



Publishing Psychology in Romania



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Past Challenges

- A long tradition in Romania with the first laboratories established by students of Wundt in 1893 in Iași, 1906 in Bucharest and 1922 in Cluj
- In the 80's psychology was forbidden by communists as subversive
- The situation wasn't settled until the revolution of '89
- Nowadays a growing interest (8 state psychology faculties in main cities)

Present Opportunities

- *Accessibility*: scientific journals are mainly print and fee based in contrast with an increased number of free, on-line, low-quality material.
- *Cost*: The price of journals varies between the equivalent of 3-7 euros per copy (some require membership)
- *Reviewing*: all academic journals promote a system of peer review
- *Language*: mainly Romanian
- *Impact and reputation*: for most the impact factor is unknown; reputation is given by accreditation (CNCSIS)



Academic journals

- Edited by centers within universities or by professional associations
- Usually published biannually though some delays provoke irregularities
- Best position: *Journal of Cognitive and Behavioral Psychotherapies*, published biannually, edited in Cluj. Abstracted/indexed PsycInfo and ISI
- The journal *Cognition, Brain, Behavior*, journal of the Romanian Association for Cognitive Sciences, edited in Cluj. Four issues per year. Abstracted by PsychInfo



Other Academic Journals

- *Psihologia Resurselor Umane*, the official publication of APIO, biannual, edited in Cluj, indexed by PsychInfo.
- *Psihologia socială*, Iași.
- *Revista de Psihologie a Academiei Române*, Bucharest.
- *Revista de Psihoterapie Experiențială*, Bucharest.
- *Revista de Psihologie Organizațională*, Bucharest.





“Popular” Psychology

- Most well-known is *Psihologia Azi*, a monthly magazine edited since November 2003 in a number of 20.000 copies.
- It aims to attract both the specialist and non-specialist public.
- Generally psychological material can be found on a multitude of websites, free of charge but of a low and very low scientific quality.

A Niche: Student Journals

- The most successful example is that of *Profil*, edited by the Psychology Student Association from Sibiu
- The results of a collaboration between students and teachers since the year 2000
- Printed in a number of 300 copies, it is distributed free of charge
- Identifies with a general “by students, for students” strategy





Europe's Journal of Psychology – www.ejop.org

- An international, electronic, free of charge scientific journal
- First published in February 2005 by a group of students from the University of Bucharest
- Edited in English and publishing four issues per year
- Promotes a system of peer review supported by international scholars reunited in the Editorial Board and Scientific Committee

EJOP: The Idea that Grows

- Currently EJOP is preparing its 15th issue to be posted in August
- In the last four years articles have been sent and published from authors all over the world
- Main challenges:
 - not supported by an institutional body (university / association)
 - working to gain recognition (abstracted by PsychInfo)





Future Perspectives – European Publication Platform

- Accessibility
- Openness (language, topics etc.)
- Quick publication time
- Transparency (publication process)
- Visibility
- User-friendly format
- High quality standards
- Promote communication