

# Reports

## Working Academics Value Excellence for International Teachers

16th International scientific online conference for doctoral studies

Faculty of Education at Palacký University in Olomouc is organising an annual scientific conference for PhD students, teachers and enthusiastic educational practitioners. As each year also the last conference was held under the auspices Prof. PaedDr. Libuše Ludíková, CSc., dean of Faculty of Education, Palacký University in Olomouc. After the prosperous years until 2019 and the special anniversary of 15th celebration of this beautiful tradition in the same year, we were back again with the 2020 programme. Last year, we had to step to plan B in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. World pandemic situation influences many conferences, neither our was the exception. It was an extraordinary opportunity to test something new and enhance academic development via technological progress and instruments. Traditional conference spirit had been transformed to cyberspace, and 16th annual international continuation was entirely online. It is not a secret that traditional conferencing methods are much more conform for our participants because our conference's motto is: 'be open, supporting and helping to start researchers, teachers and students'. However, in the 16th annual continuation, all interactions moved to cyberspace, and face-to-face interactions were transferred into channels, digital links, and fruitful microphones' echoes. Most of all, we are happy that participants trust us, and we may organise a first online edition of this conference in our history for over 200 participants.

Teaching and learning is a lifelong process, and online conference organisation is always a big challenge and risk for organisers, albeit with the greatest and lovely audience we did it possible. Thanks to our participants!

The central theme for 16th annual conference continuation was '*Working Academics Value Excellence for International Teachers*'.

The synergy between academical theories and service teachers in educational environments are alpha & omega of all. The invited speakers from China, Indonesia and the

USA presented existing paradigms of concepts how progressive educational theories need to support by research approaches and where is going education progress by interdisciplinary paradigms nowadays.

Thanks to our participants' very lively discussions, our keynotes immediately gave feedback and moderated panels full of fruitful ideas. Dear Doctor Danping Peng PhD, from the Faculty of Education at Palacký University in Olomouc, presented new approaches to students, lecturers, and teachers. She solved actual raced questions about the topic *'Engage in deep learning: how transformative pedagogy can help?'*

Dear Doctor Imron Wakhid Harits PhD, from the University of Trunojoyo Madura in Indonesia, presented his conceptual study about the topic *'Fairy tales and literacy in Czechia and Indonesia'*.

Ending keynote was presented by Prof. Scott M. Waring, PhD, which hosted as a Program Coordinator for the Social Science Education Program at the University of Central Florida. His keynote pointed on necessary factors of research and importance of sources in daily usage of teachers in his topic *'Authentic Historical Inquiry: Impacting Learning through the use of SOURCES'*.

During the particular moderated track, our conference's participants were offered an option to join our virtual round table. Whom, which joined our session could discuss actual issues and trends in academical and pre-service preparation of identity development with our experts PhDr. Jaroslava Ševčíková and doc. Mgr. Štefan CHUDÝ, PhD. Hence, the current situation did not allow human renaissance and lived interactions at the faculty's ground; we felt a warm synergy and could solve many interdisciplinarity questions with a smile on our faces from safe home on the PC screens.

Indeed, participants completed their excellent research results as final papers presented in the journal proceeding upcoming later this year 2021. Legacy of the opened conference for starting PhD students, enthusiastic lecturers, and teachers of 21st Century is continuing. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next annual scientific conference hosted in November 2021.

Jiri Kropac wrote the overview for a whole amazing organising team with all the respect.

*SCUP organising team 2020*