

# Annual Report - Bulgaria

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## Conferences

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### *National conferences*

The 3rd Scientific conference "Psychology – Traditions and Perspectives", organized by the Department of Psychology at South-Western University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, was held on 31 October 2015 in Blagoevgrad. The Conference included a health & clinical psychology section with 26 papers.

The 21st International conference "Personality. Motivation. Sport", organized by the National Sports Academy, took place on 11 December 2015 in Sofia. Among other themes, papers discussed health related aspects of physical activity and sport.

The 6th International conference "Education, Science, Innovations – ESI'2016", organized by the European Polytechnic University, was held on 10-11 June 2016 in Pernik, Bulgaria. The "Innovation in Psychology" section included research in the health psychology domain.

The International conference "Leadership and organization development", organized by the Department of Social, Work and Educational Psychology at Sofia University, took place on 16-19 June 2016 in Kiten, Bulgaria. A special occupational health psychology section with 26 papers was held within the conference.

### *Participation of Bulgarian health psychologists in international conferences*

- 9th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology, 12-15 July 2015, Grahamstown, South Africa;
- 29th Conference of the EHPS "Principles of Behavior Change in Health and Illness", 1-5 September 2015, Limassol, Cyprus;
- Invited Symposium "Constructions of cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine in Bulgaria and Romania" ( Todorova, I. & Baban, A.) at the Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies 2015 Annual Convention, 19-22 November 2015, Philadelphia, PA;
- 2nd International Meeting on Wellbeing and Performance in Clinical Practice, 18-22 May 2016, Chalkidiki, Greece.

### *Health psychology e-course*

EHPS e-course "Health inequalities and the role of health psychology", 11 November 2015, was facilitated by Irina Todorova, Health Psychology Research Center, Sofia, Bulgaria.

## Education

The first health psychology master program in Bulgaria is starting in 2016/2017 academic year at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Undergraduate and graduate psychology programs in Bulgaria were accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency in 2015-2016, including Sofia University's newly developed health psycho-

logy master program and the health psychology doctoral program. The doctoral program exists since 2008 and has accepted three new PhD students in 2015/2016.



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