

SUMMARY

Since 2000, the interdisciplinary research group at the Sociomedical Institute ZRC SAZU has focused its research interest to phenomena of well-being and mental health. The Institute combines knowledge and research orientations of sociology, anthropology and medical and health psychology. Broad array of research topics extends from migration and ageing, family farming to mental health, stress at the workplace, long-term care, domestic violence and digital health. In 2016, the Institute employed one new postdoctoral researcher while two researchers left the Institute due to completion of the project aimed at coping with domestic violence in health sector. Within two national projects, the associates analyse psychological profiles of persons exposed to prenatal stress and implement a new web tool designed for selected occupations within the social, health and public sector for evaluation the psychosocial risks and absentism, and costs associated with impaired health of employees. Within three international projects – under the 7th Framework Programme and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme - the research group continues the work on gender (in)equalities in academic and research settings and prepares health databases on psychiatric readmission. The research group published a review of literature on physical comorbidities associating with psychiatric readmissions and carried out thirteen educational courses on recognizing and treating victims of domestic violence in health care settings with 2.000 participants.

The institute cooperates with several institutions in Slovenia; among them are the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, The University of Nova Gorica, The Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia, Institute for Productivity, the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, Institute EMMA- Center for victims of violence, the Center for Social Work Maribor, the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, the Ministry of labour, family and social affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia, the National Institute of Public Health, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, the Institute for Economic Research and Maribor Development Agency.

Some of the associates are university professors and gave lectures and lessons at the University of Ljubljana, the University of Nova Gorica and the Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU.

In 2016, the Institute collaborates with numerous partner institutions within the projects of the 7th Framework Programme.

The institute bibliography for 2016 is available at: <http://dmi.zrc-sazu.si>.