

Introduction

Dear readers,

into our autumnal ninth issue of the Journal of Exceptional People (JEP), we included a wide plethora of articles that relate to different aspects and problems of life of people with special needs. These contributions are either scientific papers, they deal with scientific research and include the methodology of the investigation, or we also publish articles on general topics, which we refer to as overview essays. These articles give readers the opportunity to get information about special education issues in Europe and in the more distant and therefore less known countries to Europeans. We decided to extend final book reviews because of the great interest of contributors. In this issue, therefore, readers will learn about four titles of interesting books by Czech and foreign authors.

Because we are a periodical published by the Institute of Special Education Studies, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic, we publish part of the contributions from our domestic contributors. But articles by foreign authors are also very valuable for us. By acquiring these contributions we implement the strategy laid by our Editorial Board and we believe that this trend will successfully continue in the coming years.

In our November issue, you can see an article by Czech authors (D. Fink et al.) regarding the issue of visual impairment, followed by the contribution of the Chinese author (Li Yun) dealing with children diagnosed with attention deficit disorder. The following two articles expand the broad range of disabilities by the issue of hearing impairment (Czech author B. H. Kolíbalová and Nigerian author J. S. Igoni).

The review study by P. Baslerová deals with a support system for people with special educational needs in the Czech Republic, the contribution is followed by the article by Nilius P. et al, who pays attention to the cognitive rehabilitation of persons with residual type of aphasia. Shangwei Li in his paper presents an overview of the

system of basic special educational care in China. Slovak author P. Jurkovičová and T. Čekanová deal with social services and special-educational system in Slovakia in the context of their user requirements. Scientific research and survey part of our magazine articles is then concluded by the article about the use of expressive therapies in the context of inclusive education (K. Krahulcová) and an article of Slovak author V. Regec who devotes to Determinants of Digital Inclusion in Students with Visual Impairment in Tertiary Education.

We are proud to announce to our readers and contributors that Journal of Exceptional People was also indexed in prestigious database of Bibliographia Medica Českoslovaca (BMČ) of the National Medical Library of the Czech Republic.” This act awarded the professional level of our posts.

We wish you a nice and interesting reading

Pavel Svoboda, Jan Chrastina – executive editors