

Foreword

Dear readers!

You are holding the first special issue of the Croatian Journal of Education in 2013. In accordance with the orientation of the Journal, this issue is dedicated to the Seventh Balkan Conference on Education – Education in the Modern European Environment, which was held in Opatija on 17 - 18 September 2012. As announced, the Conference has also been the focal point of our interest. Furthermore, the Conference has opened possibilities for a fruitful cooperation between the Faculty of Teacher Education University of Zagreb, University St Kliment Ohridski in Skopje (Republic of Macedonia), Trakya University, Faculty of Education – Edirne (Turkey) and Faculty of Education, Stara Zagora (Bulgaria). The following symposia made up the Conference: Teaching Natural Sciences, Geography and History in the European Context; 4th Specialized Art and Scientific Symposium: Art Education; Kinesiology Education in the Modern European Environment; 13th Specialized Symposium: Information, Communication and Economic Sciences in the Knowledge Society (ICESKS); 6th Specialized International Research Symposium: Early Learning of Croatian / Mother Tongue / Foreign Language; 4th Specialized Symposium: Information and Knowledge Systems (IKS); 6th Specialized Art and Scientific Symposium: Music Education in the Modern European Environment and a Round table dedicated to the Knowledge Society.

From a number of research papers presented at the conference, 14 papers selected by the chairs of individual symposia as the best rated papers are published in this special issue. In addition, this issue offers a detailed overview of the entire Conference. We are confident that these special issues will take our Journal to the places where education is critically evaluated from an interdisciplinary perspective, at its best, and therefore we are prepared to continue this orientation of our journal. Finally, we are open to suggestions pertaining to other similar events, as well as other forms of cooperation.

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