offering in Hospitals". According to this project, those who graduate from the psychology of religion at the faculty of theology, will be formally responsible for giving "moral support" to hospitalized patients. This project has been heavily criticized by psychologists and psychiatrists across the country.

- Universities and psychology departments are struggling with the problem that there are not enough health psychology courses. Therefore, academic studies and subsequently medical – psychological interventions in the field are not as effective as they could be.

## Academic Developments

- Fatih University Psychology department officially opened the first Master's Degree programme in Health Psychology, in Turkey at 2013. Currently, nine students are registered with the programme. Seven of them are at the dissertation stage and the remaining two are preparing their defenses. Curriculum and electives are announced on the university web site (<http://sbe.fatih.edu.tr/?yukseklisans,428> ).

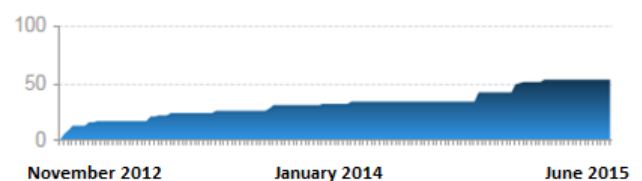
- Few other universities were announced combined Master's Degree programmes with clinical psychology on the term of 2014-2016.

## EHPS-Related Activities

- Activities on the LinkedIn Platform

We resumed sharing posts from the EHPS mail bulletins on our LinkedIn platform, "Turkish Health Psychology Group", which has academics, practitioners and students among its members. We translated and re-posted four conference announcements, three job advertisements, two research projects, and two content notifications for the new issues of Psychology & Health journal, and European Journal of Health Psychology.

As seen in the graph below, our number of members increased to 59 since November 2012.



- ***Announcement of the 29th EHPS Conference in Limassol, Cyprus***

We informed the directors of psychology departments at the universities, developed and delivered the posters of the 29th EHPS Conference in Limassol, Cyprus.

- ***Announcement of the CREATE Workshop “Writing science for journals, funders and other audience” for the 29th EHPS Conference in Limassol, Cyprus***

We delivered the workshop announcement to 35 universities in Turkey, which have psychology departments and/or health psychology instructors, and encouraged them to inform their students.

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