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World LUMEN Congress 2016. Logos Universality Mentality Education Novelty. Editorial

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Abstract

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1. Scientific Premises of World LUMEN Congress 2016

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The primary thematic axes were characterized by:

- *Logos* which aimed to expose certain theoretical paradigms on social action that are specific to the postmodern and transmodern paradigm, and the re-contextualization of the influences of modernity.
- *Universality* which sought the universalization of social and communicational paradigms, and their contextual applicability in the current communicational Universe.
- *Mentality* which leads to reflection upon the acceptability of new dimensions of knowledge and the relationship between mind and consciousness, from a range of different cultural and communicational perspectives.
- *Education* which is aimed at developing a multidimensional approach to education in the context of the paradigmatic mutations generated by the switch towards a society of knowledge.
- *Novelty* which seeks to highlight the issues generated by the need for personal, institutional and social adaptation to what is new, and for a continuous paradigmatic change; this paradigmatic change was sought both in terms of the plan of knowledge and of social action.

2. International scientific experiences associated with the World LUMEN Congress 2016 – associated events

The WLC2016 was a special and particular edition of all LUMEN scientific events in terms of its amazing global scale, and in terms of the development of an exceptional range of associated scientific events. During the six days of the Congress, extraordinary scientific, social and cultural events were held, featuring national and international participation. These were as follows:

- International Conference on the Ethical & Social Dimensions of Public Administration & Law in Suceava, Romania - organized by FSEAP, Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava & LUMEN and organized by the Romanian Association of Medical Law (Romania)
- Students Workshop | Social Perspectives in Public Administration and Law. This took place in Suceava, Romania, and was organized by Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava & LUMEN as part of the Ethical & Social Dimensions on Public Administration & Law International Conference, and was organized by the Romanian National College of Social Workers, Iasi branch, Romania
- Workshop on International Olympic Values in Contemporary Society. This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the State University of Physical Education and Sport, Chisinau (Moldova) & the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at the Al. Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania)

- Workshop entitled Applied Ethics – between Experiments and Philosophical Analysis. This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the Research Centre in Applied Ethics, Faculty of Philosophy, Bucharest University (Romania). This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the LUMEN Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences (Romania)
- Workshop on The Mentalities of Society in Transformation. This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the Free International University of Moldova (Moldova)
- Workshop on Responsible Research and Innovation in Educational Practice – Challenges and Perspectives. This was held in Iasi, Romania, in the Teacher training Department of Valahia University of Targoviste (Romania)
- Workshop on Supervision of Ethics – Updating Ethics Expertise. This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the LUMEN Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences (Romania)
- Workshop on Social & Behavioural Challenges in Contemporary Albanian Scientific Context. This was held in Iasi, Romania, and was organized by the invited guests of Epoka University (Albania)
- The 2nd edition of Cultural & Interactive Workshop “Honouring the Romanian History” Held In Iasi. This was organized LUMEN Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences (Romania)

3. Working together with LUMEN

The World LUMEN Congress was organized by the LUMEN Association, through the working together of a number of LUMEN centers: the LUMEN Conference Center, the LUMEN Consulting and Training Center and the LUMEN Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences, and in conjunction with LUMEN Publishing.

‘.In conjunction with the LUMEN Association, the following organizations were involved: “Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava (Romania), Valahia University of Targoviste (Romania), The Romanian Association of Medical Law (Romania), Research Center in Applied Ethics, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (Romania), State University of Physical Education and Sport, Chisinau (Moldova), Free International University of Moldova (Moldova), Petre Andrei University of Iasi (Romania), the Romanian National College of Social Workers, Branch Iasi (Romania) Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at the University Al. Ioan Cuza University in Iasi (Romania), Epoka University (Albania).

We have a great honor to mention partners which were actively involved in organizing the event, along with the organizers and co-organizers of the World LUMEN Congress: Centre for Research in Political Science and Communication, Faculty of Political Science, Literature and Communication, Valahia University of Targoviste (Romania), Higher Education Research and Consulting Company (USA), Grow More College of Education, Himatnagar, Gujarat (India), Faculty of Business and Industrial Management of the "Union - Nikola Tesla" University in Belgrade (Serbia), Romanian Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca (Romania), Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca (Romania), Academy of Sciences of Moldova (Moldova), Faculty of

Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences of the Al. Ioan Cuza University in Iasi (Romania), Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine), Scientific Association for Public Administration and Law, Suceava (Romania), the Romanian Association of Semiotic Studies (Romania).

4. World LUMEN Congress Results

The World LUMEN Congress 2016 brought together more than 650 participants from all over the world including Albania, Algeria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, France, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, U.S.A., Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

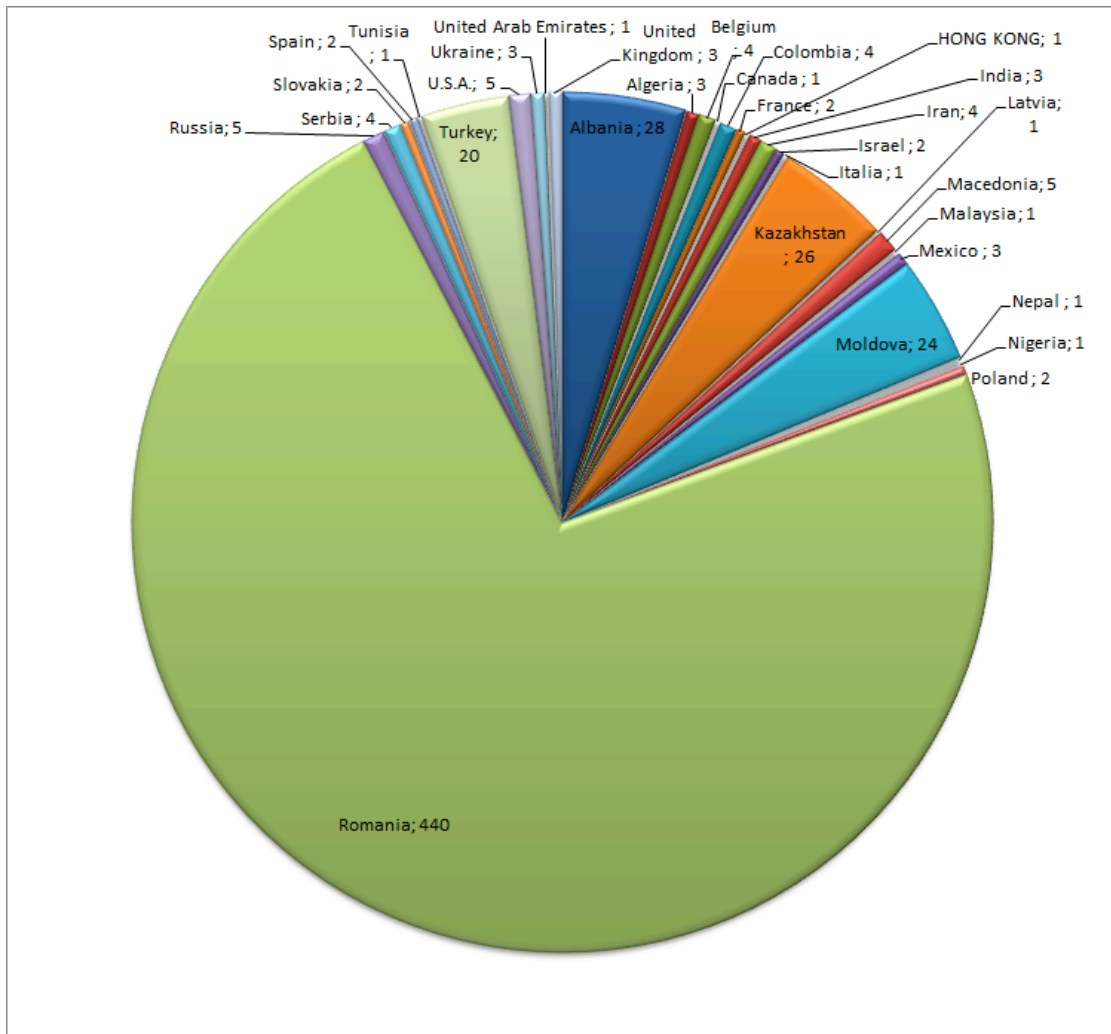


Fig. 1. Geographical representativeness of the registered participants of the World LUMEN Congress 2016