

Dear Readers,

The year 2023 marked the 60th anniversary of the first publication of the journal *Reumatologia*. This Diamond Jubilee is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the journey that *Reumatologia* has undertaken over these years – from its difficult beginnings to the internationally recognized scientific journal it is today.

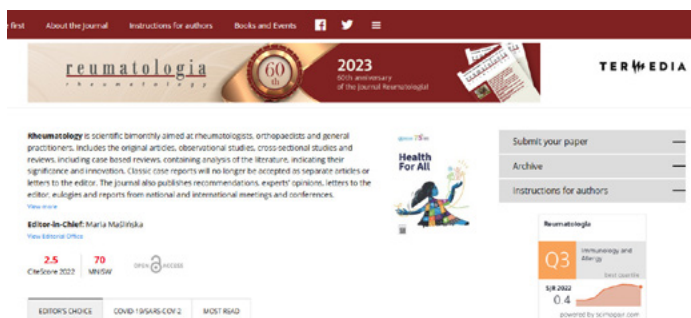
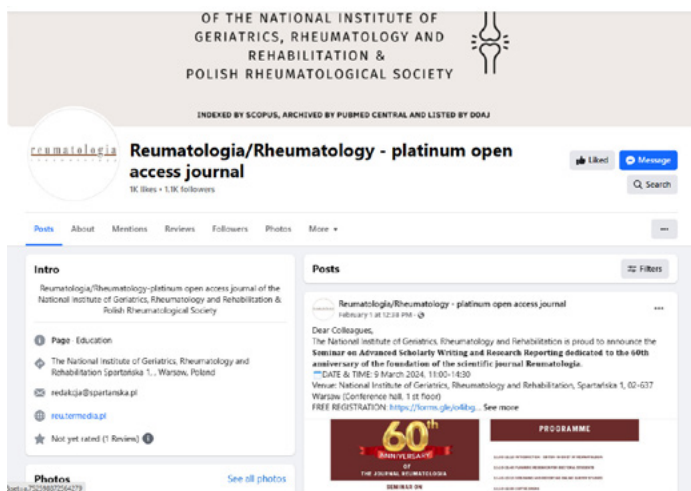
The roots of the Polish rheumatologic periodicals reach back to the 1950s, when the founders of Polish rheumatology – the renowned physicians Prof. Elonora Reicher and Prof. Włodzimierz Brühl – launched the publication of *Rheumatologic Issues of the Polish Archive of Internal Medicine* (*Zeszyty Reumatologiczne Polskiego Archiwum Medycyny Wewnętrznej*; 1954–1957), of *Advances in Rheumatology* (*Postępy Reumatologii*; first 3 volumes published in 1954–1957 by the main Polish medical publisher, Państwowy Zakład Wydawnictw Lekarskich [PZWL], and later in the years 1975–1982 by the Centre of Medical Postgraduate Education [*Centrum Medycznego Kształcenia Podyplomowego*] – 5 volumes) and, finally, of *Polish Rheumatology* (*Reumatologia Polska*; published by PZWL in 1959–1962).

In 1963 Włodzimierz Brühl, at the time holding the degree of PhD, initiated publication of the quarterly *Reumatologia* – as the official publication of the Institute of Rheumatology (*Instytut Reumatologii*) and of the Polish Rheumatologic Society (*Polskie Towarzystwo Reumatologiczne*). The journal was established thanks to the cooperation between Włodzimierz Brühl and PZWL. Brühl remained the chief editor of *Reumatologia*, and was followed by: Prof. Stanisław Luft (1991–1994), Prof. Jacek Pazdur (1994–2010), Prof. Anna Jędryka-Góral (2010–2015), Maria Maślińska MD (as an acting editor in chief (2015–2016), Prof. Eugeniusz Józef Kucharz (2016–2020) and Maria Maślińska PhD, DSc (from 2020 until present).

Reumatologia was fortunate to enjoy the involvement of many talented and dedicated individuals in its development – and this is especially true for its current Scientific Board, consisting of excellent scientists and clinicians from several countries. *Reumatologia* cooperates with national and foreign reviewers and editors, who not only commit their professional skills, but also support our journal on social media platforms.



Covers of the journal *Rheumatologia* in the years 1964, 2004, 2023.



Reumatologia on the social media platforms: Facebook and X. At the bottom a screenshot from the journal's website.

Reumatologia is scientific journal aimed at rheumatologists, orthopedists and general practitioners. Includes the original articles, observational studies, cross-sectional studies and reviews, including case based reviews, containing analysis of the literature, indicating their significance and innovation. Classic case reports will no longer be accepted as separate articles or letters to the editor. The journal also publishes recommendations, expert opinions, letters to the editor, eulogies and reports from national and international meetings and conferences.

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At the same time, *Reumatologia* remains a journal which is open and helpful to its authors and contributors. We try to engage our readers, and we support scientific journalism and propagation of medical knowledge. *Reumatologia* participates in the development of conference publications, abstract booklets from the meetings of the Polish Rheumatologic Society and workshops on scientific writing (the latter accessible on the *Reumatologia* Facebook page).

To sum up – in the world of scientific publications this journal stands firm for scientific progress and achieving UN Global Goals.

For 30 years (1993–2023) Irena Lisiewska MA, until her recent retirement, was a vital part of the *Reumatologia* editorial team – as an editor and a secretary of the editorial office. Her experience and knowledge of the editorial craft were indispensable for the existence of *Reumatologia* in those years. I would like to thank her for her work and devotion, which contributed to the progress our journal made during her tenure.

At such a moment we also cannot forget the publishing houses that have been involved in the long life of the journal *Reumatologia*. Apart from the aforementioned PZWL, we have cooperated with Borgis and Wydawnictwo Medyczne Termedia – the latter publishing our journal currently on behalf of the present *Reumatologia* publisher – the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation (formerly the Institute of Rheumatology).

Over its 60 years *Reumatologia* has transformed many times, not least because of the technological progress, the advent of the Internet era and emergence of new ways through which scientific knowledge can be communicated.

These metamorphoses changed *Reumatologia* into a modern platform for the distribution of medical knowledge. Currently *Reumatologia* is included in over 35 scientific databases, among them Scopus and Web of Science. It is present on social media platforms – Facebook and X (formerly Twitter). It employs a modern virtual editorial system to work with its authors, reviewers and editors. *Reumatologia* is integrated with ORCID and Polish Scientific

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