



## Launch of the Slovak Association for the Teaching of Psychology (SATP)

Psychology has been taught as a secondary school subject in Slovakia since the 1960s when it became a part of vocational training for medical nurses. Nowadays we have about 50 different psychology courses in secondary education taught by about 600 psychology teachers. Many of them lack opportunities to meet, discuss professional issues, continuing professional development and teaching materials and tips. That is why we established the Slovak Association for the Teaching of Psychology in April 2013. As at June 2013 we have 13 registered members. The main objectives of our association are to:

- create opportunities for contact, cooperation, sharing experiences and best practice among psychology teachers
- support qualified teaching of psychology at schools of different levels
- support and develop initial training and continuing professional development of psychology teachers
- support and promote teaching of psychology in lower and upper secondary education
- support innovative approaches in psychology teaching.

In June we issued the first newsletter called „We teach psychology“ with basic information about SATP, membership, EFPTA, twinning classes and some teaching tips. Our next plan is to launch a website with key data on the teaching of psychology in Slovakia, lesson plans, events invitations and members' zone to share documents, ideas, chat etc. SATP is also a partner of the international scientific conference „Psychology at school“ which will be held on the 14th and 15th of November in Bratislava.

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