

Dear colleagues,

More than seven decades we have been successfully sharing knowledge and have been working in the field of social and human sciences. Established as a Higher Pedagogical School, then a Pedagogical Academy, later a Pedagogical Faculty “Goce Delcev”, our faculty eventually evolved into a Faculty of Educational Sciences as part of the University of “Goce Delcev”.

The historic continuity of the Faculty of Educational Sciences as part of the University of “Goce Delcev” in Shtip is established upon the religious and pedagogic schools in Shtip and Novo Selo, where many prominent teachers were educated and some of their teachers were Goce Delchev, Damjan Gruev and Josif Kovachev. These teaching establishments were the basis for the Higher Pedagogical School in the 1950s, where more than 2000 teachers were educated.

We decided to celebrate the rich tradition of The Faculty of Educational Sciences during the pandemic with this number of the journal “Vospitanie”, which will mark the start of all the other activities in honour of the 25<sup>th</sup> jubilee of our existence.

Today when the world is becoming more and more complex, it is essential to teach young people to adjust to a life with constant changes and expansion of information. Nowadays more than ever before, there is a clear need to teach young people how to solve problems, to critically assess their opportunities and to come to alternate solutions. Education and teaching are constantly faced with the challenge to handle the contemporary social changes and the role of the human as someone who both follows and creates those changes.

University of “Goce Delcev” and the whole community can be proud that our faculty has been teaching for 25 years and many generations of those young people are now building our society. To exist as a faculty for 25 years means to have enough experience on one hand, and to be young and energetic on the other hand, so that we can share the vision of the times in which we live and to continually develop. Institutions that have centuries of experience do not need to affirm their quality, but we belong to a younger academic community and we face challenges that mean an active participation in the research process. The faculty of educational sciences has always been and it will remain an example for the future Pedagogic faculties.

We celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> jubilee with a sincere hope that science and education are in the hands of the best young researchers. We are certain that our faculty and our foreign collaborators have the capacity to face the challenges of pedagogy. Herein, we hope that our online scientific and professional conference on the topic “**Education today / Challenges of**

**the modern pedagogical science**”, will achieve its aim and offer a new approach toward education and the study of the pedagogical problems. The participants will try to answer the questions and the dilemmas concerning the organization of the teaching process and education. The conference is devoted to the contemporary problems and there is no guarantee that theory and practice won't change in the future. In accordance to the offered approach for resolving the pedagogical problems, we aim to offer an opportunity to reflect on the mutual connections among the pedagogical problems, and consequently to set the contours of a future that will outline the position of man in modern society.

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