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**Report from the 22nd International Scientific Conference *Socialia 2018* –
*Ohrožení jedince v současné společnosti. Hradec Králové, 18–19 October 2018***

The 22nd International Scientific Conference *Socialia 2018*, entitled “Ohrožení jedince v současné společnosti” (Threats to the individual in modern society) took place on 18–19 October 2018 in the Czech city of Hradec Králové. It was organized by the Department of Social Pathology and Sociology of the Faculty of Education of the University of Hradec Králové with the participation of the following co-organisers: the Department of Social Pedagogy of the same faculty, the Department of Pedagogy of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica in Slovakia and the Pedagogy Department of the WSB University in Dąbrowa Górnicza. The event was held under the auspices of senator Miroslav Antl, doctor of law and chairman of the Constitutional and Legal Committee of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

The conference was the 22th edition of international meetings of educators, practitioners and representatives of other social sciences from research units of Central and Eastern European countries, who meet up each year at the international¹ conference held under the common name “*Socialia*”. Initially in the form of seminars, these meetings used to take place at the Faculty of Education of the University of Hradec Králové, then also at the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. In 2013, the

¹ This year, exceptionally, two *Socialia* conferences were held. Apart from the one discussed above; another edition of the conference took place. On 15–16 November the 23rd *Socialia* International Scientific Conference 2018 was held, entitled: *Socio-pedagogical problems of modern Europe. Social competences in the process of reducing deficits and solving individual and community problems*. It was organised by the WSB University in Dąbrowa Górnicza, and co-organised by the faculties of pedagogy at the Czech University of Hradec Králové and the Slovak Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. The organisers have applied for the event to be taken over by the honorary patronage of, among others, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the Ministry of National Education, the President of Dąbrowa Górnicza, the Committee of Pedagogical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Polish Pedagogical Association.

Pedagogy Department of the WSB University in Dąbrowa Górnicza joined the organisers of these meetings. It was then that the first edition of Polish Socialia took place, entitled “Człowiek w obliczu wielkiej zmiany – wyzwania dla subdyscyplin współczesnej pedagogiki” (Human facing significant change – challenges for subdisciplines of modern pedagogy). As a result of cooperation of the above-mentioned universities, successive editions of the conference are taking place alternately in three countries.

The opening of this year’s conference took place on 18 October in the auditorium of the building of the Faculty of Education of the University of Hradec Králové. Numerous conference participants, as well as students and employees of the Faculty were welcomed by, among others: doc. PhDr. Václav Bělík, Ph.D. and prof. PhDr. Blahoslav Kraus, CSc. – both from the Department of Social Pathology and Sociology, and then Miroslav Antl, doctor of law – senator of the Czech Parliament, chairman of the Constitutional and Legal Committee of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, member of the Department of Social Pathology and Sociology of the UDF

The first session was a panel discussion *Threat to the individual (child) in contemporary society – selected problems*. The following scholars were invited to participate in the debate: Miroslav Antl, doctor of law; prof. PhDr. Blahoslav Kraus, and PhDr. Erich Stündl – philanthropist and visionary, Coordinator of the Criminal Prevention from the Czech town of Svitavy. This two-hour part of the conference was led by doc. PhDr. Václav Bělík.

After the lunch break, the building’s lobby hosted a presentation entitled “*Current trends in the prevention and resolution of individual threats*”. It consisted of a demonstration of actions taken by organizations cooperating with the Faculty, which deal on a daily basis with prophylaxis, prevention and combating social threats. Among the organisations presenting their activities, there was the Semiramis Primary Prevention Centre, a non-profit organisation operating since 2000, with offices in Nymburk and Hradec Králové. The activity of Semiramis covers Central Bohemia, Hradec Králové and Pardubice. The extensive activity of the organisation include work for children and educators of primary schools through the implementation of long-term programmes aimed at the basic prevention of risky behaviours, both dealing with the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and related to addiction. The Centre also conducts extensive consulting and training activities for teachers and parents.

The afternoon session was divided into four parallel sections. The first section consisted of papers presented by the students of pedagogy from the academic centres in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The subjects of the speeches concerned, among others cybercrime, values and norms of young people at leisure, social symbols in the context of the behaviour of modern youth, threats concerning pupils and associated with the virtual environment, supporting the reading skills of children from children’s homes, development trends of juvenile delinquency and ways to globally prevent risky behaviours. The second section presented results of research on the problems of the modern family. The list of issues raised included topics such as: marginalisation and exclusion of adults with intellectual disabilities, suicides and suicide attempts in Poland among children and teenagers, family environment of teenage children with a sense of loneliness; functioning of a family with

an alcohol problem in the perception of its members, risky behaviour of parents towards a prenatal child, the idea and reality of contemporary social prevention. The sessions of the third section focused on the topic of threats to children in contemporary society, and the speakers raised issues such as: threats and risky behaviour of children and young people as a topic of interest in social pedagogy – historical and contemporary aspects; preparing children to leave the children's home as a way of preventing unsuccessful integration into society; risky sexual behaviour in the virtual world – possible prevention; threats to children and young people in contemporary society and the possibility of preventing them at school; using the intergenerational effect in preventing risk behaviours; theft in school as an interpersonal problem. The fourth section was entitled "Interdisciplinary contexts of threats to the individual". The presented papers concerned, among others, issues such as: sex education as prevention; individual threats in contemporary society and the individual threatening contemporary society; prevention of risky behaviour in the virtual world in V4 countries; seniors and the risk of their exertional loads; the impact of peers on juvenile delinquency; treatment programs as a tool to reduce the risk of recurrence; the issue of aggression and the use of coercive measures in the current Czech prison system. The first day of the meeting ended with a gala dinner encouraging integration, accompanied by music.

On the second day of the conference, the session was divided into two sections. The topics discussed included issues related to risk groups and concepts for solving social problems. Papers presented during the first section were devoted to such issues as: the role of the school in the lives of students with migration experience; education of Polish children in Austria – expectations and difficulties encountered; intercultural upbringing of a small child; threats to the individual in modern reality; punk subculture in Poland – from rebellion to stylization; improper social attitudes as a source of danger for older people; social and educational activities of the Knights of St John in Poznań (Middle Ages – modern times). In turn, the papers of the second section entitled "Possible approaches to preventing and solving social problems" concerned, among others, issues such as: multi-problem families and possibilities of intervention; child seen as a parent project in the current family; problems related to the professionalisation of prevention of risky behaviours in the school environment; factors threatening modern human. After the session ended, the organisers thanked the participants for coming and invited them to the next edition of the conference.