

Report of the 9th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport “Sports Performance”

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ABSTRACT

The article discusses the highlights of the 9th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport "Sports Performance", which was held in Herceg Novi, Montenegro. The event comprised three sessions, namely Top Level Performance, Theory and Practice in the School Sports, and Science of Various Sports Disciplines. One of the opening speeches was given by professor Sanja Vlahovic, Minister of Science in Montenegro.

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On behalf of the Montenegrin Sports Academy, it is our great pleasure, to present to you the report of the 9th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport "Sports Performance", which was held in Herceg Novi, Montenegro from April 5-8, 2012, in the Hotel Plaza. These serious of conferences represent a milestone in the discussion on the transformation processes in sport and present the impact of the research on sports performance. It was once again organized by the Montenegrin Sports Academy, in cooperation with the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro and Montenegrin Olympic Committee. The conference was, as all the previous ones, organized under the traditional patronage of the Ministry of Education and Sports and International Olympic Committee, and, in difference to all the previous ones, the Ministry of Science also recognized this year's conference.

The conference comprised three sessions: Top Level

Performance, Theory and Practice in the School Sports, and Science of Various Sports Disciplines. More than 300 people from 18 Universities and 38 University Units as well as 30 Institutions from 9 European and 2 overseas countries participated in the work of the conference which treat sport from the various interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects. Within the plenary speeches and three mentioned sessions 114 full text contributions, written by 222 authors, were presented during the three workdays. Most of contributions were also printed in the national journal with the international contribution "Sport Mont", while the best of them were directed to the peer review process and possible publishing in the Montenegrin Journal of Sports Science and Medicine. The Scientific Committee consisted of 15 members from 9 countries and 2 continents. Plenary speeches were presented by 6 invited lecturers from 4 countries.



PICTURE 1
THE OPENING CEREMONY

The conference officially started on April 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. with the Registration of the Participants held on the Desk in front of the Reception in the Hotel Plaza in Herceg Novi. The Opening Ceremony started on April 6, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. with the opening speeches that were given by Prof. Sanja Vlahović, Minister of Science in Montenegro, Prof. Predrag Miranović, Rector of University of Montenegro, and Dušan Simonović, president of Montenegrin Olympic Committee held in the Congress Hall of the same Hotel. The opening speeches were followed by handing out Montenegrin Sports Academy Awards and six plenary lectures that were given by several distinguish lecturers. Prof. Duško Bjelica, president of Montenegrin Sports Academy awarded Water Polo Clubs "Primorac" and "Jadran", Karate Club "Budućnost" and Women Handball Club "Budućnost" by Montenegrin Sports Academy Award as well as Prof. Dragan Milanović from the Faculty of Kinesiology at University of Zagreb who has been internationally recognized for his outstanding contribution in sports science. Prof. Pavel Opavsky from Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Belgrade, Serbia, opened

with the vivid presentation entitled "Flagellum – effect in sport" and Prof. Dragan Milanović from the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb, Croatia followed up with the very interesting lecture entitled "Comparative Analysis of Morphological Characteristics of Goalkeepers in Football and Handball" as well as Prof. Čoh from the Faculty of Sport, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia with also the interesting lecture entitled "Differences in reactive power in elite and sub-elite sprinters". In chronological order of their appearance at the conference three more plenary lectures were presented by Prof. Grujo Bjeković from Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Assist. Prof. Jovica Petković from Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro, and Prof. Branimir Mikić from Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, all of them also with the very interesting topics. Right after these respective speeches given by the invited speakers, the floor was open for discussion, which was made use of extensively.



PICTURE 2
MONTENEGRIN SPORTS ACADEMY AWARDS HANDED OUT

SESSION A: Top Level Performance

The first session addressed the issue of the top-level performance. It was chaired by Prof. Pavel Opavsky, the legendary professor from the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education at University of Belgrade, Serbia who earn the first PhD degree in the Former Yugoslavia. This interesting field of research succeeded in attracting more than 60 researchers who had contributed as authors to the session. At the beginning of the programme Slobodan Stojiljković, primarius doctor of sports medicine, who works as a specialist introduced the audience to the always-interesting issue of a heart rhythm disorder in athletes. After that, researchers from various scientific institutions presented 25 diverse topics related to the field of sport and exercise medicine. Following a brief, but stimulating discussion, the session was closed.

SESSION B: Theory and Practice in the School Sports

The second session addressed the issue of the theory and practice in the school sports was held on Saturday, 6th April, and Sunday, 7th April, in the morning conference. It was chaired by Assist. Prof. Rašid Hadžić from the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro. The introductory lecture, entitled "Body Posture in Sixth-Grade Students", was given by Elvira Beganović, PhD, with the Faculty of Education, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Work in the section continued with 23 more lectures, accepted for oral presentation by the review committee. Within this section, more than 50 authors presented their current researches and published 24 papers accordingly. All the papers had been internationally peer reviewed by recognized reviewers and will be placed in the national journal with the international contribution "Sport Mont". After the last lecture, a short discussion took place.

SESSION C: Science of Various Sports Disciplines

As was the case at previous conferences, the session Science of Various Sports Disciplines was the biggest session and welcomed papers regarding all scientific activities in the numerous sports disciplines. It was chaired by Assist. Prof. Jovica Petković from the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro and 58 papers were received. All the papers had been also internationally peer reviewed by recognized reviewers. Due to the large number of papers, the work and papers in this session were separated into three parts; Part One was being the morning session started on April 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., while Part Two and Three were being the morning and afternoon sessions started on April 7, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively. All the presentations provoked a number of questions from the public so the discussion was very interesting and productive. We wish to

thank all the authors for their participation in the work of this session.

On Sunday, April 8, 2012 was the last day of the conference that established itself as a major event in discussing the link between the academic activities and the actual practice of sports science delivery. Prof. Duško Bjelica, the president of the Montenegrin Sports Academy and the Dean of the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro had the task of summarizing the meeting. He noted that the conference had not only focused on measuring the impact of science, but also wanted to address whether there was a positive impact of science. He thanked all the authors for their participation in the work of the sessions, invited speakers and special guests. He has also introduced the plans of Montenegrin Sports Academy and welcomed all participants to the following 2013 Conference that will be held at the same place during the first week of April 2013.

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IZVJEŠTAJ SA 9. MEĐUNARODNE NAUČNE KONFERENCIJE O TRANSFORMACIJSKIM PROCESIMA U SPORTU "SPORTSKA DOSTIGNUĆA"

S A Ž E T A K

U članku se raspravlja o 9. Međunarodnom naučnom skupu o transformacijskim procesima u sportu "Sportska dostignuća", koji je održan u Herceg Novom, Crna Gora. Manifestacija se sastojala od tri sesije, prije svega performanse vrhunskog sporta, teorija i praksa u školskom sportu, kao i nauka u različitim sportskim disciplinama. Jedan od uvodnih govora je pripao profesorki Sanji Vlahović, ministrici nauke u Crnoj Gori.

Ključne riječi: SPORT -- kongresi, konferencije i konvencije, Vlahović Sanja, školski sport -- kongresi.