

V CONGRESS OF DEAPS REPORT

The V congress of DEAPS, with international participation, was held on Zlatibor in the Special hospital "Čigota" from 23th - 26th of May 2019. Congress theme was " MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH - Current challenges, possible solutions".

A large number of eminent experts from our country and the region participated in the congress (Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia), as well as experts from other countries (Japan, UK, Norway) dealing with mental health problems for children and youth. The Congress was attended by over 200 participants from various professions (pediatricians, child and adolescents psychiatrists, psychiatrists, social workers, defectologists, speech therapists, medical technicians and nurses, psychologists, representatives of education, parents). Numerous important topics and research works have been presented. After the lectures, discussions were opened and the participants were very satisfied with presented topics.

At the very beginning of the Congress, two workshops were held: Jasminka Marković and Jelena Srdanović Maraš (Serbia) - *Nonsuicidal self injury of adolescents* and Miodrag Stanković and Nenad Rudić (Serbia) - *Diagnostic classification of mental health and developmental disorders of early childhood - DC:0-5*.

After the workshops came an opening ceremony, where the President of DEAPS, dr Vojislav Ćurčić, gave a welcome speech followed by the video presentation of the President-elect of ESCAP, prof. Dimitris Anagnostopoulos, who talked about perspectives of ESCAP. The opening ceremony was embellished with musical performance by the students of the Secondary School of Music "Vojislav Rale-Lale Stefanović" from city Užice. Milica Pejović Milovančević introduced participants to the *Status of child and adolescent psychiatry in Serbia* and presented the book *Adolescence - Chance, Romance and Psychopathology*, edited by president of DEAPS.

On 24th of May two plenary sessions were held with the theme *Mental health of children and youth*, which included the latest achievements in this field.

After plenary sessions, the satellite symposium Sanofi was held with the theme *Vaccine – Myths and Misconceptions*. Poster presentation were moderated by the prof. Aneta Lakić and dr Jasminka Marković. Symposia: UNICEF - *Early Development, Psychopathology of Adolescence I and Psychotherapy I*, UNICEF: *Presentation of Modules for Patrone Nurses, Autism Spectrum Disorders I*, and Round Table of the Psychoanalytic Society of Serbia were conducted within smaller groups but were extremely interactive. At the end of the second day of the congress, the annual and election assembly of the DEAPS was held, at which a new representatives and members of board were elected.

On Saturday, 25 May, another two plenary sessions were held - *Mental health problems in children and youth*. After the plenary sessions was the satellite symposium, named *Use of Aripiprazole in clinical practice with children and adolescents*. Workshops led by Mima Simić (UK), *Family therapy for eating disorders - Maudsley hospital approach (London)*, and Branko Aleksić (Japan), *Developmental disorders and genetics: Bridging the gap between research and clinical work*, introduced us with a new approach and way of working with children and youth. Symposia ACE, *Autism Spectrum Disorders II, Adolescence Psychopathology II, Social*

Protection, *Psychotherapy II* and *Childhood Psychopathology* closed the third day of the congress. After that, there was a formal dinner attended by many members and friends of DEAPS.

On Sunday, last day of the Congress, reports from symposiums, workshops and plenary sessions were presented, which resulted in positive conclusions and formal closing of the congress.