

EDITORIAL

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Dear readers,

The journal *Social Pathology and Prevention* whose first issue you are either holding in your hands or reading in its online version is a newly established reviewed periodical published in the English language. The title of the journal clearly refers to its orientation and the aiming of our (its) course. We do not intend to deal with only theoretical, empirical, methodological and other aspects of the social pathology as a discipline but we also naturally understand that socially pathological phenomena are the object of interest of other disciplines and/or disciplines which form part of other fields of research. By doing so, we open an imaginary door to the intended multidisciplinary character of the *Social Pathology and Prevention* journal which, however, is not limitless but is determined by the aspects one can use when taking a look at social pathology and socially pathological phenomena.

The thematic basis is therefore inexhaustible for the time being, which must unfortunately be perceived as a rather negative statement. With a little exaggeration we would be very glad if there actually were "not much to write about." But in reality, this idea is more a utopian one. Still, we believe that also thanks to your papers we will both contribute to the theoretical development of social pathology and particular socially pathological phenomena and, additionally, to their more or less obvious and effective elimination. This brings us to the second part of the journal's title, that is, prevention. Despite the inseparability of the fields of social pathology and its prevention, in our opinion, the fact that it has been declared directly as part of the title will lead to a larger target group of the journal's title including the experts from practice. We assume that no practice is spontaneous, and certainly not the social pathological one.

The structure of the journal prepared for you can be supposed as a standard one and it does not divert from the other reviewed journals published in the Czech Republic and/or abroad. Even though the executive editor and editorial board can not influence that, we will definitely attempt to put the individual issues together in a way so that the contributions in them might be not only intriguing, inspirational and professionally enriching but also they might result in their readers' meditation and contemplation of the presented topics. We believe that the historically first number brings papers which fulfil the above mentioned intention. It is mainly in the category of discussion papers that we aim to pay a natural attention to topical subject matters as well as to the topics that both support the professional discussion by their subject area and they directly create such discussion. That is why they are and will perhaps be – at least for someone – controversial from certain point of view.

The first number of the journal cannot begin with anything else than an article which will introduce three contemporary perspectives on social pathology. The rest of the papers to be found in the journal deal with ... but it is obvious from the contents.

We hope those who will find their way to our journal will be professionally enriched by the articles and also they might become inspired as far as their own publication is concerned. Ideally, they can realize it on the pages of the journal titled *Social Pathology and Prevention*.