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Foreword

The 12th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Research on Adolescence which took place in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference brought researchers and practitioners from different disciplines across Europe and all over the world who focus on adolescence. The understanding of adolescence in different countries is extremely important given the role that culture plays in the transition to adulthood. The conference highlighted innovative research on adolescence and facilitated exchanges of today’s knowledge and current ideas in this vast and still expanding area of research.

The subject of the conference - research on adolescence - included perspectives from different branches of psychology such as clinical psychology, biological psychology, developmental psychology, and social psychology as well as from other disciplines studying adolescence. The conference highlighted latest research findings and addressed topics that are of interest to researchers and those active in different fields of application.

Core topics addressed included well known as well as developing areas of research such as Cognitive development, The role of social and economic change in adolescent development, Contexts and processes of identity construction, Families, parents, friends and romantic partners, Life trajectories and change processes, Transitions and adolescence, Emerging adulthood, Vocational development and work meanings, Adolescent health and well-being, Political development, citizenship and political participation, Cultural perspectives on adolescent development, Prevention, promotion and intervention projects for adolescent development, Biological and neuropsychological aspects, Pubertal maturation, and many others. It thus highlighted the new developments in terms of theory and methodology of interest to psychologists, sociologists, psychiatrists, biologists, and educationalists.

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