
- Born May 14, 1955, Bratislava, Slovakia

Education:

University studies at Comenius University, Bratislava - psychology, M.A. - 1978
1990 - CSc. degree (Ph.D. equivalent) in social psychology

Specific training:

Non-violent Communication – Marshall Rosenberg, Budapest, 1996
Mediation – Robert Benjamin, Bratislava, 1992, and Charles Wiggins, Bratislava, 1999
Teambuilding and sustainability – Dennis Meadows, Csopak, 1996
Collaborative Planning – Susan Carpenter, Budapest, 1996
Strategic Planning - John Bryson, Slovakia, 1997

Consulting and training experience:

Since 1995 trainer, facilitator and consultant at Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, conducting about 50 training/consulting/facilitating days per year for non-for-profit organizations in Slovakia (organizational development, programme development, strategic planning, community-development, public participation, training of Roma-leaders, etc.).

International consulting/training/facilitating experience:

- in Poland (for Amnesty International: workshop for the Board of AI Poland “Working together effectively”, 1997, Julia Sherwood, AI London),
- in Bosnia and Hercegovina (for American ORT/Bosnia Democracy Network Program: consulting skills training for local consultants of newly established NGOs, 1999, Celeste Scheib Angus, American ORT),
- and Hungary (for Nonprofit Enterprise and Self-Sustainability Team: facilitating a workshop in the “Sustainable NGO Financing Project, 1999, Nicole Etchart, NEST),
- Czech Republic (for the Open Society Foundation: public participation development training, 2000).
- Hungary-Poland-Slovak Republic (training for grantees of the Carpathian Foundation from Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, Poland and the Slovak Republic, 2001-2002).
- Kosova, Monte Negro, Macedonia (for American Bar Association/Central and East European Law Initiative: training and workshops in strategic planning with five different national legal organizations – judges, lawyers; 2002).

Major national consulting experiences:

- Strategic planning with the Institute for Public Affairs Slovakia (1997-2000)
- Strategic planning with the Foundation for the Children in Slovakia (1998)
- Strategic planning with Union of Mentally Handicapped (1998)
- Training in communication skills for participants in the social dialogue ("Tripartita") – PHARE project (1999)
- Reassessment of values and setting of strategic priorities; introduction of the process of organizational change with the top-management of the Slovak National Television (2000-2001)

Activities in the fields of civic life and NGOs:

- 1990-1994: elected member of the first democratic (post-totalitarian) City Council in Bratislava, Capital of Slovakia
- 1991-1992: scientific secretary for the vice president of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Since 1992 - member of "International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology".
- 1994-1995: conducting public-participation procedures within the first pilot implementation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act in Slovakia.
- During 1994-1995: member of scientific board for the STOP AIDS Campaign in Slovakia.
- Since 1992 involved in the life of nongovernmental nonprofit organizations in Slovakia.

These activities include: training in environmental education, training of local governments and consulting community development projects around the whole country of Slovakia, training of consultants for the non-governmental sector development, training trainers and peer-facilitators in the field of HIV/AIDS and drug prevention, as well in sexual education and working with sexual minorities, involved in civic campaign of non-governmental organizations aimed at increasing citizens' participation in general elections (1998).

Research and Teaching:

- 1980-1984 - research on prosocial behaviour in children at the "Institute for child psychology and pathopsychology", Bratislava
- 1984-1990 - research in cognitive psychology at the "Institute of experimental psychology, Slovak academy of Sciences"
- Since 1990 working at the Department of Social and Biological Communication, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava (from 1993 as head of the Department).
- 1990-1993 - research in environmental education at school and in the family. Since then continuously participating in environmentally-relevant psychological research projects, focusing on risk perception, interaction of identity-change (induced by the rapid social change after the fall of totalitarianism) and risk management, as well as quality of life in the biosphere reservations.
- In 1991 started Slovak participation in the international cross-cultural research project on values coordinated by Prof. Shalom Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This work has been continued through the years till present time (a repeated field study in 1997).
- 1993-1997 headed a project "AIDS: social representations, risks, and prevention in Slovakia" (granted by the Slovak Grant Agency for Science) at the same institution. Since then continuing in the research on sexual health in young people, currently heading a research project with special focus on gender construction in relation to sexual health (in collaboration with Centre for Sexual Health Research, University of Southampton and Department of Psychology, University College, London).
- 1997-2000 co-heading a training project for Slovak nurses in cooperation with The British Council and Institute of Education, University of London, aimed at HIV/AIDS prevention in Slovakia.
- 1998-2002 heading a WHO/UNAIDS sponsored Rapid Assessment and Response project in the Slovak Military aimed at prevention of risks from the interaction of substance use and sexual behaviour of soldiers at the mandatory service.
- Teaching courses on „Culture-Communication-Conflict“ and „Health Psychology“ at the Comenius University.

- Regularly publishing in scientific journals and reporting at international scientific and educational meetings.

Selected publications:

Bianchi, G.: Training in Skills for Coping with Democracy. The Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Sciences. Vol. 552, 1997, 114-124.

Bianchi, G., Popper, M.: Interaction of substance use and risks to sexual health in the Slovak army: general, sociocultural and individual behaviour patterns. AIDS CARE, 12, 2000, 6, 757-766.

Bianchi, G.: Guidelines on The Development of a Methodology to Study Factors Related to Risky Sexual Behaviour Among Alcohol Users in Diverse Cultural Settings, 40 str. (Geneva, WHO, máj 2002).

Miková, K., **Bianchi, G.:** Civic Activism – Opportunities and Other Aspects. A Reader for Advanced NGOs. Bratislava, PDCS, 2003 (in print), 30 pp.

Schwartz, S. H., Bardi, A., **Bianchi, G.** (2000). Value adaptation to the imposition and collapse of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe. In S. A. Renshon & J. Duckitt (Eds.), Political Psychology: Cultural and Cross Cultural Perspectives (pp.217-237). London: Macmillan.

Languages: native Slovak, fluent English, fluent German, partly Russian