

EDITORIAL

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In May of last year, the Faculty of Health and Social Studies of University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice hosted a conference called Freybergh's days. A disinterested person would certainly ask two questions: Who is Professor Peter G. Fedor-Freybergh and why is this workshop called his name?



Professor Peter G. Fedor-Freybergh was born in the Slovak Republic in November 1936. He is a world-renowned scientist who has received a wide range of awards in science for publishing, teaching activities and editorial work.

His scientific career began in the Slovak Republic and later he received important awards in Germany, Italy, Austria, and especially in Sweden, where he settled for a long time after emigrating in the early 70's.

Proof of his meritorious scientific and additional activities are more than 20 honorable acknowledgements and several honorary doctorates he was awarded at the most important European universities. Professor Fedor-Freybergh has been awarded five honorary professorships in various medical fields including child psychiatry, gynecology, etc. He was a visiting professor at two European universities. He founded and still is the managing editor of five journals, which have achieved international acclaim, including the IF.

The second issue relates directly to the organization of Freybergh's days. Professor Fedor-Freybergh is the first professor of prenatal and postnatal psychology and medicine. The participants of the workshop dealt specifically with the issues of this field. Prenatal psychology is a relatively young scientific discipline that is still fighting for its place in the sun. The ideological content of the above mentioned event consisted mainly of the basic propositions regarding the scientific legacy of Professor Fedor-Freybergh, that considers the "continual development of prenatal and postnatal development". There is an emphasis on the importance of the mother-child relationship (Professor Fedor-Freybergh, unlike many other physicians, believes that for the mother, the fetus is a child). It also points to the importance of psychosocial phenomena, which together with hormonal amenities of the mother (and later the child) play an important role in the development of the

child. Professor Fedor-Freybergh further emphasizes that during pregnancy, it is necessary to monitor not only the medical condition of the mother of the “child”, but also her mental and social wellbeing. The results of this meeting were of great benefit for this field and participants and it will definitely become an incentive for further such meetings.

The overview of Professor Fedor-Freybergh’s research, publishing and teaching is so large that it cannot capture all the activities of this professor. His creative scope is inexhaustible, which is more than eloquently testified by past Freybergh’s days, but also by his latest publication entitled “Prenatal child” published in 2013.

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