

Abstract

Background: First institution specialized in treatment of alcohol was opened by Bedrich Konarik-Becvan in 1911 in Velke Kuncice. This hospital was closed in 1915 and therefore there was the necessity of creation of the new medical institution. The czechoslovak abstinent association along with Bedrich Konarik found suitable premises and then in 1923 the second anti-alcoholic institution in Tuchlov was opened.

Aims: The aim of this thesis is to map the existence (commencement and the expiry) of Abstinential pension Chateau Tuchlov. Use historical documents to describe the composition of the patients, their successful/unsuccessful treatment attempts, and which therapeutical procedures were used.

Methods: The content quality analysis of historical documents, which have not been yet completed has been used for the data collection. The key information are archive sheets from the National Museu archive, so like periodical magazines „Vyssi narod“ and „Zdravy lid“.

Results: Since 1908, when Bedrich Konarik – Becvan began publishing about the alcohol addiction, he pointed out the necessity of creating the new facilities focused on the treatment of this addictive substance. After the closure of Velke Kuncice medical center, he grabbed the possibility of creating of the new medical institution, and so reacted to the needs of alcoholic patients. The Chateau Tuchlov abstinential pension was in operation since 1923 to 1939. There were 300 patients during its operation, when only 6 of them were women.

Conclusion: The analysis of historical documents has confirmed the existence and full functionality of the therapeutic institution established by the Czechoslovak Abstinence Association and Bedrich Konarik. It worked since 1923 to 1939 in Tuchlov near Kremyz and it was focused on the treatment of alcohol addiction, specially for male patients. From the above-mentioned patient data and the organizational documentation, the Abstinential Pension Chateau Tuchlov can be considered as an innovator of the institutional treatment of alcohol.

Key words: Chateau Tuchlov- Alcoholism- Bedřich Koňářík- Czechoslovakian abstinential union- alcoholism therapy