

Dear Readers,

through the constantly changing circumstances often accompanied by varying stressful situations, the fate of human kind falls into situational schemes which are quite difficult to understand or approach in an adequate manner. The predictable imbalance in terms of opinion constructs or attitude constructs in relation to the aforementioned understandably emerges in the general public. However, professional public does display certain shortcomings as well – especially when lacking orientation necessary for the present context whose factual framework and etiological basis may be diverse, multifaceted, and multifactorial; whose impact determines the quality of life not only for those who are concerned by individual phenomenon. However, some critical impact can be observed in the whole of its social environment.

The papers in this issue of the journal are essentially yet another instalment of contributions to the field of social pathology and prevention. Addressing all the themes in the varying texts is on the one hand a matter of the scientific base of the author or authors, and on the other hand of the recipient or recipients by whom the contents of the following communications are received. To maintain a critically objective and, at the same time, desirable view of the matters at hand, it is also necessary to mention in this context the role of the communication channel and its potential and existing possibilities to modify the content, the processes, the whole, or parts of it. Even during the transfer, it is in some cases possible to detect intentionally constructed reduction or extension, but also total transformation from the perspective of inputs and outputs. As in other issues elsewhere, here too interventions of functional nature may come into consideration.

The above generated content of the editorial aims to call for objective, perhaps to this day still different way of viewing the contents presented here in each of the articles, reports and information pieces. It leads to thinking about who presents, what is being presented, why it is being presented, how and to whom,... The enumeration of similar points of view could be longer. However, this is to be directed by every one of us on our own – by everyone who, in short, knows, wants and decides for themselves...

The compiled issue of *Social Pathology and Prevention* offers a sort of theoretical, theoretical-empirical discourse on the issue of multiculturalism. An authorial tandem of colleagues from the Opole University and from the University of Silesia in Katowice present their view on the matter. Similarly, a colleague from Comenius University in Bratislava presents her view in her information piece. An author from Silesian University in Opava contributes to this discourse with a text on crime prevention.

We have not forgotten to share reports of field praxis and the review of a publication for possible inspiration.

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