

FOREWORD

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on the basic topics:

- **60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATION OF SPORTS PEDAGOGUES OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (1953 – 2013)**
- **40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE “PHYSICAL CULTURE” MAGAZINE (1973 – 2013)**
- **CONTINUAL EDUCATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC STAFF IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS**

17TH SYMPOSIUM ON SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION OF YOUNG

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Development of sports and physical education, as well as their other fields, can be observed through the fundamental function in the 60-year existence of the Federation of Sports Pedagogues of the Republic of Macedonia, 40-year regular publication of the PHYSICAL CULTURE magazine, which has been published under the title STUDIES IN KINESIOLOGY since 2011 on.

The Federation of Sports Pedagogues was founded in 1953. It, in the present socio-political situation and need for rational spending social financial funds, modestly and working celebrated its 60th anniversary. It is one of the oldest federations in the Republic of Macedonia.

In its so far functioning, the Federation has realized a great number of social, professional and scientific activities, such as:

- *Creation and many year mass functioning of so-called “Small Olympic Games”,*
- *Establishment of school associations for physical culture,*
- *Establishment of the Federation of School Sports,*
- *Organization of over 120 more signifi-*

cant domestic and international meetings (sports manifestations and competitions, seminars, tribunes, conferences, symposia, etc.) Among them were organized 16 international traditional symposia on sports and physical education of young and 11 international professional and scientific conferences,

The Federation of Sports Pedagogues of the Republic of Macedonia also has been active in:

- *Organization of the only two congresses on sports and physical education, held after the independence of the Republic of Macedonia,*
- *Direct participation of professional and scientific staff in realization of many national and international scientific projects financed by the Ministry of Education and Science,*
- *Direct participation with initiative, support, professional and scientific conception in project elaboration for opening the Faculty of Physical Culture within the “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” University in Skopje.*

For more concrete presentation of other similar activities of the Federation of Sports Pedagogues of the Republic of Macedonia, it is worth mentioning the needs for adopting the Sports Development Strategy in the Republic of Macedonia, opening of the Sports Institute for scientific researches in sports, organization of sports manifestations for multiethnic tolerance through sports activities, as well as many other social requirements that have been discussed in previous meetings of the Federation.

Sports pedagogues of the Federation are satisfied that some of these requirements have already been realized or are in their final stage of realization.

However, there is also concern about their inappropriate involvement in activities for realization of the aforementioned activities.

Publishing activity has very important place in functioning of the Federation of Sports Pedagogues. The Federation is a registered publishing house. It has issued a great number of professional publications, bibliographies and special publications on realized scientific research projects.

Besides, the Federation is a publisher of periodical international professional and scientific publications. Also, it has been publishing the PHYSICAL CULTURE magazine on a regular basis for 40 years.

The first edition of the magazine was issued in 1973. By 2010, it was published under the title PHYSICAL CULTURE, and after that up today it has been published under the transformed title: STUDIES IN KINESIOLOGY.

So far, these magazines have been the only ones in the field of sports and physical education in the Republic of Macedonia, indexed in a number of internationally recognized bibliographic institutions. Among them are the EB-

SCO from the United States of America and DOAJ from Sweden – institutions characterized with more strict criteria in evaluation of professional and scientific quality of indexed magazines.

However, regardless of the status of the two magazines, it should be mentioned that the Agency of Young and Sports and the Ministry of Education and Science recently have not provided any funds for their publication.

The fundamental function of the Federation of Sports Pedagogues of the Republic of Macedonia, and the conclusions presented in the magazines, have effect in providing continual education for professional and scientific staff in sports and physical education. It is a very important precondition for realizing dominant functions in sports and physical education, and for satisfying social and personal requirements of young and other age categories of citizens.

Continual education enables application of methodological and methodic preconditions for diagnostic, programming, monitoring and following kinesiology parameters that advance development processes in sports and physical education.

Nevertheless, given the existing trend of fast scientific and technological changes in correlation with more strict dynamic social requirements, it is necessary to continually acquire new professional and scientific knowledge in development processes of sports and physical education.

Accordingly, these and other similar conclusions, based on the program orientation of the Federation of Sports Pedagogues of Macedonia should have important place in development of sports and physical education of young and other age categories of population in the next period.