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Report of the Secretary General of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (PAU¹) for the year 2018

This report presents the activity of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2018. In addition, where possible and necessary, information about the first months of 2019 was also provided. This is the official PAU report on activities in 2018, sent to external institutions and bodies.

Apart from general information, the report includes materials provided by particular Classes, Scientific Stations, and Commissions of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

General information

The Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences corporation consists of 150 regular members, 163 corresponding members, and 190 foreign members. This year's elections, closed with the vote during the PAU General Assembly (16 June), resulted with the election of 12 regular members, 11 new corresponding members, and 8 foreign members. Traditionally, they were awarded with the diplomas during the autumn Formal Scientific Meeting of the Academy in November.

In the reporting year, the following members passed away:

From Class I

Professor Tadeusz Witczak – corresponding member, passed away
on 29 March 2018

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From Class II

Professor Zofia Włodek – corresponding member, passed away on 19 February 2018

Professor Richard Pipes – foreign member, passed away on 17 May 2018

Professor Heiner Timmermann – foreign member, passed away on 29 August 2018

Professor Jerzy Wyrozumski – regular member, PAU Secretary General 1994–2015, Delegate of the General Assembly to the PAU Management Board during the last tenure, passed away on 2 November 2018

From Class III

Professor Andrzej Smolarski – regular member, passed away on 31 March 2018

Professor Bogdan Bojarski – corresponding member, passed away on 22 December 2018

From Class IV

Professor Andrzej Wiktor – corresponding member, passed away on 31 December 2018

From Class V

Professor Łukasz Kulczycki – foreign member, passed away on 3 May 2018

Professor Stanisław Szala – corresponding member, passed away on 9 November 2018

In the first months of 2019 passed away, too:

14 January – Professor Mieczysław Tomaszewski, regular member of Class VI

23 February – Professor Krzysztof Birkenmajer, regular member of Class IV

24 February – Professor Włodzimierz Ostrowski, regular member of Class V

Activity of Classes, Commissions, and Stations

The Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences consists of six Classes. The number of members of the Classes and scientific meetings is shown in the Table I.

Table I. Classes of the Academy of Arts and Sciences (PAU)

Class	Number of regular members	Number of corresponding members	Number of foreign members	Number of scientific meetings
Class I: Philology	27	31	41	7
Class II: History and Philosophy	24	31	28	10
Class III: Sciences and Technology	21	34	41	–
Class IV: Natural Sciences	26	34	34	3
Class V: Medicine	27	33	41	1
Class VI: Artistic Creativity	25	–	5	3
Total	150	163	190	24
Total number of members (31 December 2018)	503			

The presented numbers demonstrate that the activity of PAU Classes is diversified. The meetings of the “humanities” Classes, i.e. Class I and II take place frequently and regularly. The meetings of the remaining classes are irregular or are not convened at all. These differences are related to the specificity of particular Classes. The activity of natural and science Classes manifests in different ways. These Classes organise conferences, sessions, and even schools, often on an international level. During these meetings, numerous lectures are given and poster reports prepared by young researchers are presented. This last activity element is particularly important for the Academy.

There are 38 Commissions within PAU. They are divided into Class Commissions (22) and inter-Class Commissions (16). Class I: Philology coordinates the works of 4 Commissions, and Class II: History and Philosophy – of 10. Class III: Sciences and Technology has 3 Commissions, and Class IV: Natural Sciences — 5. The remaining Classes have not appointed any Commission so far.

Inter-Class Commissions fall under the PAU Council; there is currently 16 of them, including 4 in Katowice, 1 in Wrocław, and 1 in Gdańsk. The activity of the Commissions, similarly to the activity of the Classes, is highly varied and related with the discipline represented by a given Commission. The number of scientific meetings and sessions organised by particular Commissions is shown in Tables II–VI.

Table II. Commissions of Class I

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on Classical Philology	8	–
Commission on Modern Languages	8	–
Commission on Slavonic Culture	8	–
Commission on Art History	9	1

Table III. Commissions of Class II

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on Central Europe	10	1
Commission on Eastern Europe	1	3
Commission on Law	5	1
Commission on the History and Culture of Jews	8	–
Commission on the Prehistory of the Carpathians	5	–

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on Economic Sciences	1	–
Commission on Ethnography	8	2
Commission on the History of Wars and Military Science	7	–
Commission on Archaeology of Mediterranean Countries	8	–
Commission on Media Studies	8	3

Table IV. Commissions of Class III

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on Astrophysics	7	–
Commission on Technical Sciences	10	–
Commission on Complex Systems	6	–

Table V. Commissions of Class IV

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on Geoinformatics	6	–
Commission on Quaternary Palaeogeography	4	2
Commission on Development Biology	2	1
Commission on Agricultural, Forest, and Veterinary Sciences	5	–
Commission on Geography	9	–

Table VI. Inter-Class Commissions

Commission	Scientific meetings	Scientific sessions
Commission on the History of Science	10	–
Commission on European Matters	7	–
Commission on Threats to Civilization	5	–
Commission on the Philosophy of Sciences	7	2
Commission on the Evaluation of Textbooks	8	–
Commission for the Studies on the Polish Diaspora	5	–
Commission on Natural Sciences and Medicine in Wrocław	4	–
Commission on Anthropology	2	–
Commission on Ergonomics	4	1
Commission on Culture and Media Management	6	–
Commission on Silesian History in Katowice	–	1
Commission on Mathematical Sciences in Katowice	4	–
Commission on Natural Sciences in Katowice	2	–
Commission on Law in Katowice	2	–
Kashubian Commission in Gdańsk	–	–
Polish CIHEC Subcommittee Commission Internationale d'Histoire Ecclesiastique Comparée	2	1

It is worth emphasising with satisfaction here that the activity of almost all the Commissions remains at a good level from previous years or has even increased. This is excellent information in times when it is so difficult to achieve a satisfactory attendance during meetings, assemblies and conferences.

Apart from the Classes and Commissions, the PAU structure includes two Scientific Stations in Katowice and Gdańsk. Their scientific activity is also more than satisfactory.

Conferences, sessions, and regular projects

Conferences and scientific sessions are very important element of PAU's activity. They are organised or co-organised mostly by PAU but also by its Classes, Commissions and Stations. In the reporting year 37 scientific sessions and conferences were organised or co-organised, including 9 on an international level.

It is worth noting that the activity of PAU, its Classes, Commissions and Stations in the field of organising conferences and sessions is still growing. Conferences are organised not only in Kraków and other Polish cities, but also abroad.

Regular meetings open to the wider public are also worth mentioning: the Seminar of the PAU "Patriotism yesterday and today", Science Café and organised by Professor Dominika Dudek "Conversations About Man". Finally, it is worth emphasising that in the reporting year, the sixth PAU Debate "Universities in the service of society", took place.

Scientific activity

The PAU research activity focuses mostly on different types of research projects (grants). In the reporting year, 6 projects were successfully closed, 10 are in progress, 7 new applications were submitted for evaluation. The projects are financed by the National Programme for the Development of Humanities, National Centre of Science, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, and the Polish Senate.

It is worth paying attention to the first PAU project awarded by the Małopolska Operational Programme, i.e. funded by European Union.

Apart from the aforementioned grants, PAU is carrying out a project financed by the Lanckoroński Foundation. Within the project, reports and documents of apostolic nuncios in Poland from 1519 until the present day are studied. Each year – in accordance with the agreement concluded with the Foundation – a volume of the *Acta Nuntiatu-
rae Polonae* series is published. In 2016, we finished the digitalisation of all the volumes of *Nuntiatu-
rae* published so far. In the middle

of 2016, we started digitalising the *Elementa ad Fontium Editiones* source series (76 volumes) and the “Antemurale” journal (28 volumes). Until the end of 2017, all volumes (104) were scanned and made available on the PAU’s electronic publications website (<http://www.pau.krakow.pl/index.php/pl/wydawnictwo/publikacje-on-line>).

Publishing activity

Publishing activity is an important and integral part of the activity of the PAU.

It should be noted that our publishing house has been included in the “List of publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed scientific monographs” of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (the so-called level I). This is an undoubted success, despite the fact that the list prepared in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education is widely criticised. The PAU Publishing Committee, established in 2016, determined the operating principles of the publishing house and made it available on the Academy's website. This Committee is currently under the chairmanship of the PAU Vice-President, Professor Andrzej Mączyński.

In the reporting year, 25 titles of non-serial (printed) publications were published independently by PAU and in cooperation with other institutions (including the Jagiellonian University, Warsaw University, Ignatianum Academy, Archaeological Museum in Kraków). Two titles have been honoured: Professor Andrzej Kastory received a nomination for the Waclaw Felczak and Henryk Wereszycki Award for the book: *Yugoslavia in the Politics of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union 1948–1956* (a series of Dissertations of the PAU Class II: History and Philosophy); while the critical edition of the *Halic-Volyn Chronicles* (Monumenta Poloniae Historica series), prepared by Professor Dariusz Dąbrowski and Adrian Jusupović, PhD, published in cooperation with the Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of PAN² in 2017, received the Professor Stefan Krzysztof Kuczyński Award (1st place in the Source Editions and Learning Aids category). In addition, it is worth noting that Jury of the Professor Jerzy Skowronek Prize awarded PAU for the yearbook “Central European and Balkan Studies”, vol. XXVI, 2017, edited by Professors Jan Machnik and Irena Stawowy-Kawka.

² Polish Academy of Sciences.

Scientific journals are playing an increasingly important role in the publishing activity of PAU. We publish or co-publish 20 journals, in 2018, 55 issues were published. The unwavering prestige is enjoyed by the “PAUza Akademicka” online weekly, edited by Professor Andrzej Białas.

International cooperation

Each year, the international cooperation of PAU is becoming more important. At present, the Academy has concluded cooperation agreements with 22 Academies and other research units. The most active personal exchange takes place with the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the Lithuanian Institute of History.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Ukrainian Academy of Sciences
- Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Czech Academy of Sciences (the protocol for 2019–2021 was signed)
- Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- Slovenian Academy of Sciences
- Macedonian Academy of Sciences
- Romanian Academy of Sciences
- Lithuanian Institute of History
- The ExtreMe Matter Institute
- Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- Polish Scientific Society in Zhytomir
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- Hungarian Academy of Arts
- Scientific Library of The Vasyl Stefanyk Ciscarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Moreover, PAU is a member of two international organisations: the International Academic Union (**UAI**) and the All European Academies (**ALLEA**). Cooperation with the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America (**PIASA**) in New York and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada (**PIASC**) in Montreal should also be mentioned here. Both institutes have the formal status of PAU

Scientific Stations. Together with the New York Institute, we publish “The Polish Review” journal and together with the Montreal Institute, we organise scientific sessions in Canada.

Research support activity

Three PAU units are involved in this activity: The Scientific Library of PAU and PAN in Kraków, The Archives of the Science of PAN and PAU in Kraków, and the Lanckoroński Phototeca.

The Scientific Library is the second largest facility of that kind in our city. Its collections and achievements in the reporting period are shown in Tables VII–IX.

Table VII. The Scientific Library of PAU and PAN
Collection of the Library in numbers – **31.12.2018**

Total number of prints: including:	562 460 vols.
periodicals	347 836 vols.
monographs	214 624 vols.
Special collections in total: including:	177 374 vols. & inventory units
old prints	17 222
manuscripts	16 608
parchment diplomas	633
occasional prints	11 145
cartography	12 226
graphics	99 181
drawings	2 266
ex libris	14 639
Total collection amount	739 834 vols. & inventory units

Table VIII. Acquisitions of the Scientific Library of PAU and PAN in 2018

exchange	monographs	303
	periodicals	770
	on-line journals	150
	Total:	1223
donations and purchases	monographs	837
	periodicals	607
	Total:	1444
donations to the Etchings Room	illustrations	477
	Total:	477

Table IX. Scientific Library of PAU and PAN: visits in 2018

Number of visits in reading-rooms	2606
Made available:	
books	3769 vols.
journals	2687 vols.
manuscripts	747 inventory units
parchment documents	10 inventory units
old prints	63 inventory units
microfilms	1184 units
illustrations, photographs, drawings	6759 inventory units
surveys of the library holdings	197

It is worth emphasising here that in 2018 the renovation of the library warehouses and a staircase connecting these warehouses was completed. At the same time, the replacement of old and damaged shelves in the warehouse of old prints (Special Collections Department) and arrangement of additional warehouse (located in the basement of the building at Sławkowska 17 street) were commenced. In the reporting year, all fire alarm system signalling sensors were replaced, a new fire alarm system was connected, cameras and anti-burglar alarm sensors were also replaced.

The Archives of the Science are a common unit of the PAN branch in Kraków and PAU.

In the reporting period, this unit organised 3 exhibitions on the Archive premises. In addition, the Archive materials were used by the Archaeological Museum and the Institute of Physics of the

Jagiellonian University during the organisation of exhibitions of the *Slavonic Apocrypha* and *Henryk Niewodniczański, a Kraków physician from Vienna*.

The Lanckoroński Phototeca has belonged to PAU since 1929. Initially, it was located in PAU Station in Rome. After the war, it was taken over by PAN. It was returned to PAU in 2005. It contains over 50,000 photograms, which are still successively organised, compiled, and digitalised. In 2018, 2754 photographic prints were inventoried. In cooperation with the Scientific Station of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Rome, the first monograph devoted solely to the Lanckoroński Phototeca was published.

Polish Library in Paris

The Polish Library in Paris co-owned by PAU and the Historical and Literary Society in Paris requires special attention. Each financial year, the Academy transfers PLN 1,500,000 from the subsidy of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education to the Library. This is surely not enough. Unfortunately, the works on final regulation of the legal and financial status of the Library, conducted in the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage were not finished until the end of 2018. In the reporting year, PAU carried out three research projects financed by the National Programme for the Development of Humanities, aiming at inventorying historical materials, prints, sculptures, paintings, and miniatures collection kept by the Polish Library in Paris.

Prizes, awards, and scholarships

As every year, in the reporting year PAU granted prizes and awards. The most prestigious is the **Erazm and Anna Jerzmanowski Prize**. The prize, founded by the Małopolska Province Authorities, is granted for cultural, scientific, and charitable activity. In 2018, for the ninth time after the reactivation of the prize, it was given to Ms Anna Dymna. The ceremony took place on 21 May 2018 at the Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków.

The **Tadeusz Browicz Award** is given by PAU at the request of Class V. In 2018 the award was given to Artur Jurchyszyn, PhD (Collegium Medicum Haematology Clinic of the Jagiellonian University) for a series of 5 publications presenting multicentre, retrospective data on plasma cell dyscrasias.

The **Professor Adam Bielański Award** was given to Professor Bogumił Jezierski for the work *Many-body-symmetry-adapted perturbation theory of intramolecular interactions. H₂O and HF dimers*, published in 1991 in the “Journal of Chemical Physics”.

Each year, a committee chaired by Professor Andrzej Borowski grants scholarships of the **Lanckoroński Foundation** and the **Lanckoroński of Brzezie Foundation**. Apart from PAU representatives, it includes the delegates of five universities (Jagiellonian University, Adam Mickiewicz University, University of Warsaw, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, and Wrocław University), and the Foundations. The scholarships are granted in five disciplines (Mediterranean archaeology, classical philology, history, history of philosophy, history of art); in 2018, 66 persons obtained them.

The PAU Management Board approved this report on 25 March 2019. The financial report was subject to the meeting of the PAU Management Board, PAU Council, and Audit Committee. It was unanimously accepted by these bodies.

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