

An international conference of applied psychology, such as the one organized by a valuable group of our colleagues is a high order scientific event for our University and Faculty if it meets the requirements and expectations of the present time. If we consider the unprecedented accumulation of theory and practice in our discipline of faith, it is a scientific event difficult to realize and explore. The growing amount of knowledge and specialists in psychology, the large number of national and international conferences, make its appropriate sizing difficult. Some of these difficulties have been verified and controlled during the four previous conferences held in Campulung Moldovenesc, Iasi, Gura Humorului and Sucevita, which reunited the highest number of international guests known until now in Romanian conferences. We had participants from Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Africa. Among the internationally acclaimed personalities we count Sarlito Sarwono, Professor at the University of Jakarta, president of the *Asian Psychological Association*, Deborah Böhm-Davis, president of the *Applied Experimental and Engineering Psychology Division* in the American Psychological Association, professor at the *George Mason University*, Yves Lenoir, president of the *World Association for Educational Sciences*, Professor at the University of Sherbrooke in Canada, the distinguished German Professor Horst Siebert from the University of Hanover and many others.

The purpose of such conferences is to increase the number of valuable foreign specialists and professors who attend our events and to gain their trust and friendship. Collaborative relationships with European psychology personalities tie faster and stronger when they come to Romania to find out through direct contact the value of our institutions and specialists. Enhancing the academic collaboration to top international specialists is the pressing necessity of the moment. The

international ranking and indexing of these conferences and their volumes is also of particular importance.

A no less important role is strengthening the ties with Romanian Universities and establishing lasting partnerships that lead to increase the production of projects, books and scientific cooperation.

Training the students and young researchers during our conferences should be a strategic goal of our faculty because by capturing their interest to participate in valuable scientific manifestations we prove care for building an intellectual climate based on accurate and thorough documentation, dynamism, stimulating creativity, spirit of collaboration and communication. Only through study, research, initiative, collaboration we can meet the challenges of the future.

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