



From the Editors

“Klio. Journal of Polish and World History” was published for the first time in November 2001. We are proud to announce this on the cover of each subsequent volume. Over the past nineteen years, we have published over 50 volumes of the journal, which means more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, dozens of source editions, dozens of review articles and reviews, countless bibliographic notes and communications concerning the most important and interesting scientific events taking place in Poland and abroad. Over the years, we have changed the editorial team, the cover design, and the list of chapters. We have discussed the frequency of publications, deciding in 2011 to take a risky step, thanks to which we can publish four volumes of “Klio” a year. We have introduced an open electronic publishing process support system. We have made an effort to provide the worldwide recognition of our publications, giving all texts DOI identifiers, adding abstracts, titles and keywords in English. We strive for the availability of our texts by publishing all volumes in open access and placing them in international indexing databases, including the ERIH Plus or the Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities. We continue to develop for our authors and readers. This is important because we are convinced that it is only way to provide a comfortable and professional space for the exchange of thoughts to everyone interested in our publications.

Planning the editorial work for “Klio” many years ago, we decided to cooperate with authors who are open to a wide reflection in the field of historical sciences. We decided to present texts written by experts dealing with the history of medicine, history of philosophy, history of the press and auxiliary sciences of history. We make sure that the quarterly is a general history magazine, which means that we present research results of interest to historians dealing with the history of different periods, didactics or methodologists of history. This approach allows us to reach a wide range of scholars and responds to the needs of the community of Polish and foreign historians. This strategy also allows for a lively scientific debate in the field of history. We managed to develop such a direction in cooperation with the international scientific council of the journal, which includes historians from the most important scientific centres in Europe.

The effect of our publishing strategy is a constantly growing interest in publications in “Klio” both among readers and scholars who entrust us with the results of their inquiries, knowing that the publication of an article in our magazine guarantees that these findings will reach a wide scientific circulation. “Klio” continues to receive invariably high notes in subsequent parametric assessments. For many years, “Klio” has received high scores as a result of assessments carried out by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. For years, we have been at the forefront of journals indexed in the Index Copernicus database. We also make sure that our authors are present in the international debate, and for this purpose we put “Klio” in the BazHum, CEJSH, CEEOL databases and, above all, in the ERIH Plus, which was to be – in accordance with the declarations of the Ministry – the basis for obtaining a higher parametric rating. We plan our next steps: we are waiting for being admitted to the DOAJ database and for being recognized by the international COPE Council as “Klio” meets the highest ethical standards set for scientific journals, which is the result of a restrictive review process, including double-blind review. In 2021 the next stage of our activity shall be the preparation of an application aimed at including “Klio” in the SCOPUS database. This will be possible thanks to the financial support from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education as part of the scientific journals support program obtained in 2019.

We present you a special issue of our journal – a supplement containing a review of the most interesting papers that we have had the opportunity to publish so far. We decided to translate them into English so that they would be more easily available to researchers who do not speak Polish. This volume is complemented by an article summarizing the work of Polish historians in the recent decades, so that texts published in “Klio” can be placed against a broad comparative background. The growing interest of scholars means that the next volumes are already planned and will be published in accordance with the publishing plan, presenting the most important findings of recent research in the field of historical sciences. We have made this commitment and we will certainly not disappoint the trust our authors place in us. Thank you for your interest. We invite all of you to read the journal and to continue our cooperation. It will be a reward and great honour for us, and it shall confirm the validity of our previous activities.

The Editorial Team of “Klio. Journal of Polish and World History”

