

SUMMARY

Social work research has greatly expanded in recent years, addressing vulnerable groups from different perspectives. My research activity has emerged consistently after sustaining my doctoral thesis entitled **Juvenile delinquency. Alternative systems of penalty enforcement**, so that further scientific concerns have emerged as a natural extension using new concepts and specific methodological principles of social sciences and further on.

Since 2009, after obtaining the Ph.D. title in Sociology, my scientific and research activity has resulted in the publication of five ISI articles, as author or co-author, of a number of 21 articles in specialty journals included in BDI international databases, 31 articles in volumes of international conferences held in the country and abroad, 5 articles in volumes of national conferences and symposia, 22 books of author, coauthor or chapters in books coordinated by others, and by 29 communications at international scientific relevant congresses/conferences in the country or abroad and 11 papers at national scientific relevant conferences / congresses.

International collaborations, arising from the presence at relevant scientific manifestations, ERASMUS teaching internships at the Università degli Studi di Torino Italy and the University of Ghent, Belgium, and within European funded projects, gave me the opportunity to become member of *international* prestigious associations such as the European Forum for Restorative Justice, the American Society of Criminology, European Society of Criminology, International Sociological Association and the American Jail Association and two European professional networks, Attachment and Adoption Research Network and the European Federation of Conflict Management and Treatment in Education and Care and at national level, the Professional Association of Mediators in Romania, the Association of Schools of Social Work in Romania and the Union of Jurists of Romania.

The scientific recognition is revealed also by the status of deputy chief editor of the *Law Review Journal*, associate editor of the *European Review of Applied Sociology* and in the scientific board of the journals *Probation Junior*, *Community Positive Practices Journal* and *Acta Universitatis George Bacovia. Juridical*, journals indexed in several international databases.

Since 2013, I was invited to coordinate a new book collection, Collection of Psychosocial Sciences, within the Publishing House Prouniversitaria, prestigious publishing house, part of the Legal Universe Publishing Group.

Last but not least, since 2009, I initiated and coordinated four editions of the International Conference Psychosocial Perspectives in the Quasi-Coercive Treatment of Offenders SPECTO, and this year I coordinate the organization of the Second World Congress devoted

to Resilience: from person to society which will be hosted by the West University of Timisoara, on 8-10 May.

The habilitation thesis is structured into two major components. The first part highlights the three main lines of research on which I focused since I obtained the title of Ph.D, such as:

1. Study of the probation institution, highlighted by the three researches presented concisely, the first being the result of participating in a European project
2. Resilience of the delinquent child, the risk and protective factors for drug user children, research direction supported by the 6 of the studies performed
3. Stress, conflict and crisis – Life Space Crisis Intervention, presented by two of the relevant studies conducted in this regard

As for the second, there are presented the main research topics considered in the immediately following perspective. So, I named suggestively the 4 themes of research established: *Drugs and human trafficking. A slight alliance; New approaches in the research of drugs phenomenon. How do we use Geographic Information Systems - GIS as a response to drug consumption and abuse; Studies and researches on the effectiveness of the criminal justice system by introducing the concept of legal resilience and other analysis of the effectiveness of the criminal justice system, mainly from a psychosocial perspective, using a multi and trans- disciplinary methodological framework and Studies and researches on the effectiveness of the LSCI method for improving the resilience of delinquent children.*

In the conclusion of the thesis, I presented some final considerations about the perspectives of development of my own academic career, providing benchmarks which, basically, highlight the continuity of my didactic and research activity.