



## SC. D. MIRJANA SOVILJ

**Sc. D. Mirjana Sovilj**, Doctor of psychophysiology, audiolinguist, speech therapist and speech pathologist. **E-mail:** m.sovilj@cosmoanelixis.gr

She was born in Belgrade and graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Defectology in 1980. As a scholarship holder of the Ministry of Sciences, she finished postgraduate studies in the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies, Belgrade University, where she received her M.A. degree in 1987, and her PhD in 2000.

She has been the Director of the Institute for Experimental Phonetics and Speech Pathology "Djordje Kostic" in Belgrade (founded in 1949) since 1989, devoted to multidisciplinary, holistic approach in studies of sound, hearing, speech and language, consciousness and behaviour.

She is the founder of the Centre for Promotion of Life Activities in Belgrade.

### SCIENTIFIC AND EXPERT ADVANCED TRAINING

1988 - 1989: Brain Research Institute, Institute of Defectology and Institute of Reflex Therapy in Moscow, Russia

#### **Activities**

- The author of the method of Prenatal Hearing

Screening, which detects the state of auditory perception of a prenatal child from 28 gestation week, with the aim of adequate early prevention of difficulties in verbal communication, behaviour, learning and socialization of children.

- The organizer of the network of institutions for the prevention of disorders in children's development in the Republic of Serbia.

- The initiator and organizer of international scientific conference "Speech and Language" (since 1999, organized every second year).

- The initiator and one of the presidents of the European Congresses of Early Prevention in Children with Verbal Communication Disorders (since 2005, organized every second year).

- The author of a large number of accredited courses and seminars for continuous education of health, education and social workers.

- The co-author of 5 technical-technological patents and author of 1 patent, as well as the author of 4 technical-technological solutions in the area of communications.

- Engaged in post-graduate teaching at the Department of Biomedical researches at the Electrotechnical Faculty, Belgrade University.

## PAPERS AND PROJECTS

She organized 6 long-term international projects and 10 scientific projects financed by the Ministry of Sciences of the Republic of Serbia, from different scientific areas with a multidisciplinary approach mostly directed towards studies of sound, hearing, speech and language, consciousness and behaviour.

She published 9 monographs from different scientific areas (electrophysiology, psychophysiology, psycholinguistics, speech pathology etc) and over 250 scientific-research papers in domestic and foreign magazines. She is the author of more papers which she presented upon invitation as introductory lectures in international congresses around the world, addressing different areas (experimental phonetics, audiology, psychophysiology, speech fluency, medical rehabilitation, applied linguistics, neurophysiology, prenatal medicine, prenatal psychology, developmental psychology etc).

She was the editor of a large number of monographs, scientific journals and books. She also supervised a number of MA and PhD theses.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the educational board of the International Society of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (ISPPM).

Member of an International Committee for Phonetics of Slavic Languages.

Honorary member of Pediatric Section of Serbian Medical Society

Member of the Association of Writers of Serbia.

More than 25 years she deals with development of speech and language in the prenatal and prelingual period and discovering the relations between the development of speech and cognitive processes and behaviour.

She incorporated some of the research results in the development of new diagnostic methods and procedures in early detection of difficulties in the development of hearing, verbal communication, behaviour and learning in children from the prenatal period