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(Nevşehir, Turkey)***REPORT OF THE 12TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
“TRANSFORMATIONAL PROCESSES IN SPORT – SPORTS
ACHIEVEMENTS”**

The Montenegrin Sports Academy, in cooperation with the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education and the University of Montenegro, traditionally organises, in the first week of April, an annual scientific conference on multidisciplinary areas of sport science. Aside from the above-mentioned institutions, the organisation of this year's 12th International Scientific Conference on Transformational Processes in Sport titled “Sports Achievements”, held from 2 – 5 April 2015, was joined by similar international organisations, primarily by the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education of the University of Novi Sad (Serbia), and also by the Faculty of Sports Studies of the Masaryk University in Brno (Czech Republic), the Institute of Sport Science of the University of Münster (Germany), Pansport Medical from Bucharest (Romania), the Institute for Combat Sports and Science from Boston (England), and the European College of Sport Science from Köln (Germany). Traditional support for organising the conference came from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science.

The Montenegrin Sports Academy, in cooperation with the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, and under the auspices of the University of Montenegro, has for a few years been trying to raise the standards as far as the scientific conference is concerned, as well as when serial publications are concerned, and to attain the highest world standards. This year's scientific conference published on its official website a call for submissions in August last year, and the deadline for the submission of papers passed on 15 January 2015. Simultaneously with receiving the papers, the Organising and Scientific Committees worked hard, headed by the president of the conference prof. dr Duško Bjelica, and the presidents of the Scientific Committee doc. dr Stevo Popović and doc. dr Selçuk Akpınar from the Nevşehir University in Cappadocia (Turkey), and, as was determined, concluded the list of accepted papers for presentation on the first day of February. On that day, 110 scientific papers were accepted for presentation, for which 196 names, i.e. authors were registered, from 32 different countries (Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, South Korea, Kosovo, Macedonia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Nigeria, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and 4 continents. The areas allowed by the call for submissions were: biomechanics, motor learning, adapted physical education, biochemistry, health and fitness, molecular biology, neuromuscular physiology, nutrition, physiology, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, sports medicine, training and testing, traumatology, computer sciences, economics,

history, philosophy and ethics, physical education and pedagogy, psychology, sociology, sports management, analysis and statistics in sport. However, for objective reasons, a number of authors did not complete their registration, so the final number of papers that entered the official programme of the conference was reduced to 94 papers, for which 166 names, i.e. authors were registered, from 22 different countries (Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Kosovo, Montenegro, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Taiwan, Turkey and the United Kingdom) and 4 continents.

It is very important to mention the authors that constituted, or are still constituting the Scientific Committee, bearing in mind that they represent eminent names in multidisciplinary areas of sport science: Ana Maria Botelho Teixeira, Antonino Bianco, Asterios Deligiannis, Beat Knechtle, Bojan Jošt, Carlos Goncaves, Daniela Dasheva, Dejan Madić, Elena Taina Avramescu, Ferman Konukman, Feza Korkusuz, George Giatsis, Georgi Georgiev, Gregor Jurak, Guilherme Giannini Artioli, Haris Pojskić, Hugo Sarmiento, Jan Konarski, Jonatan Ruiz Ruiz, Jorge Knijnik, Joško Sindik, Juan Manuel Cortell Tormo, Julio Calleja-Gonzalez, Lateef O. Amusa, Mahboub Sheikhali-zadeh Heris, Maïke Tietjens, Manuel J. Coelho-e-Silva, Michael Chia, Michal Vit, Milan Čoh, Morteza Jourkesh, Mustafa Levent Ince, Nejc Šarabon, Praveen Kumar, Raúl Arellano, Rusu Ligia, Sandra Mandić, Sergej Ostojić and Yang Zhang. On the other hand, organising the conference at such a high level would not have been possible without the strong contribution of the members of the Organising Committee: Jovica Petković, Dobrislav Vujović, Rašid Hadžić, Dragan Krivokapić, Kemal Idrizović, Miroslav Kezunović, Aldijana Muratović, Ivan Vasiljević, Danilo Bojanić, Marija Bujanja and Jovan Gardašević, as well as the Honorary Committee presided by the Montenegrin Prime Minister Mr Milo Djukanovic, and constituted by: Bojana Petrović-Popović, Dragan Adžić, Dušan Simonović, Igor Vušurović, Izet Rađo, Katarina Bulatović, Milorad Vuletić, Miodrag Božović, Nikola Janović, Petar Porobić, Predrag Bošković, Radmila Vojvodić, Sanja Vlahović, Slavoljub Stijepović, Srdjan Kovačević, Srdjan Mrvaljević, Vesna Medenica and Zoran Milošević.

The opening ceremony of the 12th International Scientific Conference on Transformational Processes in Sport titled “Sports Achievements” was held on Friday, 3 April at 4 pm. The foreword was given by the president of the Conference who, in a moving speech, initiated a two-day activity that was conducted in two oral sessions (consisting of two panels each, with eleven and thirteen presentations, respectively) and two poster sessions (consisting of two panels each, with ten and twelve presentations, respectively). The special guest of the Conference was supposed to be prof. dr Branislav Antala who is a full professor at the Comenius University in Slovakia, who also holds the office of president of FIEP Europe – an organisation founded in 1923 in Brussels, which aims to promote a wide range of activities in the area of education, sport and physical education and school sport, sport for everyone, fitness and health and recreation for people of all ages in all countries of the world, and to cherish and contribute to international cooperation in these areas. His federation is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, and has strong links with the International

Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, the Arabian Confederation of Sport – L'Union Arabe de l'Éducation Physique et du sport, and other international organisations. However, due to his busy schedule, professor Antala cancelled his attendance and sent the vice president of his organisation prof. dr Gheorghe Balint, who on his behalf received the golden plaguette which the Montenegrin Sports Academy awarded to prof. dr Branislav Antala for his personal contribution to the development of the science of sport at the international level. The plaquette was also awarded during the opening ceremony.

As is the case with every scientific conference, our conference also involved guest lecturers. This year's guests at the 12th International Scientific Conference on Transformational Processes in Sport titled "Sports Achievements" held from 2 – 5 April 2015, represent eminent names coming from the partner institutions, primarily prof. dr Henk Erik Meier from the University of Münster in Germany (who talked about the relationship between sport and national identity in unified Germany), prof. dr Zdenko Reguli from the Masaryk University in the Czech Republic (who talked about the falls in sport), prof. dr Višnja Djordjić from the University of Novi Sad (who talked about the promotion of physical education in sport), and prof. dr Martin Zvonar from the Masaryk University in the Czech Republic (who talked about the specific biomechanical shoes for pregnant women).

It is also worth emphasising that two workshops were also organised, which allowed those present at the Conference to meet one of the most prominent scientists in the area of sport science in former Yugoslavia, prof dr Nejc Šarabon from the University of Primorska from Slovenia, who presented a modern approach to narrowing the gap between research in the area of sport science and the needs of industry, through practical examples. The workshops also allowed those present at the conference to meet the representative of the world-renowned company Desys, which produces EMG systems (systems for electromyography) dr Stephen Lindley, who represented the newest achievements in this area.

It is worth emphasising that the Conference participants have the opportunity to publish their papers in the reputable journal *Sport Mont* which represents an international journal registered at four index bases, among which is the EBSCO base (section: Academic Journal) which the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education at the University of Belgrade recognises as an international journal in the M24 category, which puts it at the same level of journals from the SCI, SSCI and SCIE, as far as the selection of their academic staff is concerned. This journal has an ascending trend of recognisability in the world, so we do expect its further improvement and faster inclusion in a larger number of important index bases. On the other hand, the authors of the best papers received a special invitation to prepare the text for the other journal published by the Montenegrin Sports Academy titled "Montenegrin Journal of Sports Science and Medicine", which is already highly ranked and represents one of the best journals in Montenegro. It is important to emphasise that over 46 index bases recognised the quality of this journal and introduced it into their index pages. The greatest success represents the impact factor of 6.17 which the Index Copernicus assigned to this journal. By compari-

son, certain journals in the same area, that already exist in the Thomson Reuters bases, never reached above the impact factor of 6.00, which gives the hope to the editorial board of this journal that it will soon enter the Scopus and ProQuest, as well as the Thomson Reuters bases.

During the closing ceremony of the Conference, prof. dr Dobrislav Vujović, the dean of the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education of the University of Montenegro, and prof. dr Maïke Tietjens, the representative of the Institute of Sport Science of the University of Münster, signed an agreement of international cooperation between these two institutions.

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The article discusses the highlights of the 12th International Scientific Conference on Transformation Processes in Sport "Sports Performance", which was held in Podgorica, Montenegro. The event comprised oral and poster sessions. Professor, Duško Bjelica, President of Montenegrin Sports Academy, gave one of the opening speeches.