

## CONFERENCE REPORT

# 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “ACADEMICIAN BERISLAV BETA BERIĆ” Human resources and regional development

In the period 13-14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 fifth International Symposium “Academician Berislav Beta Berić” was held. Symposium was organised by Government of Vojvodina Province, Provincial Secretariat for Health Care, Social Policy and Demography, Matica Srpska and University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Science, Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management. The main aim of the symposium is to compare the current demographic trends in the region with the similar or same demographic trends in Europe and worldwide, as well as to indicate the good practice examples and this symposium was dedicated to human resources and regional development. Symposium was realised through five sessions. First session was dedicated to demographic challenges according to the 2011. census, second session was related with experiences of the pro-natalist population policy and gender regimes at semi-periphery and third to regional and demographic development of the Western Balkans. Fourth session was devoted to active ageing of the population and last (fifth) session dealt with regional responses to the fear of extinction. More than forty research papers were presented and most of them were published in 148 issue of Journal Proceedings of Matica Srpska for Social Sciences.

During the two day, symposium has brought together the leading scientists and experts in the field



Figure 1. Opening ceremony

of demography, medicine, sociology, geography and law.

Conclusion remarks call for more human population policy and for family planning programs that promote measures toward replacement level of reproduction.

Next symposium will be held in November 2018 and will be dedicated to good examples of population policies as well as qualitative process of adapting to population ageing.

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Figure 2. Session 3 – Regional and demographic development of the Western Balkans

