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Foreword

Message from the SPECTO 2012 Editor

It is a great honor for us to present this volume of papers of the third International Conference **Social Work Perspectives in Quasi-Coercive Treatment of Offenders**, with the theme “**Violence Among Adolescents**”, held in the period 10-12 of May, in Timisoara, conference organized by the West University of Timisoara, through the Research Center for Child-Parent Interaction CICOP, functioning within the Social Work Department of the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, in collaboration with the Romanian Institute for Adult Education.

This year, our conference reunites researchers, professors and practitioners from the fields of social work, sociology, psychology, applied sciences and education, as well as specialists in law and the law enforcement system.

As in the previous editions, the papers presented at the conference focus on the latest scientific realizations and their applicability in promoting alternative sanctions in general, specifically the special treatment destined for the protection of the delinquent child. The conference will explore the latest disciplinary and interdisciplinary challenges in social sciences, but especially the relation between science and society.

Not least, the priority and the challenge are represented by the prevention of juvenile delinquency and by the protection of the delinquent child in view of his social reintegration.

The key themes of this conference include a social, judicial and psychosocial approach to juvenile violence and delinquency, the main institutions involved in the prevention, treatment and reintegration of the delinquent child and not least, promoting his resilience.

The declared purpose of this International Conference is exploring, from an interdisciplinary standpoint, the links between different areas of interest, researches, training and practices in delinquency prevention, quasi-coercive treatment and the resilience of the delinquent minor.

We are especially delighted by the diversity and quality of the papers submitted for this third edition SPECTO 2012 and we express our satisfaction due to the fact that each year, our conference has attracted an increasing number of nationally and internationally renowned personalities and professionals, representing an important indicator of the acknowledgement and prestige of this scientific manifestation.

Also this year, SPECTO 2012 is divided into thematically organized sections – seven in all and our hope is that its agenda will serve as a means for academicians, practitioners and researchers to extend the reach of their knowledge and experience for the benefit of all who work to protect our communities.

Thank you for exploring these opportunities.

We wish to thank the authors for the scientific quality of the submitted papers and all participants for their contribution to the success of SPECTO 2012.

We address special thanks to the members of the scientific committee of the conference, to the editor of this volume of papers, as well as to the technical team that has supported us throughout this endeavor.

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