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## 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the journal *Reumatologia*

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Last year marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the journal *Reumatologia* (1963–2023). On that occasion, the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation (NIGRiR) prepared a series of events commemorating the establishment of the scientific initiative of the Polish School of Rheumatology, which resonated with other European centres, creating a tool for the exchange of knowledge in the form of publications such as *Rheumatologic Issues of the Polish Archive of Internal Medicine (Zeszyty Reumatologiczne Polskiego Archiwum Medycyny Wewnętrznej; 1954–1957)*, *Advances in Rheumatology (Postępy Reumatologii)*, *Polish Rheumatology (Reumatologia Polska)*; published by PZWL in 1959–1962) and then, from 1963, the scientific journal *Reumatologia*. The idea of the journal *Reumatologia* was not only the publication of articles, but also scientific meetings and conferences, specialised training courses for doctors and webinars on writing scientific articles were organised. All activities served to integrate the scientific community, and research results were published in the journal, sharing experience and expertise.



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Prof. Ricard Cervera (Clinical Hospital of Barcelona, Spain), Dr Robert Olszewski, Assoc. Prof. NIGRiR (Department of Gerontology, Public Health and Didactics, NIGRiR, Warsaw, Poland), Prof. Brygida Kwiatkowska (Early Arthritis Clinic, NIGRiR, Warsaw, Poland), Prof. Armen Yuri Gasparyan (Teaching Trust of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom), Prof. Krzysztof J. Filipiak (Medical University Maria Skłodowska-Curie in Warsaw), Dr Maria Maślińska, Assoc. Prof. NIGRiR (Early Arthritis Clinic, NIGRiR, Warsaw, Poland).

On 9 March 2024, an anniversary special session dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the journal *Reumatologia* was held in Warsaw with the Honorary Patronage the Minister of Science, Dariusz Wieczorek, and the Minister of Health, Izabela Leszczyna, and invaluable support of the International Editorial Board. The afternoon session was attended by previous and new editors of the journal, representatives of the International Editorial Board, authors and reviewers who co-created the history of the *Reumatologia* journal built its substantive value and contributed to the promotion of Polish science in the international environment. The ceremonial session was opened by Maria Maślińska, who has been associated with the journal for many years and has been the Editor-in-Chief of *Reumatologia* since 2020. Among the invited guests at the session were the Rectors of the medical universities in Warsaw, professors Zbigniew Gaciong (Medical University of Warsaw, WUM), Krzysztof J. Filipiak (Medical University Maria Skłodowska-Curie in Warsaw) and Filip M. Szymański (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Collegium Medicum, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, UKSW), Ryszard Gellert (Centre of Medical Postgraduate Education) National Consultants: Prof. Brygida Kwiatkowska in the field of rheumatology, Prof. Tomasz Targowski in the field of geriatrics, representatives of the Polish Society for Rheumatology (*Polskie Towarzystwo Reumatologiczne*) and many distinguished guests from leading national centres, longstanding colleagues and friends of *Reumatologia*.



Students of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, representants of UKSW Rheumatology Student Research Group at the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, Professor Eleonora Reicher, Warsaw: Paweł Godlewski, Anna Gwóźdź-Broczkowska, Michał Hajt, and Dr Filip M. Szymański, Assoc. Prof. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Dean of Faculty of Medical Science, Collegium Medicum.



Professor Ricard Cervera (Clinical Hospital of Barcelona, Spain) signs the commemorative book.

Distinguished representatives also from other countries accepted the invitation. The inaugural lectures were given by members of the International Editorial Board of the journal *Reumatologia*, Prof. Ricard Cervera from the Clinical Hospital of Barcelona, Spain and Prof. Armen Yuri Gasparyan from the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (Teaching Trust of the University of Birmingham), Russells Hall Hospital, United Kingdom. The topic of Prof. Ricard Cervera's lecture was scientific achievements in the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus as an example of the difficulties and successes in the search for new therapies.

Professor Armen Yuri Gasparyan presented in a synthetic and innovative way the most important discoveries and challenges of modern medicine in the field of rare rheumatic diseases, with a special focus on Behçet's disease. Professor Armen Yuri Gasparyan as a journal Editor-in-Chief (*Rheumatology International*) and an expert in scientific writing and publishing presented current perspectives of *Reumatologia* journal.

Professor Brygida Kwiatkowska, National Consultant in the field of rheumatology, spoke about Polish achievements, the dynamic development in the area of rare diseases and the importance of *Reumatologia* as an important medium for the exchange of knowledge and experience in Poland and abroad. During the meeting, Prof. Brygida Kwiatkowska presented important issues that will be developed in 2024 by Polish scientists and published with the Polish Society for Rheumatology, in the journal *Reumatologia*. In 2024, Polish recommendations for rheumatic diseases will be developed:

rheumatoid arthritis, then systemic lupus erythematosus, and then recommendations for vaccination and treatment of Still's disease. Intensive work is also being done on the validation of the systemic lupus erythematosus activity questionnaires, SLEDAI-2K and BILAG, tools necessary to assess the effectiveness of treatment of this disease. The professor drew attention to the progress in the therapy of patients with rheumatic diseases in Poland and the creation of new therapeutic programs (for systemic lupus erythematosus) and the expansion of the existing drug portfolio.

During the evening, representatives of the PTR (online) were among the speakers. Professor Zbigniew Żuber, President-elect of the Polish Society for Rheumatology, commemorating the Jubilee of *Reumatologia*, spoke of the journal's value for the entire rheumatological community. Professor Piotr Leszczyński, president of the Poznan Section of the Polish Society for Rheumatology and chairman of the Bone Metabolic Diseases and Osteoporosis Section of the PTR, said that *Reumatologia* is an important scientific journal, which is not only a periodical of Polish rheumatologists, but also has international aspirations. The professor emphasised that the bimonthly journal has been developing very dynamically in recent years, increasing its level of content, and expanding its opinion-forming scope. During the session, statuettes and awards were given to the most committed representatives



Professor Armen Yuri Gasparyan (Teaching Trust of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom) as the lecturer during the "Medical Writing Workshops" in National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, Warsaw, 9 March 2024.

of the scientific community who have contributed to the creation of a major scientific journal.

The history of the Polish School of Rheumatology, the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation and its journal organ *Reumatologia* was presented by the Editor-in-Chief, Maria Maślińska. The editor highlighted the international reach of the bi-monthly journal and its presence in 30 international scientific databases: Clarivate and Scopus, indexed in PubMed, DOAJ, Embase and BIOSIS, and highlighted that journal is integrated with Publons and iThenticate. After applying for and passing the Web of Science (Clarivate) evaluation in 2022, *Reumatologia* was included in the Coverage in Emerging Sources Citation Index in 2023. At the end of the meeting, Editor-in-Chief Maria Maślińska invited scientists to collaborate, publish their research results, and share their knowledge through open access to scientific articles in the journal *Reumatologia*.

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the journal *Reumatologia* was attended by more than 50 specialists from various



Professor Piotr Leszczyński, president of the Poznan Section of the Polish Society for Rheumatology and chairman of the Bone Metabolic Diseases and Osteoporosis Section of the PTR, during his speech on development and international aspirations of journal *Reumatologia*.



Professor Zbigniew Żuber, President-elect of the Polish Society for Rheumatology, during his speech emphasized the importance of the journal *Reumatologia* for the rheumatological community.

fields of medicine and related sciences, both experienced researchers and young medical students who are just starting their careers as researchers and clinicians. Researchers from the United Kingdom, Spain and Ukraine were guests of honour at the event. Participants received copies of the journal *Reumatologia*, the organ of the NIGRiR and the Polish Society for Rheumatology published in cooperation with the Publishing House Termedia, and other specialist medical titles prepared by the editorial team of *Reumatologia*.

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