

INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, TRANSFORMATION OF FAMILY – FAMILY WITH AN ADDICTED INDIVIDUAL

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The International Scientific Conference of the Institute of Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences of the Faculty of Public Policies of Silesian University in Opava took place on November 7, 2017 at the premises of the faculty. This year, it bore the name Transformation of the Family VII. "Family with an Addicted Individual". The conference was organized within the Institutional Development Plan project Marketing and Promotion at the Silesian University and took place not only in the traditional cooperation with the Children's Centre Čtyřlístek [Four-Leaf-Clover] Opava and the Opavian branch of the Czech Pedagogical Society, but also with foreign partners. These were the Pedagogical Faculty, University of Prešov, the Institute of Sociology, University of Opole and the College of Social Sciences Pedagogium in Warsaw. The event was attended not only by the academic staff of the Faculty of Public Policies of the Silesian University in Opava, but by the staff of the Philosophical Faculty of Palacký University, of the University of Pardubice and of the Pedagogical Faculty of University of Ostrava, and by the staff of the organizations Elim Opava, PBC [o.p.s.], EUROTOPIA.CZ, Ltd. [s.r.o.], Do náruče, CSO [o.p.s.], the Police, Czech Probation and Mediation Service, The Psychiatric Hospital Opava, Association of Social Assistants, PBC [o.p.s.], Prison and Department for the Performance of Security Detention Opava, and 45 students of the Institute of Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences. The total number of attendees was 118. The Conference was commenced by the Vice-Dean for Science and Development doc. PhDr. et PhDr. Martin Kaleja, Ph.D. by welcoming and introducing the guests, as well as thanking the whole organising team. The central motto of the Conference, as the name suggests, was the family with an addicted individual. Both in the plenary and in the individual sections which immediately followed, individual presenters approached the topic from various areas of addictive behaviour. This created a fairly broad room for discussion which arose in the wake of the individual contributions, providing an opportunity to see and understand the issue of addiction as a multidimensional phenomenon the solution of which often exceeds the strength of the individual, the family, but also both the general and professional assistance. These facts were pointed at in plenary presentations which started with the subject of Social Factors of Alcoholism presented by the head of Institute of Pedagogical and Psychological Sciences, doc. PhDr. Jitka Skopalová, Ph.D., and with lectures by

foreign partners, prof. nzw. dr hab. Beata Maria Nowak on the subject (Re)Integracja społeczna skazanych uzależnionych od środków psychoaktywnych i ich rodzin, and Andrzej Margasiński, Ph.D., who focused on the topic of Psychological Roles of Young Adults Growing Up in Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Families in Own Research. In conclusion, Mgr. Tatiana Dubayová, Ph.D. presented on The Child in Addicted Parents' Family – The Overlooked Member. Equally rich in subjects, the individual sections of the Conference provided enough room for the exchange of opinions and professional experience.

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