



Dear Colleagues and Readers,

Few endocrinology journals exist in the world that can boast such a long history as *Endokrynologia Polska*. Our journal has just turned sixty, and we celebrated this occasion at the end of last year in Mikołajki.

Our journal was founded in 1949, at a difficult time for Polish science, by Prof. Artur Ber, the first editor-in-chief until 1957. In the subsequent years the scientific image of the journal was shaped by the following editors-in chief:

Prof. Kazimierz Dux	1958
Prof. Tadeusz Pawlikowski	1959–1975
Prof. Maciej Gembicki	1976–1981
Prof. Zbigniew Szybiński	1982–1993
Prof. Janusz Nauman	1994–1999
Prof. Andrzej Lewiński	2000–2002
Prof. Stefan Zgliczyński	2003–2005
Prof. Beata Kos-Kudła	2006–present

When looking at the past issues of *Endokrynologia Polska* we can follow through how this field of medicine was developing over the years in our country. Our journal has always been the principal body of the Polish Society of Endocrinology, which is why reading the back issues is such an amazing and educational experience.

Our journal is a record of the history of endocrinology in Poland which was being made by our mentors and is now being made by us. The most important elements in these creative efforts are the Authors of the manuscripts whom we wish to thank for their contribution. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Scientific Board and the Reviewers for the meticulous evaluation of the manuscripts, whose quality proves the high standard of our journal.

Our desire is to be commendable continuators of the 60 years of our journal's achievements. We have decided to celebrate this anniversary by inviting Polish clinical and experimental endocrinology centres to present their papers. Many have accepted our invitation and their papers have been published in this Jubilee Issue. We have included brief characteristics of these centres in order to facilitate our collaboration, bearing in mind the future development of *Endokrynologia Polska*.

We would like our journal to be the best and meet our Reader's expectations.

On the occasion of our common Jubilee, we would also like to wish you all the best in the coming years of publication of our journal.

On behalf of the Editors

Beata Kos-Kudła



Participants of the sixtieth anniversary of *Endokrynologia Polska* celebration in Mikołajki