

4th European Conference on Positive Psychology

1 – 4 July 2008, Opatija, Croatia

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Second Announcement

Dates to remember

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| Deadline for abstract submission: | 31 December 2007 |
| Information to presenters on abstract admission: | 29 February 2008 |
| Deadline for early congress registration fee: | 15 March 2008 |
| Deadline for middle congress registration fee: | 30 April 2008 |

Invitation

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is both our privilege and our pleasure to invite you to the *4th European Conference on Positive Psychology* to be held in Opatija – Croatia in July 2008.

Positive psychology is rapidly growing field of psychology with the aim to bring solid empirical research into areas of well-being, personal strengths and resources and positive groups and institutions. Positive psychology uses psychological theory, research, and intervention techniques to understand the positive and emotionally fulfilling aspects of human behavior. Research findings from positive psychology are intended to supplement what is known about human suffering, weakness, and disorder. The intent is to have a more complete and balanced scientific understanding of the human experience. The conference aims at a broad coverage of the research topics within positive psychology. The major purposes of the conference are to present an outstanding scientific program and to promote international exchange.

Since 1998 up to now literally hundreds of articles have appeared in the scholarly and popular press on the topics of positive psychology including well-being, flow, wisdom, creativity, life aspirations, spirituality, strengths and virtues and many others. Books have begun to appear summarizing the empirical findings and the methods used in the science. We are inviting you to participate in this new and exciting field of psychology.

Come to learn, teach, enjoy and meet your old and future friends! Welcome to the 4th European Conference of positive psychology in beautiful city of Opatija.

Ingrid Brdar
Chair of the Scientific Committee

Organization

Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Rijeka
 Psychological Association PGZ Rijeka
 Under auspices of European Network of Positive Psychology

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Organizers: Short introduction

Department of Psychology (University of Rijeka, www.uniri.hr) was founded in 1978, although some psychologists have worked and taught in colleges that preceded Faculty of Education. Undergraduate program in Psychology started in academic year 1979/80. Currently there are 22 employees in the Department and 11 lecturers from different (outside) institutions.

The Department has several different chairs: for biological psychology, personality and clinical psychology; for general psychology and methodology; for developmental, cognitive and educational psychology; and for social and organizational psychology. Majority of research work and interest of our scientists is in the mentioned fields.

Research in the Department is usually carried out through scientific projects funded by Croatian Ministry of Science and through international cooperation. Some members of the Department are active in the positive psychology. More information about their activities and activities of positive psychologists in Croatia you can find on the following web address: <http://www.pozitivna-psihologija.com>.

International Advisory Board

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Keynote Speakers

You will have the opportunity to listen to some of the greatest authorities in positive psychology field, and their lectures:

- Ed Diener & Joseph R. Smiley, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
Well-Being on Planet Earth
- Randy Larsen, Washington University at St. Louis, USA
Overcoming the Hedonic Treadmill: Self-Regulation of Emotional Well-Being
- Wilmar Schaufeli, Utrecht University, Netherlands
Positive Occupational Psychology: The Case of Work Engagement
- Márta Fülöp, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary
Happy And Unhappy Competitors: What Makes The Difference?

Invited Symposia

- Marisa Salanova, University Jaume I, Spain
In Search of the /Good /Working Life: Enhancing Personal and Organizational Well-Being
- Valery Chirkov, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
SDT and Positive Psychology: The Role of Self-Determination Theory in Understanding People's Optimal Functioning

For further information on other keynote speakers and symposia, please visit our web-page.

How to contact us

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Conference web-site

Further and updated information will be available on the Internet at www.pospsy.ffri.hr.
Registration, hotel reservation, booking of tours and submission of abstracts will be available online.

Congress Venue

4th European Conference on Positive Psychology will be held at the Congress Centre of hotel **Ambasador*******, with several conference halls equipped to the latest standards.

Conference area spreads on two floors. On the ground floor there are conference reception (near hotel main entrance), conference room Ambasador (80 – 400 persons) and exhibition area (Orhidea). On the mezzanine there are 6 conference rooms: Kamelija I (55+55 places), Kamelia II (55 places), Magnolia (120 places), Mimosa I (35 places), Mimosa II (35 places), Lovor I (40 places), Lovor II (50 places).

The Conference Information Desk and Hotel Reception staff will be happy to assist you during the Conference.

Please note that all of the recommended hotels are in the walking distance from the conference venue.

Registration and Abstract Submission

For detailed information please visit our web page: www.pospsy.ffri.hr.

Registration and abstract submission should be completed through our **on-line forms**.

Payment methods

By bank transfer: Please make sure you use the correct account details according to your location and remember to use the payment reference given. Please add on any bank charges to the total amount that you pay.

On-line payment: It will be available on March 1st, 2008.

Bank account information

To: Društvo Psihologa Primorsko-Goranske Zupanije
 Address: Trg Ivana Klobucarica 1, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia
 Bank: Erste & Steiermarkische Bank d.d.
 Bank address: Jadranski Trg 3a, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia
 Acc number: 70010000-01480588
 IBAN: HR0924020061100129052
 Swift: ESBCHR22

On-site registration

On-site registration will be available but we recommend registering in advance. Participants who wish to register on-site are advised to arrive early.

| | Early Before March 15, 2008 | Middle March 15 to April 30, 2008 | Late From May 1, 2008 or on site |
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| Normal fees | €300 | €360 | €450 |
| Reduced student fees | €150 | €180 | €220 |
| Accompanying persons | €100 | €100 | €120 |

Please notice that early registrations have to be paid before March 15, 2008!

Registration fee for participants and students includes:

- Congress material (delegate bag, final program, etc.)
- Admission to all scientific sessions and poster exhibition
- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Coffee breaks

Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Rijeka City Tour
- Surprise trip

Insurance

Please notice that the conference fee does not include insurance. All participants should arrange for their own insurance. Health and accident insurance is strongly recommended and will need to be purchased in the country of origin.

Accommodation

We have secured a sufficient number of rooms at different hotel categories ranging from 2 to 5 stars (prices presented in the table below).

Since the conference will take place during the high-season period, accommodation in hotels presented in the table **should be reserved until June, 6th 2008**. We strongly recommend to book as soon as possible.

Reservations and payments should be made on-line, **directly to hotels**, with a comment that reservations are made for conference participants (www.liburnia.hr). Presented hotel prices are guaranteed from June, 28th to July, 6th, 2008. All of the proposed hotels are in **walking distance from conference venue** (Hotel Ambassador).

| Hotel | Single | Double (per person) |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Ambassador ***** | 88 | 63 |
| Villa Ambassador **** | 77 | 52 |
| Imperial*** | 47 | 32 |
| Kvarner *** | 47 | 32 |
| Hotel Palace-Bellevue *** | 47 | 32 |
| Belvedere ** | 41 | 26 |

Prices are in EUR, per person, per day (bed and breakfast)

SOJOURN TAX: 1 EUR daily per person **REGISTRATION** 0.50 EUR per person.

Conference prices will be available in the weekend before and after the conference.

Information about other hotels in Opatija and nearby places can be found on the web sites:

- <http://www.opatija-tourism.hr>
- www.opatija.net
- <http://www.ugohoteli.hr>

Social events

Conference dinner (on Friday, 4th July 2008)

Conference dinner will take place on Friday, 4 July 2008, with price of **50 €**. Conference dinner will be held in the **Hotel Kvarner**, the oldest hotel in Opatija, and also on the whole Croatian Adriatic coast. The grand Crystal Ballroom, the famous summer terrace above the sea and the beautifully cultivated park are just some of the reasons for the ever-lasting charm of this vital 120-year-old.



Conference Tours and Excursions

After the hard work at the conference, you will be given the opportunity to do a bit of sightseeing throughout the beautiful landscape around Opatija, the town often called the Nice of the Adriatic. It is one of the most popular tourist resorts in Croatia and a place with the longest tourist tradition on the eastern coast of the Adriatic. Attractive contrasts of the Adriatic, islands and mountains, the green of the parks and the blue of the sea, refined historic beauty spots and modern comfort, all determine Opatija as an attractive tourist destination.

Some places of interest are:

Lungomare

The **12-km-long coastal promenade** joins up the main points along the Opatija Riviera - Volosko, Opatija, Ičići, Ika and Lovran. Undisturbed by traffic, this walk along the sea front presents a wonderful opportunity to escape the stresses of everyday life.



Tourist Bus

See the sights of Rijeka and Opatija with commentary in ten languages. Tickets can be bought at the Rijeka and Opatija Tourist Information Centers, in hotels in Rijeka and Opatija or on the tourist bus.



Učka Nature Park

Within only a couple of hours, any one of the park's numerous hiking trails will take you from the picturesque Mediterranean architecture of the coastal cities through the wooded slopes of Učka mountain up to its highest peak, Vojak, at a height of 1.401 meters. At the summit, a belvedere in the form of a medieval tower offers breathtaking view in all directions: the Istrian peninsula, the islands of the northern Adriatic, the mountains of Gorski kotar, Venice, the Italian Alps, etc.

Here you will find good opportunities for entertainment and many chances to try some of the culinary specialities based on chestnuts, asparagus and other local health-foods.



Plitvice Lakes National Park

Plitvice Lakes National Park is one of the greatest natural wonders of Europe. Embraced by high wooded mountains, one beneath another lie sixteen beautiful lakes of crystal blue-green water. Connected to each other by a series of foaming cascades and thundering waterfalls, the lakes are fed by many rivers and streams. Over the millennia, waters of these lakes have dissolved the limestone rock and carved out the valley in which they now lie.

These are only few of numerous places you can visit in and around Opatija. Some of the destinations will be available to you by conference tourist agency. For detailed information on social events and excursions, please check our web-page, as information will be there as soon as they become available.



General Information

Congress Venue

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Official Website

The official website of the Conference is:

www.pospsy.fri.hr

On the website participants will be able to register for the Conference, make reservations for hotels and tours and find the updated version of the Scientific Program. Any news on the Conference will be published on the official website.

Banks

Money can be easily exchanged at all main banks and exchange offices. Automatic cash machines are located outside the major banks to provide 24-hour service.

Electricity

Electrical current in Croatia is 220 volts, 50-cycle AC. Appliances designed to operate on 110/120 volts need a voltage converter and a plug adapter.

Time

The time in Opatija is the Central European Time (Summer Time GMT +1).

Medical Service

The number for the medical emergency service in Croatia is 94.

Official Language

English will be the official language of the Conference. Simultaneous translations are not provided.

Badges

Each participant will receive a name badge upon registration. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all conference activities and social events.

Climate

Climate in Opatija is a moderate Mediterranean climate with mild winters and pleasant summers, and with continuous circulation of air and sea aerosol. The average air temperature in summer is 21.9°C, and in winter 7°C. The sea temperature in summer goes up to 26°C. The area averages 2,000 hours of sunshine a year.

Post Office

The Post Office is located in:
 Eugena Kumicica 2
 +385 51 27 17 33

You can exchange money, make national and international phone calls, exchange travelers checks and withdraw cash from most credit cards.

Tourism office

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 fax. 00 385 51 712 290,
 e-mail: info@opatija-tourism.hr

In the tourist office you can find maps of Opatija.

Visas

Citizens of all countries require a valid passport except a few who just need their identity card. A few countries need both passport and visa so please check with the nearest Embassy or Consulate in your country or on <http://www.mfa.hr>. No visas are needed for almost all European countries, USA, Canada, Israel and Australia.