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ABSTRACT

The article discusses the highlights of the 10th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport “Sports Performance”, which was held in Podgorica, Montenegro. The event comprised three sessions, namely Actual Topics “A” and Actual Topics “B”, as well as General Topics. Professor Predrag Miranović, Rector of University of Montenegro, gave one of the opening speeches.

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On behalf of the Montenegrin Sports Academy, it is our great pleasure, to present to you the report of the 10th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport “Sports Performance”, which was held in Podgorica, Montenegro from April 4-7, 2013, in the Rectorate building at University of Montenegro. 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 as well as under the traditional patronage of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science.

PICTURE 1
THE OPENING CEREMONY

The conference comprised three sessions: Actual Topics “A”, Actual Topics “B”, and General Topics. More than 200 people from 26 Universities and 39 University Units, 10 Academies as well as 31 other Institutions from 15 European 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 109 full text contributions, written by 143 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 nine countries and two continents. Five invited lecturers from three countries presented plenary speeches.

The conference officially started on April 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. with the Registration of the Participants held on the Desk in front of the Reception in the Rectorate of University of Montenegro in Podgorica. The Opening Ceremony started on April 5, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. with the opening speeches that were given by Prof. Predrag Miranović, the Rector of University of Montenegro, and Prof. Duško Bjelica, the Dean of the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education held in the Congress Hall of the Rectorate building. Traditionally, the opening speeches were followed by handing out Montenegrin Sports Academy Awards to Prof. Spasoje Bjelica and prof. Pavel Opavsky for the ten-year contribution to Montenegrin Sports Academy and its scientific conferences, as well as to Prof. Izet Rado, Prof. Milan Zvon and Slavoljub Stijepović, the Minister of Education and Sports in Montenegrin Government as distinguished members. Then five plenary lectures were given by several distinguished lecturers. Prof. Pavel Opavsky from Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Belgrade, Serbia, opened with the vivid presentation entitled “Executive Management Team in Sport” and Prof. Mustafa Levent Ince from the Department of Physical Education and Sports, Faculty of Education, Middle East Technical University, Turkey followed up with the very interesting lecture entitled “Professional development of coaches and teachers: trends and challenges” as well as Prof. Čoh from the Faculty of Sport, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, with the very interesting topics “Formation of PE study and professional school in Slovenia, nowadays”. Right after these respective speeches given by the invited speakers, Stevo Popović, moderator of the plenary session, opened the floor for discussion, which was made use of extensively.

SESSION I: Actual Topics “A”

The first session addressed the most important issues in contemporary sports science. It was chaired by Prof. Pavel Opavsky, the legendary professor from the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education at University of Belgrade, Serbia who earned the first PhD degree in the Former Yugoslavia. This session succeeded in attracting more than 30 presenters in two working days who had contributed as the first authors to the session. At the beginning of the programme Dejan Gojković, assistant professor from Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at University of east Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina introduced the incidence of scoliosis deformities and flat feet among the third, fifth and seventh grade students of the elementary school. After that, researchers from various scientific institutions presented serious of diverse topics related to the field of sport and exercise medicine, while Stevo Popović, Lecturer from Faculty for Sport and Physical Education at University of Montenegro has completed this session with the introducing the relationship of sport and national identity in Montenegro. Following a brief, but stimulating discussion, the session was closed.
SESSION II: Actual Topics “B”

The second session addressed the next level of important issues in contemporary sports science was held on Saturday, 5th April, and Sunday, 6th April, in the morning conference. It was chaired by Prof. Georgi Georgiev from the Faculty of Physical Education, Ss Cyril and Methodius University from Skopje, Macedonia. The introductory lecture, entitled “Canonical discriminative analysis and its effects in determining differences in motor skills of adolescents”, was given by Veroljub Stanković, associate professor from the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Prishtina in Leposavić, Kosovo. Work in the section continued with 34 more lectures, accepted for oral presentation by the review committee. Within this section, more than 80 authors presented their current researches and published more than 30 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 III: General Topics

As was the case at previous conferences, the thirth session with more than 50 presenters was the biggest session and welcomed papers regarding all scientific activities in the numerous sports disciplines. It was chaired by Professor Spasoje Bjelica from the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Novi Sad, Serbia and Assist. Prof. Jovica Petković from the Faculty for Sport and Physical Education, University of Montenegro and 52 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 also into two parts; Part One was being the morning session started on April 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., while Part Two was being the morning sessions started on April 6, 2013, also at 9:30 a.m. 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 7, 2013 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 2014 Conference that will be held at the same place during the first week of April 2014.

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IZVJEŠTAJ SA 10. MEĐUNARODNE NAUČNE KONFERENCIJE O TRANSFORMACIJSKIM PROCESIMA U SPORTU "SPORTSKA DOSTIGNUĆA"

SAŽETAK


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