



The Czech Republic

I. Situation of the Profession

History and Development

Psychomotricity is not recognized as a profession and it is not part of any special kind of education in schools.

Psychomotricity is a part of the voluntary organisation "The Czech Association Sport for All" (www.casppv.cz/activity.php?id=8). This Association is a historical organisation, which works in system of voluntary instructors in sporting activities.

With the initiative of Jiřina Adamírová and under the support of the Czech Association Sport for All, the Czech Republic became an extraordinary member of the EFP in 1996 and a full member of the EFP (as a member of EU) in 2004.

Psychomotricity is a part of the gymnastics for health and psychomotricity. The commission started in 1960 and psychomotricity in 1996 in cooperation with the EF. The founder and the first president of the commission of psychomotricity was Ms Jirina Adamirova. She was also the first Czech delegate for the EFP. The following delegates were Jitka Kopřivova and Hana Dvořáková.

II. Education

The Czech Association Sport for All - Commission of Gymnastic for Health and Psychomotricity has accredited an Education Curriculum of Psychomotricity. This education could be understood as a further education, which has three grades. Every grade is about 60 hours of theory and practice. The first 45 participants received a licence of Instructor of Psychomotricity (grade 3) during the years 2005-2006.

Information about psychomotricity and its practice is included in courses of teacher training at universities.

Web site: www.psychomot.org/cz.html.

III. Practice

Psychomotricity is not recognised as a profession, so there is no special education of psychomotricity in the Czech Republic, however, the further education and other practical workshops and seminars are very popular and give a good first basis for the development of psychomotricity in the next few years.

Those professionals who only have this short education in psychomotricity do not use the name of "psychomotrician" and subsequently the profession is not yet recognized.

They work mainly in education – pre-school, elementary school and special schools - seniors, in sport clubs, private practice and other leisure time activities.