

Report on the activities of the Polish Anatomical Society in 1999

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In 1999 the Polish Anatomical Society counted 414 members (403 regular and 11 honorary members). Members worked in 12 regional sections. The activities of the society were led by the Main Board.

In 1999 the main board held 4 plenary sessions. During the plenary sessions main discussions centred around the editorial affairs of two quarterlies published by the Polish Anatomical Society: *Folia Morphologica* and *Advances in Cell Biology*. Progress in preparations for the Polish Anatomical Society and Polish Histo- and Cytochemical Society Congress in Łódź in 2000 as well as initial preparations for the Congress in Wrocław in 2001 were discussed. A lot of attention was devoted to the organisation of the teaching of clinical anatomy in veterinary and medical schools. Some corrections in the status of the Society were introduced and then approved by voting on March 22, 2000.

Between the plenary sessions of the Main Board all the affairs of the Society were conducted by its Presidium.

On June 26–29, 1999, the XVIII Congress of the Polish Anatomical Society and the XXXIV Polish Histo- and Cytochemical Society Symposium took place in Łódź. Overall 365 people, including 43 foreign guests from various countries, participated in this Congress. There were two plenary lectures and 62 oral presentations. The scope of subjects included:

- immunohistology and immunocytology in experimental and clinical studies;
- developmental, clinical and experimental anatomy;
- central and peripheral nervous system;
- heart, blood vessels, lymphatic vessels;
- modern diagnostic methods in morphology;
- didactical problems;
- varia.

During the Congress 3 poster sessions took place, with 241 posters presented. Abstracts of all accepted presentations were published in the supplement of *Folia Morphologica*.

On June 28, 1999 the Regular General Assembly accepted the report of the outgoing Main Board and voted for members of the new Main Board of the Polish Anatomical Society.

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(till December 31, 1999)

prof. dr hab. Janusz Moryś

(since January 1, 2000)

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prof. dr hab. Małgorzata Bruska
Section of Neuroanatomy
prof. dr hab. Janusz Moryś
Section of Clinical Anatomy
prof. dr hab. Ryszard Aleksandrowicz

The Regular General Assembly agreed the date of the next XIX Congress of the Polish Anatomical Society for the year 2001 in Wrocław. Prof. Norbert Pospieszny was elected as Chairman of the Organising Committee.

The Main Boards of the Polish Anatomical Society and Polish Histo- and Cytochemical Society as well as the Editorial Board of *Advances in Cell Biology* organised on November 27, 1999 the XXIX annual scientific and educational conference on the subject: "The cellular aspect of ageing".

In February 1999, the final of the IV Competition of Anatomical Knowledge "Vena Nostra" took place in the Veterinary Faculty of the Agricultural Academy. The Institute of Animal Anatomy of the Agricultural Academy in Olsztyn was the organiser. The competition was organised under the auspices of the Main Board of the PAS.

The Section of Clinical Anatomy organised the annual conference in Warsaw in November 1999.

In April 1999 the II Student Scientific Conference took place in Zielonka.

The main scientific activities of the Polish Anatomical Society were conducted in regional sections, which organised 36 meetings in 1999. Their general topics were as follows:

— Bydgoszcz Section

(chairman — prof. D. Gościcka): segmental renal artery, configurations of bifurcation of popliteal artery, variations of pancreatic arteries in man, compensatory fusion of tibia in patients with chronic ischaemia of lower limbs, osteoporosis in the orthopaedic aspect.

— Białystok Section

(chairman — dr Litwiejko-Pietryńczak): issues of apoptosis in nervous system in man, somatotypes of man in historical depiction.

— Gdańsk Section

(chairman — prof. M. Grzybiak; since June 17, 1999 — prof. J. Moryś): maturation of microglia in

the rat forebrain in immunohistochemical studies, claustror- limbic projection in the rat and rabbit in retrograde axonal transport method; a few notes concerning development of claustror- cortical connectivity and so-called myocardial bridges and their clinical significance.

— Katowice-Zabrze Section

(chairman — dr hab. K. Ślusarczyk; since December 1, 1999 — dr W. Karmańska): morphology and functional significance of lymphatic system in laboratory animals, vascularisation of peripheral nerves and some structures of central nervous system in animals and man in various age groups, vascularisation of peripheral and central nervous system in pathological conditions — particularly with induced diabetes mellitus; selected arteries as a source of transplantation material in cardiosurgery, studies on osteoporosis in women living in highly industrial areas.

— Kraków Section

(chairman — dr J. Zawiliński): Anatomico-anthropological characteristic of skulls from Podole and Wołyń region, estimation of symmetry of feet in children in primary school age, clinical aspects of head and neck venous system variability; report from the Conference of Turkish Anatomical Society in Antalya in October 1999.

— Lublin Section

(chairman — prof. R. Maciejewski): report not received.

— Łódź Section

(chairman — dr hab. M. Topol): morphometry of larynx in elderly people, anatomical aspects of eyeball laser therapy, morphometric, histochemical and biochemical studies on thyroid glands of guinea pigs in experimental histamine shock.

— Olsztyn Section

(chairman — prof. J. Kaleczyc): presentation of scientific activities and achievements of the Student Scientific Anatomical Circle.

— Poznań Section

(chairman — prof. S. Godynicki): optic nerve development in embryos and early human fetuses, development of menisci of knee joint in human prenatal period, metrical properties and the number of muscle spindles in oblique muscles of eyeball in man, development of venous valves in saphenous vein in human fetuses.

— Szczecin Section

(chairman — dr E. Tomasik): the Canadian model of physicians' education, perfusional scintigraphy of coronary disease, factors which modify de- and

remineralisation of teeth enamel processes in the aspect of susceptibility of caries.

— Warszawa Section

(chairman — prof. B. Ciszek): *ubiquitine*-dependent *proteasoms*' and proteins' degradation, valvular foramen in man and other species of mammals; anatomy of rotators' conus, ultrastructural studies of

lutein cells in female pregnant rats in hypokinetic conditions; comparison of values of preserved tendon graft and carbon fibres in a tendon injury treatment, morphometry of vertebro-basal system and connection with cerebral passage.

— Wrocław Section

(chairman — prof. M. Zabel): report not received.