

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Editorial Board of *International Journal of Psychology: A Biopsychosocial Approach* at the end of 2018 is expressing the gratitude to our authors and reviewers for their contribution. We are happy to present the issue of this year No 22 with seven academic papers included. The variety of topics, methods, and empirical results encourages further development of Psychology discipline, adds to the understanding of school, organizational, health psychology, as well as other areas of this intriguing science.

The paper of Kristina Kovalčikienė and Giedrė Genevičiūtė-Janonė "*The Relationship Between Vocational Teachers' Personality Traits and Work Motivation*" intends to integrate educational and organizational psychology, and answers the question how Big Five personality traits are related to work motivation of vocational teachers. The authors have found that neuroticism is a very important trait in this context, and should be taken into consideration during the process of professional counselling and guidance.

Another empirical investigation conducted by Viktorija Čepukienė and Rytis Pakrošnis justifies the relevance of research in rapidly changing university settings not only in Lithuania, but all over the world. The paper "*Introducing Unguided Computerized Solution-Focused Self-Help into University Counselling Services*" "responds to the challenges of technologizing of psychology and counselling services with the introduction of IT solution for self-help and students' well-being promotion. The authors acknowledge that such kind of counselling attracts more students in need than the face-to-face counseling, is positively evaluated by the participants, is cost efficient, and has high potential to make the psychological help more accessible.

Biopsychosocial mission of our journal is followed in the article "*Adolescents' Social Emotional Health and Empathy*" submitted by Ala Petruolytė. The author investigated adolescents' social and emotional health and empathy in the Lithuanian sample in the context of positive

psychology. A. Petruelytė intends to attract the attention of researchers and practitioners to very sensitive issues of public health in the group of adolescents and invites to look for possible positive preventive actions.

Methodological questions of the measurement in psychology are discussed in the paper *"The Examination of Convergent Validity of START: AV Ratings Among Male Juveniles on Probation"* prepared by the group of researchers Virginija Klimukienė, Alfredas Laurinavičius, Ilona Laurinaitytė, Laura Ustinavičiūtė, and Mykolas Baltrūnas. There is a clear lack of instruments for psychological assessment in Lithuania, so this paper substantially contributes to the field's development. The authors supported adequate validity and reliability of world-known scale START: AV in Lithuania and encouraged future investigation of this scale as well as the use of it in practice.

Psychology of emotions and developmental questions are the focus in the article *"The Effect Of Joy And Anxiety On Egocentric Decisions Among Young Adults"* by Karina Kravčenko and Laura Šeibokaitė. Experimental design of the study is valuable and provides justified conclusions that young adults may be essentially egocentric, regardless of emotions. This encourages future research and discussions of practitioners on how to deal with these constructs in occupational as well as educational or clinical settings. The results of the mentioned study might be meaningfully related to the next article in current issue *"Gender Differences in Dyadic Dominance During Interpersonal Interaction: The Comparison of Friends' Dyads and Romantic Couples"* written by Kristina Ražauskaitė-Pilipavičienė and Kristina Žardekaitė-Matulaitienė. Both investigations share the experimental methodology, young adults' sample, and focus on the attributes important for interpersonal interaction, like egocentrism or dominance. The authors of the latter article challenge the stereotype that men are more dominant whereas women are more prone to submissiveness. Explored gender differences in romantic and friendship relationships in the context of dominance should capture the attention of readers.

The final literature review paper adds to the explanation of the ongoing challenges and needs of organizations. Global leadership is one of the most prominent constructs that organizational psychology researchers are interested in now. Globalization and IT dominance in different areas of human life preoccupies organizations and leader-follower

interactions: therefore, the article "*The Influence of Psychological Factors for Leader's Efficiency in Global IT Companies*" written by Lina Cirtautienė and Aukse Endriulaitienė might be helpful and shedding light on this relevant issue. The study analyses what the most important competencies for effective leadership in local and global IT organisations are and shows differentiated predictive value of leaders' personality traits, cultural competency, and organizational variables. The conclusions on guidelines for the development and education of IT leaders might be interesting not only for further research but also for practical implications in the field.

The editorial board of *International Journal of Psychology: A Biopsychosocial Approach* highly invites the readers to read publications in more detail and enjoy the variety of assumptions, results, and ideas. Also, we highly appreciate the feedback and discussions on the papers as well as further manuscript submission.

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