

## FROM THE EDITOR

Hereby volume of the POLONIA JOURNAL is dedicated to current topics which can be summerised in two words: SOCIAL SCIENCES. The Editors have been pondering over which issues are most discussed in the societies as those concerning all of us directly. These are social issues which, as we think, are crucial part of our culture and therefore worth emphasazing their importance for the society. Hollistic approach to those problems can be defined as concerning both human being and the society. Social sciences encompass not only sociology, economy, demographics but also social psychology, anthropology of culture, political science, theory of communication and education. Each of those aforementioned contributed own particular points of view.

Lucie Zormanova in the paper *A school without discipline, a mill without water* analyses theories of John Amos Comenius upon the issues of discipline, obedience and ethics. His ideas have been included in such works like Czech Didactic, Analitical Didactic, Great Didactic, but also in papers in Informatory of pre-school education, Pampaedia, Pansofia and Fortius Revived and Principles of behaviours.

Erich Schlesinger and György Pál Pápay analysed the topic of *Burnout syndrome and possibilities of its prevention in workers in the helping professions*. The phenonenon concerns the assisstance professions having direct and active contact with clients. The profession aims to help people to change their lives in a positive direction, but at the same time has influence in the form of burnout both physical and social upon the helper.

The article of Pavla Gilíková and Mariola Liszoková is dedicated to current issue which reflects the problem of stress among social workers during the war in Ukraine. The paper *Methods of coping with stress amongst social workers during the war in Ukraine*, indicates causes, symptoms and methods of coping with stress and offers possible solutions to the problem.

The article *Classification of homelessness from the perspective of social work* by Peter Laca reflects the current view on a very complex social issue of homelessness. This is a very sad phenomenon and it encompasses not only economic and social factors but also affects physical and mental health, separating and marginalising the individual from the society. The paper explains the causes, various forms and types of homelessness.

György Pál Pápay, presents an interesting paper *An overview of the main terms in the field of social work* in which he analyses their main concepts in social work. He focuses mainly on three areas: social work, social services and social workers and their capabilities. A very interesting aspect is the current view upon social work from the perspective of the Church.

Martina Karkošová has chosen the topic which concerns ageing and special needs of elderly people. The paper *Social work and aspects of old age – aging*, reflects not only biological, psychological and social model of approaching to human life but also calls for urgent insight into the question of ageing from the complex perspective.

The article *Communication as a means of social counselling in the context of social work* focuses on a very important aspect in the area of social work, namely communication. The authors Slavomír Laca and Vladímira Minaříková emphasize the importance of proper communication and building of trust in the relation between a social worker and the client.

A very interesting and current topic has been analysed by Michal Matějka in *Improving the Position of Teachers in Society and Its Impact*

*on Quality of Life and Relaxation*. The work of a teacher regardless of the type of institution is burdensome and affects not only physical or mental capabilities of a pedagogue. The author considers methods, forms and other ways of assistance to improve the position of a teacher in the society and what effects may those have on the quality of teachers' lives.

A particularly important issue has been analysed by Tomáš Planka and Monika Mačkinová in the paper *A social work perspective on crime - delinquency - education and the prison environment*. The authors propose possibilities how education can contribute to prevent the cases of social pathology and how can education minimise crime delinquency.

The work of a teacher is a very demanding profession, which poses considerable challenges and difficult situations. Therefore the author of "Stress and its management in the teaching profession", Vladimíra Benöcz, assesses and identifies important factors of the work environment which act as stressors. The causes of stress in a teacher's work have been included in the survey, the results of which the author presents in the paper together with the methods of mitigation.

I sincerely believe that the articles included in hereby volume of the POLONIA JOURNAL will be of assistance not only for the professionals but also readers of other fields, in the perception of social issues of modern society. I would like to present the papers with the assistance of the ideas of John Amos Comenius.

„We all stand here on the stage of the great world and what what is happening here, concerns all of us.“

John Amos Comenius

Pavel Mühlpachr