

# **Report on the 30th Young Pedagogues Summer School “Education Research Traps”**

**Katowice – Wisła, 12 – 16 September 2016**

In the opinion of young pedagogues, September has been the most eagerly awaited month for many years now. This is the time of meetings with PEDAGOGY MASTERS, which are held as part of the YOUNG PEDAGOGUES SUMMER SCHOOL.

The 30th jubilee edition of the YOUNG PEDAGOGUES SUMMER SCHOOL (YPSS) which took place between 12-16 September 2016 was organised by the Committee on Pedagogical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology at the University of Silesia, and by the City of Katowice. Traditionally, Prof. Maria Dudzikowa has been the scientific director of the Young Pedagogues Summer School for 23 years. The honour of hosting the jubilee edition of the School fell to Katowice and Wisła.

Just like every year, the jubilee YPSS meetings were aimed at boosting the skills of budding researchers and at integrating the community of pedagogues. The jubilee edition of the School focussed on “Education Research Traps”.

Preceded by a press briefing with the participation of Prof. Maria Czerepaniak-Walczak, Prof. Maria Dudzikowa, Prof. Stanisław Juszczyk and Prof. Bogusław Śliwerski, the opening ceremony of the 30th YOUNG PEDAGOGUES SUMMER SCHOOL took place in the auditorium of the International Congress Centre in Katowice on 12 September 2016. That meeting with media representatives focussed on the current situation in the Polish education sector. The ceremony started when the meeting was over.

Those participating in YPSS were greeted by Prof. Stanisław Juszczyk who is the Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology at the University of Silesia, and by Prof. Andrzej Kowalczyk, Rector of the University. Prof. Bogusław Śliwerski – President of the Committee on Pedagogical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and Waldemar Bojarun, the Vice-Mayor of the City, (in place of dr Marcin Krupa, Mayor of the City of Katowice) were among the speakers at the opening ceremony. Prof. Maria Dudzikowa highlighted the relevance of the Young Pedagogues Summer School and its educational and integration boosting nature. She also emphasised the significant influence of the School on the quality

of the methodology that young researchers use in their research work. Following that, Professor Dudzikowa familiarised the participants with matters relating to the 30<sup>th</sup> Young Pedagogues Summer School.

In accordance with the programme of the ceremony, dr hab. Ewa Bochno summarised all the previous Young Pedagogues Summer Schools and presented a jubilee monograph scientifically supervised by dr A. Korzeniecka-Bondar and herself entitled "Learners' scientific community. 30 years of the CPS PAS Young Pedagogues Summer School".

Dr Marta Krasuska-Betiuk presented another volume of the Research Bulletin of the Young Pedagogues Forum entitled "On finding, discovering and re-inventing oneself".

The jubilee nature of the ceremony was emphasised by the honouring of people who had made particularly important contributions to the Young Pedagogues Summer School:

Prof. Maria Dudzikowa was awarded a statuette commemorating the 30th anniversary of YPSS,

Prof. Maria Czerepaniak-Walczak, Prof. Zenon Gajdzica and Prof. Bogusław Śliwowski received jubilee medals for their long-standing commitment to YPSS. Another medal was also handed over to representatives of the late Prof. Elżbieta Tarkowska's family.

Prof. Henryka Kwiatkowska, Prof. Stefan M. Kwiatkowski, Prof. Zbigniew Kwieciński, Prof. Tadeusz Lewowicki, Prof. Wiesława Limont, Prof. Aleksander Nalaskowski, Prof. Jerzy Nikitorowicz, Prof. Eugenia Potulicka, and Prof. Lech Witkowski received special recognition.

People supporting YPSS were awarded memorial medals at the ceremony:

- *'Strzały w 30' medals were given to:*

dr hab. Ewa Bochno, dr hab. Przemysław Grzybowski, dr Alicja Korzeniecka-Bondar, dr hab. Małgorzata Makiewicz;

- *'Strzały w 10' medals were given to:*

dr Dorota Bis, dr Katarzyna Braun, dr hab. Justyna Dobrołowicz, the Reverend dr Marek Jeziorański, dr Marta Krasuska-Betiuk, dr hab. Piotr Mikiewicz, dr Edyta Nieduziak, dr Zofia Remiszewska, dr Jolanta Sajdera, dr Katarzyna Szorc, dr Bożena Tołwińska, dr hab. Monika Wiśniewska-Kin, dr hab. Alina Wróbel, mgr Aleksander Cywiński.

As tradition dictates, during the ceremony the host of the 30th edition of YPSS – Prof. Stanisław Juszcak, Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, handed over the insignia of the school to the organiser of the 31<sup>st</sup> edition – the Reverend Professor Jan Niewęglowski, Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogical Sciences.

Prof. Tadeusz Sławek presented a paper entitled "Where there is no joy there will be no gain. Education, individuals, communities".

The Coffee Experiment group concert marked the end of the ceremony.

On the first day of YPSS, its participants visited the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology at the University of Silesia. Prof. Stanisław Juszcak, the Dean of the Faculty, dr hab. Ewa Szadzińska, the Director of the Institute of Pedagogy, and Prof. Ewa Syrek, Head of the Chair of Social Pedagogy, presented the Faculty.

Next, Prof. US Ewa Wysocka presented a paper entitled "No more true youth today??? Axiological or egocentric rebellion in the process of 'becoming' in a post-modern world".

The closing ceremony involved a concert of a miners' band.

Then, the participants went on a visit to Nikiszowiec, which is a Katowice district and home to a historic housing estate for miners and labourers. During this visit, the YPSS participants were taken to the Zimbardo Centre established in 2014 by the Local Initiatives Factory Association. The Association had obtained financial support and consent to use the name of a world-famous psychology professor – Philip Zimbardo. The Zimbardo Centre is situated in the centre of Nikiszowiec – in the Market Place. The Centre intends to create a meeting point for young people and help with building genuine relationships. The organisers of the Centre focus on shaping local identities and the sense of belonging.

After the visit, the YPSS participants went back to their hotel where they checked in and took part in "One to one – a meeting between young YPSS participants and Prof. Maria Dudzikowa and the Self-Government of the 30<sup>th</sup> YPSS.

A ceremonial dinner to mark the inauguration was the final event of the first day of the 30<sup>th</sup> YPSS.

The remaining days of the 30<sup>th</sup> YPSS included events confirming the School's unquestioned value, that is lectures and professor-led seminars, individual meetings and consultations with outstanding scientists, as well as presentations prepared by young pedagogues.

During the four September days (from 13 to 16), the scientists that had been invited to the YPSS made 16 presentations as part of *the Masters' Lectures followed by discussion*. The speakers were (in the order of speaking):

Prof. Jacek Piekarski (University of Łódź), *Reliability of research practice in the conditions of the corporatisation of science;*

Prof. Jarosław Gara (Maria Grzegorzewska University), *The phenomenon of the irreducibility of pedagogical theory and practice;*

Prof. Danuta Urbaniak-Zajac (University of Łódź), *How to do research into what we do not know? About qualitative research problems;*

Prof. Andrzej Góralski (Maria Grzegorzewska University), *Qualitative statistics elements and examples of how to apply them to the humanities;*

Dr hab. Piotr Mikiewicz (University of Lower Silesia), *Why theory is relevant – from the perspective of a fanatic of the consistent application of empirical theories;*

Prof. Maria Czerepaniak – Walczak (University of Szczecin), *Sources and consequences of simplifications in research and action;*

Prof. Krzysztof Rubacha (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), *Analysis and interpretation as a stage in the research process in social sciences;*

Dr hab. Monika Wiśniewska – Kin (University of Gdańsk), *Traps in child discourse research and how to avoid them*;

Dr hab. Alina Wróbel (University of Łódź), *The category of intentionality as the object of analysis in my struggle with theory*;

Prof. Zenon Gajdzica (University of Silesia), *Methodological traps in research into the world of people with disabilities*;

Prof. Katarzyna Krasoń (University of Silesia), *Art and cognition – a romantic utopia, charlatanism or a necessity?*

Prof. Wiesława Limont (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), *Experimental research traps*;

Dr hab. Małgorzata Makiewicz (University of Szczecin), *Experimental research traps and how to avoid them. From the experience of the author and of others*.

Prof. Bogusław Śliwerski (University of Łódź), *Methodological errors in pedagogues' academic advancement publications*;

Dr hab. Ewa Bochno (University of Zielona Góra), *Selected traps and how to avoid them in acquiring academic habitus*;

Dr hab. Justyna Dobrołowicz (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), *Traps in press discourse analysis. From the experience of the author and of others*.

Moreover, numerous events took place during YPSS:

– *Optional meetings with Prof. Maria Dudzikowa* – for Master's degree and PhD holders (separately),

– individual consultations with the Masters,

– methodology seminars held by Prof. Stanisław Juszcak and the Reverend Professor Jan Niewęglowski,

– *Diversity Fair* -- young people's presentations followed by discussion,

– various workshops focussing on:

• relaxation – held by dr Edyta Nieduziak (University of Wrocław),

• yoga – held by dr Ewa Gawlik (University of Silesia),

• artistic sphere – Foundation At any Age,

– a workshop held by dr hab. Przemysław Grzybowski (Kazimierz Wielki University), *The absent ones have no... readers. Online dissemination of academic publications*.

– *the Book Festival*, where representatives of academic centres participating in YPSS were given sets of books,

– The River Vistula boat cruise involving a meeting with a Master.

The intensive meetings and discussions were nearing their end. The evening of 16 September was the crowning event of the 30<sup>th</sup> YPSS. Professor Maria Dudzikowa and the Organising Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> YPSS were thanked during a ceremonial dinner. Awards were given to those School participants whose presentations had scored top marks, that is to mgr Konrad Pasikowski (in the category of Master's degree holders) and to dr Magdalena Bełza (in the category of PhD holders). The award "*Creative Noise and Creative Buzz*" went to dr Sła-

womir Pasikowski and dr Jolanta Sajdera for outstanding commitment to arousing discussion.

Traditionally, the ceremonial dinner featured a cabaret show performed by YPSS participants who presented the results of their week-long work entitled *A magical evening or about really important and seemingly more important things. Dissertacione in solo et una voce pedagogenis*. Artistic supervision was the responsibility of mgr Aleksander Cywiński and mgr Iwona Murawska.

The farewell dinner culminated in handing over the 'kociałka' to dr Kinga Krawiecka who is to be the secretary of the 31<sup>st</sup> Young Pedagogues Summer School.

The following day was the last day of the 30th YPSS. On the sunny morning of 17 September young adepts at pedagogy parted company. They were thrilled, excited, inspired and grateful for directions suggested by the Masters concerning their further academic work.

The publication of papers in the ranked 21<sup>st</sup> Research Bulletin of the Young Pedagogues Forum under the patronage of the Committee on Pedagogical Sciences Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences as well as award-winning presentations to be featured in the "Pedagogy Yearbook" will be a durable outcome of the 30th YPSS.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Young Pedagogues Summer School planned for 11-16 September 2017 at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw will focus on *Problems with one's own or others' academic writing skills*.