

FROM EDITORS

Dear Readers,

Shortly after the fantastic 2024 Olympics in Paris, we would like to invite you to take a longer peek at the newest issue of the Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, starting with “Dark Side of Personality and Extreme Sports. Case of skydivers” by P. Próchniak and A. Próchniak. And although skydiving is not exactly (yet?) among the Olympic Games, the exploration of personalities of sportspersons proves a compelling snippet in the quest into understanding why it is only some and not others that succeed in a particular discipline, and whether those features that shape them affect their everyday lives, too.

The following piece, i.e. “The Light vs. Dark Triad and compassion for others: The mediating role of inner harmony among teachers” by D. Krok and J. Tkaczyk indicates that compassion for others is a crucial attribute, particularly in the role of a teacher.

Next, in the paper “The image of sexual expression of female patients suffering from mood disorders: the questionnaire study on Polish clinical sample.” Kowalczyk et al. shed light on the sexual functioning of women with mood disorders.

Moving on to an important issue of overweight and sexual minorities, Magdalena Mijas et al. introduce “Weight discrimination and body mass indexes as predictors of body esteem in members of the Bear subculture”. The Bear subculture is a community of sexual minority men who are distinguished by their preference for muscular or large body build and pronounced body hair in men. Men from the Bear community constitute a population that may be particularly vulnerable to health inequalities due to increased body mass and weight stigma exposure. Health promotion interventions targeting this population should be tailored to Bears’ subcultural norms, support healthier lifestyles and effective coping with stigma as opposed to focus on weight loss.

Olga Sakson-Obada, the author of the next article entitled “Sensory thresholds and the sense of bodily identity in schizophrenia” proposes a study whose aim was to investigate whether schizophrenia is associated with disturbances in bodily identity and sensation thresholds assessed by questionnaire-based and experimental methods (pain and proprioception thresholds).

Next, Natalia Bokowy (Ptak) invites us to an interesting study regarding relationships between temperamental traits, defense styles and professional burnout in psychotherapists.

Remaining in the topic of temperaments, we encourage getting engrossed in the theoretical paper by Marlena Podlecka et al.: “The affective temperaments as a prognostic factor in the course of alcohol addiction – a key to enhance diagnoses and therapy?”. The work outlines the role of affective temperaments in the development and maintenance of alcohol use disorders with a particular focus on the clinical course of addiction.

Last but not least, do have a look at our last piece by M. Bielecki et al. entitled:

“Cognitive control and impulsivity in deficit schizophrenia: neuropsychological and clinical characteristics”.

Have a great read!

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