

**DEVELOPMENTAL
ACTIVITIES ALL OVER EUROPE:
THE WORLD OF EADP/ERU MEMBERS**



Dear ERU members,

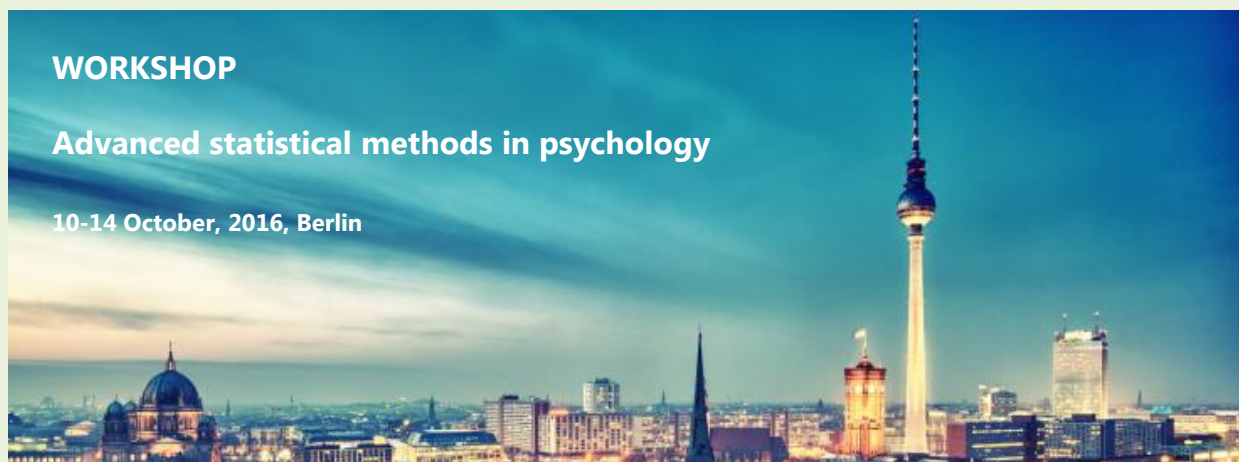
With the sun increasing in strength, and the students leaving for their summer holidays, it is time for you to take a deep breath and relax. You deserved it! So give yourself a short coffee break, and let's think about all the fun and inspiring events that you can attend next academic year. All the people you can meet. All the things you can learn. So many opportunities that will help your personal development and career, and they are all collected for you by the newsletter editors and our national representatives.



I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I wish you a wonderful summer!

Loes Keijsers,
ERU President
(Tilburg University, The Netherlands)

WORKSHOP



We proudly announce our own EADP-ERU workshop, organized together with Humboldt University, and Tilburg University. It will cover some of the most exciting novel data-analytical techniques, such as continuous time modeling, random intercept cross-lagged panel models, and multilevel structural equation modeling. It will be hosted in the beautiful city of Berlin from Oct, 10 to Oct, 14, 2016. The EADP can support you in your travel and the deadline for applying is **July, 15th, 2016**. For further information, see the flyer sent together with the current Newsletter, or contact Loes.Keijsers@uvt.nl.

Please join us in Berlin and expand your expertise!

2016 CONFERENCES

You don't have to be bored this year. We have selected some of the best conferences in the upcoming year. And of course, don't forget to submit something and attend the EADP conference in 2017. Great workshops will be offered for reasonable prices, and there will be plenty ERU events.

June 30-July 1, [On New Shores Conference, Fathers in Cultural Contexts: From Fatherlessness to Fathering and Everything In Between](#)

July 10-14 [24th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, ISSBD, Vilnius, Lithuania](#)

July 24-29, 31st [International Congress of Psychology](#), Yokohama, Japan

September 14-17 [International Association for Adolescent Health Congress](#), Pristine, Kosovo

September 16 - 29 [EARA Biennial Conference](#)

September 22-23, <https://apsconference.unitbv.ro/scientific-committee/> Brasov, Romania

29th of September – 1st of October: New Societies, Old Minorities / New Minorities, Old Societies? The 4th International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS) Sibiu, <http://conf2016.societateasociologilor.ro/>

10 -14 October: [Advanced in Statistical Method Psychology Workshop](#) – see above

27-28 October: [7th On New Shores Conference, Immigrant Families across the Lifespan: Theoretical and Practical Considerations](#), Toronto, Canada

2017 CONFERENCES

30 August – 1 September 2017: the 18th edition of the European Association of Developmental Psychology ([EADP](#)) biennial conference (ECDP2017) will take place in Utrecht, the Netherlands, <http://www.ecdp2017.nl/>, with exciting preconference workshops for young scholars. We will keep you informed with the mailing list and the news letter, so stay tuned!

LOOKING BACK....

FAMILY AND DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY IN POLAND

The University of Gdansk (Poland) organized the 5th edition of the National Conference of Psychology in the Service of the Family – “Family safety in the changing world” (24-25 May 2016). Polish researchers and scholar shared ideas about latest updates in the field of psychology and family, especially how recent period of transformation and intense political and economic changes affect the family, how these changes might be stimulating factors for finding new forms of family life and more

flexible functioning of family systems. The main question of this conference was *how to care of the family in a changing world*. The conference keynotes and invited symposia featured the following integrative thematic areas: 1) Safe and disrupted family relationships, 2) Family safety in the face of migration, 3) Health and safety in the family, 4) Economic security of the family, 4) Safety in emergencies, 5) Sources of emotional safety (mental health of parents, the quality of emotional relations within the family, economic stability, etc.), 6) Sources of spiritual safety (secularization of society, the evolution of the hierarchy of values, the meaning of life and well-being in the era of consumption, etc.).

Many interesting symposia and thematic sessions were also related to developmental psychology, such as “Safety of adolescents in the family”, “Personal resources and romantic relationships in adulthood”, “Raising a child with developmental disabilities - the perspective of parents and children”. Most importantly, much attention was focused on the practical implications of work presented in these sessions.

To sum up, this conference emphasised the role of the family for individual functioning as well as development, presented the directions for future research in this field taking into account the current socio-cultural context, both in national Polish and broader international context.



Justyna Michałek,
ERU/EADP National Representative in Poland

ANTHROPOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCES AND PSYCHOLOGY DISCUSS TOGETHER IN ROMANIA

The “Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu, Romania was pleased to host, between 27-29 May, 2016, the Xth jubilee edition of the conference organized by The Research Centre for Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, and the Department of International Relations, Political Science and Security Studies, within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. This international conference brought together practitioners, researchers and scholars, engaged in international relations, psychology, sociology, international relations, anthropology, political and education sciences.

Participants were from prestigious worldwide institutions, like Sweden (Stockholm University), France (Academie des Belle – Lettres, Sciences et Arts de la Rochelle), Greece (University of Crete, The Nest Hellenic Centre on Social Entrepreneurship), Poland (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn), Serbia (Institute for Political Studies of Belgrade), Ukraine (Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv), Georgia (Sukhishvili Teaching University), Republic of Moldova (Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Moldova State University, National Intelligence and Security Institute of Chişinău, Military Academy "Alexandru cel Bun" of Chişinău), Estonia (Tallin University), Albania (University of Tirana) and Romania. Interesting theoretical researches and empirical data by ERU members were presented, within the Panel on Diversity Issues in Cross-Cultural Research across Europe, chaired by Delia Stefanel. For example, Radosveta Dimitrova and Delia Stefanel debated the topic of National Collective Identity in Romania: Saliency and Relations to Well-Being of Youth; Skerdi Zahaj offered an interesting debate about gender and identity processing styles, and Delia Ştefanel, Leonidas and Sorina Corman addressed directions for social inclusion by means of social entrepreneurship in Greece and Romania.

As a follow-up, this autumn, two major scientific events will be hosted in the lovely city of Sibiu, located in Transylvania, Romania. The events invite scholars, researchers, PhD students and interested public. One event is the 4th International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS) "New Societies, Old Minorities/ New Minorities, Old Societies?", organised between 29th of September and 1st of October 2016 (<http://conf2016.societateasociologilor.ro/>), and the other is represented by the 2016 RN36 Midterm Conference, to be held between 28-29 September 2016 (<http://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/esa-rn36/call/default.html>). Before the conference, a workshop on Academic Writing in Social Sciences, entitled "How to Successfully Navigate the Publication Process" will be provided to registered participants by Radosveta Dimitrova, Docent at the Department of Psychology at Stockholm University, Sweden and Japan Society for Promotion of Science International Research Professor at Hiroshima University, Japan.



Delia Stefanel,
ERU/EADP National Representative in Romania

RELEVANT ACTIONS FOR PROMOTING YOUNG SCHOLARS ACTIVITIES AND NETWORKING IN BULGARIA

Having realized the need of encouraging closer relations between the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area, universities in Bulgaria are paying more and more attention to young scientists, PhD students and PhD studies as a whole, and spending significant resources form them. The national strategies and policies are in line with our goal to build, gradually extend and make popular the network of young scientists and researchers who should be supported by their colleagues, members of ERU/EADP members from all over Europe. Our goal has clear dimensions, which are achievable in a short-term period. We plan to organize a series of activities which are aiming at: improving academic training of PhD students towards developing interdisciplinary skills and new knowledge in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences; stimulating mobility as a prerequisite for improving the quality of scientific research and encouraging career development; establishing formal and informal scientific contacts within the country and abroad; information assurance and publicity of research results; support of PhD students with high achievements in their scientific and professional field with a view to their better training and adaptability to modern scientific tendencies and practical application of the research. With the resources, information flow and professional contacts provided by ERU, as well as with the support of South-West University “Neofit Rilski” - Blagoevgrad, which has recently included a doctoral school in its structure, we consider that we will be able to develop our potential in our mutual work and achieve our goals in favor of young scholars in Bulgaria and Europe in the nearest future.



Irina Topuzova

South-West University “Neofit Rilski” – Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS AT TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV, ROMANIA

Transilvania University of Brasov, with the contribution of the ERU/EADP members, hosted on 19-21 November 2015 a scientific event which brought together the *Annual Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (SSR)* and *the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication ACUM*. The event was attended by 180 teachers, researchers and PhD students from 38 universities and research organization. Research findings and future inquiries were presented and discussed, during the panels and social events.

A future scientific event, this time in Applied Psychology, will be held by Transilvania University of Brasov on 22-23 September 2016, under the title *From Individual to Society – Applied Psychology for a Sustainable Community*. Keynote speakers will present their perspective on relevant topics: cross-cultural psychology (Fons J. R. van de Vijver, Tilburg University), students' motivation (Manuela Keller-Schneider, Zurich University of Teacher Education), social-psychological drivers of sustainable behaviours (Ferdinando Fornara, University of Cagliari), Threshold-based inference (Shenghua Luan, Max Planck Institute Berlin). We invite ERU members to attend the conference (www.apsconference.unitbv.ro) and to visit the medieval city of Brasov.



Carmen Buzea,
Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania

SPECIAL INFORMATIVE MEETINGS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY “ALEKSANDER MOISU”, DURRES IN ALBANIA.

The ERU representative for Albania Oriola Hamzallari organized two special informative meetings with undergraduate and graduate students of psychology and sociology in the State University “Aleksander Moisu”, Durres, between 20 to 21 of May 2016. During these meetings many students were informed about the EADP/ERU activities. Students were very interested to hear that there are many activities like winter/summer schools, writing weeks, pre-conference workshops, awards (best

poster awards) that have been directed by EADP/ERU for young scholars interested in developmental psychology or related areas. They were very enthusiastic to hear that there are international associations like EADP/ERU can open up so many opportunities for their future career as researchers. Students were informed that they can be part of a large community of young scholars that could bring further collaboration between countries among and beyond Europe. During these meetings, I was glad to empathize exactly how I have been involved in EADP/ERU activities during my doctoral studies and how insightful, motivating and supportive this process has been for me to develop research skills and to finish my PhD.



Students' feedback was very positive and they wanted to have more information about the EADP/ERU. Further, we decided to create a joint email account in order to spread information and send the EADP/ERU flyers to students. One of the students stated that the meeting was inspiring to her because it made her think deeper about the possible future research interests and felt enthusiastic that she could be part of a larger international network of young researchers that can help and support one another.

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