SUMMARY

Since 2000, the interdisciplinary research group at the Sociomedical Institute ZRC SAZU has focused its research interest to phenomena of well-being and mental health. The Institute combines knowledge and research orientations of sociology, anthropology and medical and health psychology. Broad array of research topics extends from migration and ageing, family farming to mental health, stress at the workplace and long-term care.

In 2014, in the frame of (three) national basic research projects, the research group examined the care for old people in two rural communities in Slovenia, developmental strategies of family farms in two regions, and analysed psychological profiles of persons exposed to prenatal stress. In two aplicative projects on health promotion at the workplace, the researchers developed a new tool for coping with psychosocial risks and absentism, and carried out a series of workshops on coping with stress and related negative phenomena in working environment in five working organisations. Within two international projects of the 7th Framework Programme respectively, the research group began to study gender (in)equalities in academic and research settings, and review the health databases and literature on factors that affect the repeated psychiatric hospitalisations. Finally, the tasks within the project Transnational actions towards evidence based strategies on migration and labour market in the South-Eastern Europe were completed, and at the last project event the participants agreed upon common research future actions.

The institute cooperates with several institutions in Slovenia; among them are the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, the Faculty of Arts, University of Maribor, the Faculty of Social Sciences UL, The University of Nova Gorica, social partners (The Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia, The Regional organization of ZSSS Podravje and Koroška, Confederation of Public Sector Trade Unions), Glotta Nova, Institute for Productivity, the University Psychiatric Hospital Ljubljana, the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, the Ministry of labour, family and social affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia, the National Institute of Public Health, the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, the Institute for Economic Research and Maribor Development Agency.

In 2014, the Institute also colaborates with numerous partner institutions within the two pojects of the 7th Framework Programme, and the Transnational cooperation of South-Eastern Europe, and with individual academics from the Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Ethiopia and Italy in a common project – preparing a special issue of the journal Anthropological Notebooks in the context of the first international year of family farming. The institute bibliography for 2013 is available at: http://dmi.zrc-sazu.si.