

# Annual Report - Romania

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In 2014 we were very happy to celebrate Prof. Adriana Baban receiving the EHPS award for her activity during the health psychology conference in Innsbruck. Also in 2014, Dr. Diana Taut was elected and started her activity as secretary within the EHPS Executive committee.

## Research and Publications

In 2014 we finished the FP7 (EU) project "Improving quality and safety in the hospital: The link between organizational culture, burnout, and quality of care" conducted in cooperation with universities from Greece, Ireland, UK, Croatia, Turkey, Portugal, Bulgaria and Macedonia. The project coordinator for Romania was Prof. Adriana Baban. Dr. Diana Taut is conducting a project on breastfeeding among Romanian mothers. Several publications resulted from the completed project on resources for positive aging, conducted by Dr. Catrinel Craciun that appeared in the Journal of Health Psychology and Journal of Aging Studies.

## Conferences and Visibility in the Community

Several members of the Romanian Health Psychology Association were present in 2014 at the Psychosomatic Medicine Conference held in 2014 in Sibiu, Romania. Prof. Baban was invited to give a talk at the Psychosomatic Medicine Conference this year in Nuremberg, Germany.

Dr. Catrinel Craciun was invited to give a talk at the German Center of Gerontology in February 2015. She was also invited to take part in the EU meeting on the topic of Active and Healthy Aging in Brussels in March, and at the Gender and Aging Conference organized at the Humboldt University in Berlin, 25-26 June.

Since 2015 the activities of the health psychology association in Romania, have become more visible in the community through a Facebook page coordinated by Dr. Diana Taut. Another channel for engaging with the community has been via television. For instance, Dr. Catrinel Craciun participated in a TV show on psychology topics and talked about how to reach an active and healthy old age.

## Education

Another generation of students has graduated from the Master of Clinical Health Psychology and Public Health in 2015. Several MA and PhD thesis were completed this year addressing several topics in health psychology. For example, our colleague Dr. Alina Cosma defended her thesis on bullying in school aged children and is now working as a researcher within the Health Behavior School Children Team.



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