

SHORT REPORT

Report of the 17th Annual International Scientific Conference of the Montenegrin Sports Academy "Sport, Physical Activity and Health: Contemporary Perspectives"

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Abstract

The article is providing highlights of the Report of the 17th Annual International Scientific Conference of the Montenegrin Sports Academy "Sport, Physical Activity and Health: Contemporary Perspectives", hosted by the Montenegrin Sports Academy. The event was held on April 2-5, 2019 in Montenegro. The conference was held online, as a Video Conference, from the Montenegro, organized by the Montenegrin Sports Academy, and with the technical support of the Center of Information System (CIS). The participants of the conference were welcomed by Associate Professor Stevo Popovic, dean of the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro via Zoom application. This prestigious event gathered about 200 scientists from 46 countries.

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From the well-known situation connected to pandemic issues and realistic force majeure, as well as parallel to the recommendation of EU and regional authorities the 17th Annual International Scientific Conference of the Montenegrin Sports Academy "Sport, Physical Activity and Health: Contemporary Perspectives" was not held as a physical meeting in Cavtat, Dubrovnik - Croatia. The Organizing Board seated and decided to switch Physical Meeting to Video Conference which was held in the same period and according to an already established program (with minor corrections).

The conference was held online, as a Video Conference, from the Montenegro, via Zoom application. Montenegrin Sports Academy organized this conference in cooperation with Faculty for Sport and Physical Education of University of Montenegro and other international partners, also by sponsorship of traditional and new sponsors, and with the technical support of the Centre of Information System (CIS).

This prestigious event gathered about 200 scientists from 46 countries. Online Registration and Live ZOOM Training it's done on Thursday, 2 April 2020 from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. All presentations were held in three meeting rooms on April 3rd and 4th. Attendance was achieved through links that were posted on the official website of the conference.

Edition XVII of international scientific conference of Montenegrin Sports Academy it rewarded of the best young researcher and the best female in science, for science works connected to public health topic.

The best young researcher is Ana Barbosa from University in Porto, Portugal, and the best female in science is Marlana Rosa from University in Leiria, Portugal.

Chairperson of MSA conference Professor Dusko Bjelica, PhD, congratulated the laureates via Zoom application, and announced the following: "There are more and more young researchers who actively and independent take part in conferences"

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Be on time in the ZOOM Meeting Room and help us to continue fighting against Coronavirus with the usual routine and hard working.

If you cannot click the bottom directly from the Conference Programme (if your device don't support it), please use the direct links to join the meeting rooms:

- Online Registration: <https://zoom.us/j/225467662>
- Meeting Room 1 on 3 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/j/935090618>
- Meeting Room 2 on 3 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/s/242864301>
- Meeting Room 3 on 3 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/j/311945432>
- Meeting Room 1 on 4 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/j/277955595>
- Meeting Room 2 on 4 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/j/311222533>
- Meeting Room 3 on 4 April 2020: <https://zoom.us/j/965687528>

You are not required to enter any kind of passwords, just make sure to be there on time.

Look forward to meeting you all: invited speakers, oral and poster presenters as well as non-presenters from 2 to 5 April online,

Sincerely,
Prof Dusko Bjelica, PhD

PICTURE 1. Links to enter the meeting rooms

scientific program, what is one the highest strategic aims in MSA agenda. Even though numerically less female than male participated, award ceremony proved that trend is slowly changing, when it comes to female contribution in science, since the organizers put emphasis on gender equality, as well as the best female in science award changes practice so far".

Dean of the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, Associate Professor Stevo Popovic, PhD, stated that both awarded stud-

ies were related to public health.

"Presented study of the best young researcher Ana Barbosa was to aim for indication on influence of 12 week long program of walking football activities on cognitive abilities of diabetes patients. On the other side, study of the best female in science Marlena Rosa, was aimed for indication of traditional games influence on participants in games, respectively Parkinson's disease patients", said Popovic.



PICTURE 2. Prof. Stevo Popovic, chairs of the scientific committee when addressing the audience

Bjelica and Popovic assert that for this conference success was significant partners support, among them especially partner universities from France, Germany, Portugal, Croatia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, also University of Montenegro and university units, and Montenegrin Olympic Committee.

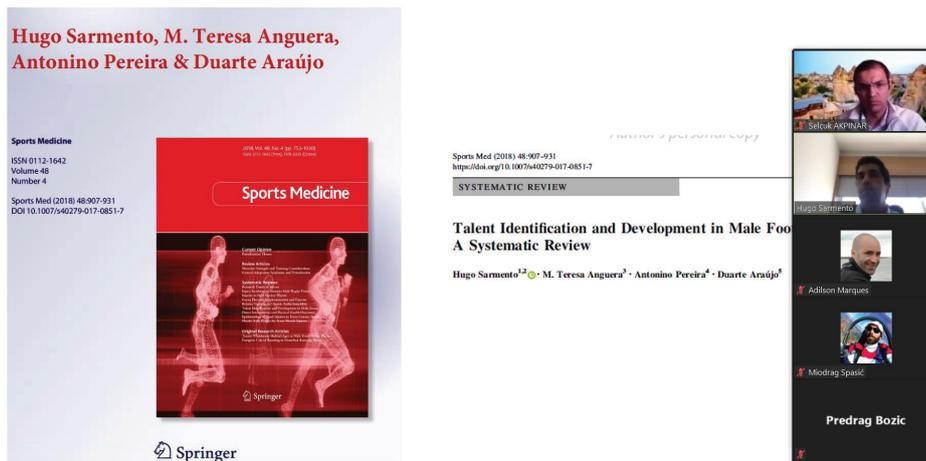
Presented abstracts from the online conference was published in Montenegrin Journal of Sports Science and Medicine, issued by Montenegrin Sports Academy and Faculty for Sport and Physical Education of University of Montenegro.

This is the first time in last 17 years that the conference is held online, caused by global pandemics and implementation of measures for prevention of expansion of virus COVID 19.

Popovic underlines that the success of the conference significantly deserving moderators in many sessions, and that relates

to Selcuk Akpinar from University in Nevsehir, Turkey, Predrag Bozic from Serbian Institute of Sport and Sports Medicine, as well as Bojan Masanovic, and Jovan Gardasevic, form University of Montenegro.

"Likewise, it is worth to highlight that lecturers by call made significant part in good quality impression when it comes to conference quality, and Dean Popovic expressed gratitude to: Assoc. Prof. Gregor Starc, PhD, from University in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Assoc. Prof. Goran Gabrilo, PhD, from University in Split, Croatia, Assist. Prof. Hugo Sarmento, PhD, from University in Coimbra and Assist. Prof. Adilson Markis, PhD, from University in Lisbon, Portugal, Assoc. Prof. Selcuk Akpinar from University in Nevsehir, Turkey and Assoc. Prof. Mutlu Turkmen, PhD, from World Bowling Federation".



PICTURE 3. Picture from one of the sessions

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