FROM EDITORS

Dear Readers,

This issue of Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy seems to justify the belief that the field of knowledge about mental disorders is like a basket of diversity, gathering many topics, many proposals and many attempts of solutions. The only thing that connects them is the need to look for answers to an endless series of questions. It turns out that such searches may sometimes reveal new perspectives regarding issues that seem to have already been solved.

One example of such a new perspective may be HiTOP - a hierarchical taxonomy of psychopathology, recently proposed by a group of psychologists and psychiatrists [1] in reference to the hot discussions accompanying the introduction of DSM-5. This issue is referred to by the Brazilian authors [de Francisco Carvalho et al.] on the occasion of the validation of the borderline assessment tool.

Let’s hope and be ready for similar inspiration by reading the results of many other studies seeking answers to such scattered questions as those asked in this issue about: psychiatric and contextual determinants of temporary incapacity to work in police [Krzemiński and Florkowski], frequency of alcohol use disorder in hospitalized men [Patel et al.], mutual reactions of therapists and patients during short-term psychodynamic therapy [Petraglia et al.], effects of transaction analysis on trauma related to the love break up [Rajabi and Nikpoor], the importance of selenium in the pharmacotherapy of obsessive-compulsive disorder [Sayyah et al.], the occurrence of depressive disorders in people treated for lower back pain [Srivastava et al.], or finally, correlations between personality traits and interpersonal relationships between siblings [Walęcka-Matyja].

If we are to believe Thomas Kuhn [2], most scientific revolutions begin with perceiving by the discerning and suspicious observers the inconsistency of the existing knowledge unnoticed by the majority of theoreticians, practitioners and researchers. And then only to the determination of such observers we owe that not all potentially revolutionary perceptions and findings will be lost immediately after their birth.

The open-minded attitude, willingness to find deeper, more logical, not accidental understanding of the surrounding reality, accuracy and precision in searching for clinical and scientific truth, readiness to critically evaluate even one’s own assumptions, courage and attention to detail in uttering own reflections and scientific observations were also the qualities of the outstanding intellect, personality and spirit of our beloved Founder and from the beginning Editor in Chief of Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, prof. Jerzy Witold Aleksandrowicz (7.7.1936-17.10.2018), whom we honor and commemorate in this December issue of our journal.

So let’s read carefully and critically.

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