

## FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers,

The charms of summer passed very quickly, and with autumn rain came ordinary, everyday tasks, workload and new challenges. A real challenge for the psychiatry is **worsening of its financing**. Although mental disorders are a serious social problem, which could be at least partially overcome, our patients are still neglected by policy makers. Appeals and efforts of prominent authorities gathered in the Polish Psychiatric Association, who indicate that the mental state not only determines the quality of life and human functioning, but also affects the **prevalence and prognosis in other illnesses**, seem to be useless. A part of the current issue of "Psychiatria Polska" is in this line of thinking, to a large extent focused on the borderline issues related to psychiatry and somatic medicine.

Despite many problems we do not give up: we, the Polish psychiatrists, publish more and more, the Editor receives more and more very interesting and innovative works, we organize conferences where we not only present our research, but also raise the issues which are extremely important socially (for example, the next, jubilee, because it is twentieth, conference series "Pharmacotherapy, Psychotherapy and Rehabilitation of Affective Disorders" will be held in Zakopane on 13–14.02.2015, under the heading "Depression is a great social duty"). The International Conference "*Neurobiology and comprehensive treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse*" organized in Warsaw by PPA ended with a considerable success.

The fact that the EPA (European Psychiatric Association) organized symposium at the Conference in Wisła, which will be held on 11-13.12.2014 is a way of recognising of the value of Polish psychiatry. Four sessions are planned with the participation of the leading European psychiatrists, including Prof. Danuta Wasserman, Prof. Peter Falkai, Prof. Wolfgang Gaebel. World-renowned scientist, Prof. Jules Angst of Zurich, who is almost a legend of affective disorders research, accepted the invitation for the Conference "Neuropsychiatry and Neuropsychology" organized by Prof. Janusz Rybakowski which will be held in Poznan on 27-28.11.2014.

*The fact that the new President of the WPA, Prof. Helen Herrman from the University of Melbourne, accepted the invitations to the Polish Psychiatry Advisory Board is nice and ennobling.*

*All these facts lead us to remain optimistic and watch as the sun shines through autumn mist. As always, we hope that you will enjoy reading "Polish Psychiatry" in these evenings which are getting longer.*

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