

Introduction

Dear readers,

Thank you for reading the 8th issue of the Journal of Exceptional People (JEP), which we have published regularly since 2012. Our journal is published twice a year in an electronic and a printed form. It can be viewed on the website <http://jep.upol.cz/>, the printed version is not for sale, but you can get it at some libraries and at conferences organized by the Department of Special Educational Studies of Palacky University Olomouc.

We are pleased that the interest in our magazine continues to grow. Our work was evaluated and the JEP was added into an international databases : List of non-impact peer reviewed journal, ERIH Plus, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory and Index Copernicus International. The magazine JEP was also approved and is now indexed in Bibliographia Medica Čechoslovaca (BMC) of the National Medical Library of the Czech Republic.

We try to insert into each number of JEP Czech articles and contributions by foreign authors, we also expanded the scientific and editorial board of the journal of other domestic and foreign experts.

The 8th issue of Journal of Exceptional People contains seven articles and two book reviews. Nigerian author Francesca Uko in her overview essay acquainted us with the most suitable approaches and tools for the care of a person with visual impairments . Czech author Zdenka Kozáková in her contribution deals with the quality of life of people who care for disabled individuals and Jan Chrastina describes the importance of the components of a clinical question applied in the preparatory and conceptual stage of the special education research.

Problems of visual perception are also engaged in the post of Spanish authors Helena Chacon-Lopez and M. Dolores López-Justicia.

The Slovak experience relating the Play Therapy used to educate is introduced to us by Petra Mitašíková. The following scientific paper by Nigerian author Orim, Samuel Orim concerns the issue of barriers to employment for person with disabilities as correlate of economic contribution to national development in Nigeria.

The final scientific study of Kateřina Vitásková concerns the expectations and attitudes to the diagnostics and intervention for people with symptomatic speech disorders, with an emphasis on the autism spectrum disorders.

The professional part of the magazine is finished with two book reviews of Chinese and Czech authors. Next few pages are devoted to technical and ethical problems of writing the contributions. The contributors can use templates for writing articles which are available on our website (<http://jep.upol.cz/>).

We wish you a nice reading

Pavel Svoboda and Jan Chrastina – executive editors