

Foreword to the publication of papers from the conference IMOSC

Greetings to authors and readers of this special edition of the magazine "Journal of outdoor activities". This is almost a ceremonial moment, when two faculties from different universities (Faculty of education of UJEP Ústí nad Labem and Faculty of physical education and sport of UK Praha) settled on cooperation and together they release monothematic edition of the magazine in English. This cooperation is not an accident. Both faculties have accreditation of study program called "Outdoor activities" and both faculties should work together at the scientific level and strive for continuity of bachelor's and master's degree programs.

Publication of scientific and research works in the field of educational applications of outdoor activities in English is a benefit to international cooperation. The most of magazines specialized in outdoor education and outdoor activities are in English as well as most scientific announcements, book publications and scientific conferences. We also want to inform the international community about the focus and the level of scientific work in Czech Republic. For us, authors, it is also a commitment for we try to improve the quality of research so we can join an international expert discussion. By publishing papers from the IMOSC conference we want to open an opportunity to cooperation within an international research projects.

The posts published in this edition of Journal of Outdoor Activities opens the door to an exploration

of interesting and useful issues. Exploring of some questions related to "Outdoor activities and health" is becoming a dire need of all advanced countries. Likewise we can consult global issues such as "Environmental aspects of outdoor activities" and "Management of outdoor activities", which themselves calls for international cooperation and information exchange. We also need to explore the issue we called "Adventure activities and challenge sports in personal development" in detail for schools and organizations, for it may contribute to the all-rounded development of young generation. In the section "Performance in outdoor sports" we would like to develop specialized international cooperation, whose results may be applicable to sports and also to schools and free-time activities.

I thank to magazine publishers and authors and I also thank for attending the conference and I wish a successful cooperation to all who are interested in useful application of outdoor activities in education, sports and leisure.

I look forward to interesting discussions on our meetings at the conferences which will be organized under the name "International Mountain and Outdoor Sports Conference (IMOSC)"

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