

Introduction

Dear readers,

you are opening pages of the first issue of a new journal: Journal of Exceptional People (JEP), published by the Institute of Special – pedagogical Studies at Palacky University in Olomouc. This magazine would like to continue the tradition of Czech and Slovak special education journals, but on the other hand, it would also like to exceed their limits. And these limits are not only about crossing the former Czechoslovak border and thus the language barrier, but they mainly cover the extension of monitored topics in the field of special education space. Implemented changes that affect the overall concept of the magazine JEP naturally arise not only from the dynamic development of the actual field of special education, but also from the need for closer international exchange of knowledge and experience. We want to go beyond the EU borders.

At the time of organizing international symposia and conferences, at the time of the organization of television debates and bridges that cross continents, at this time of the beginning of the third millennium, we perceived the act of foundation of the Journal of Exceptional People as a first step that will help to a certain cementing and organizing useful information concerning the lives of minority population groups around the world. We do not therefore restrict the content of published articles, reviews, or critical studies, only to the area of “less gifted” fellow citizens, the traditional clientele of people with special educational needs, we would like to open a “thirteenth chamber” about exceptionally gifted people who are often also misunderstood, unappreciated and frustrated in our standard world.

Journal of Exceptional People is a modern magazine, which is published in both printed and electronic form with a periodicity twice a year. Its content and appearance are created and assessed by experts from many countries working as special education teachers, psychologists, university teachers, therapists and other professionals,

especially from helping professions. Editorial Board of our journal JEP welcome any idea or observation of any reader who may not only send their contribution to our office, but also express their views on the content of articles, on graphic design of the magazine, the types of texts that they miss, the types of texts that are redundant or need not to be published, etc. All this information will be regularly evaluated by the editorial board and according to them the journal will be flexibly modified.

I wish you a pleasant and also inspiring and useful reading.

On behalf of the JEP editors

Pavel Svoboda