

## Report from the second year of the International Student Research Symposium

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Following last year, on 16. 5. 2014 psychology students from the University of New York in Prague and Empire State College organized a second year of student symposium called International Student Research Symposium: *Building a Global Community in Psychological Science for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

The symposium was organized in cooperation with the Empire State College in the House of National Minorities in Prague. Students from several countries of central Europe were invited to visit the symposium, however due to the clash of dates of the exam period for many schools, it was impossible for them to let students come and participate, or visit the ISRS. Even though there was a clash of events taking place, approximately 50 students from Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Austria came to participate and visit the ISRS. The symposium was divided into four panels each focused on a specific topic and chaired by individual members of faculty from the University of New York in Prague and Empire State College (New York). Member of the faculty were Humberto Aguilera, PhD, Raluca Topciu, MD, PhD, and Radek Ptáček, PhD.

Even for a lower number of participants, students arrived from all the main universities in Czech Republic and thus represented: Charles University in Prague, Palacky University in Olomouc, and Masaryk University in Brno. Furthermore, students represented international institutions: University of New York in Prague, Empire State College (New York), and La Salle University (Philadelphia). Students with both presentation and a poster, than altogether represented more than 10 nationalities and thus the second year of ISRS has once again taken part in building a global community of psychological science. The students that have conducted their research through these institutions thus also represented Czech Association of Students of Psychology (CASP) and European Federation of Students of Psychology (EFPSA).



*Figure 1. Group photo of the majority of the presenters*

Students presented their own original research and findings during individual panels focused on topics: Behavioral issues, University students' quality of life, Media perspectives, and Mental health issues. Beside of the main panels for oral presentations, students also had an opportunity of discussing their research and findings in a poster section, which took place between the second and third panel. Together, they had a chance to discuss their research after oral presentations, during the poster session, and during the after party; thanks to the online journal *E-psychologie*, the research and its findings are possible to make accessible for the wide audience.

The whole symposium was organized by the officer students of the Psychology Club at the University of New York in Prague and thus followed the tradition that was begun by the last year first international student symposium in Czech Republic. The next ISRS will take place in 2015, most likely at the beginning of May to prevent another clash of exam period and the date of the ISRS.

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