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Editorial



Dear Readers

This is the final issue of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* I have edited as Editor-in-Chief. I have started in 2002 and now it is time to finish my editorial work. It has been an honour and privilege to serve in this position for so many years and to see the growth of citation index, impact factor, article downloads, and overall increase in stature of the journal. It has also been an education for me in many ways.

Over the last 15 years, the journal has changed considerably. Ten years ago we have started to publish in English and initially only original papers. Since 2014, the journal has been published by Elsevier and its “internationalization” process has accelerated considerably. In last several years, the number of submissions from outside Poland and the participation of non-Polish reviewers have significantly increased.

I thank all the past and present presidents and the members of the Board of the Polish Society of Neurology, who have supported me throughout all these years in effort to improve the quality and internationalization of the journal. I would like also to thank all topic editors in neurology and neurosurgery, as well as all Board members of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* and all reviewers for their contributing to improvement the quality of the journal.

Last but not least I would like to thank all authors who showed a lot of patience while waiting for reviews and then improving their work according to the reviewers' suggestion. I hope it paid off.

Dr. Zbigniew K. Wszolek, Professor of Neurology in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, will be taking over as Editor-in-Chief in January 2018. Prof. Wszolek is on the Thomson-Reuters list of “The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015, 2016”. He will be assisted by Professor Jaroslaw Slawek from the Medical University of Gdansk. I know that the journal is indeed in very good hands.

My best wishes to the new Editors-in-Chief and their new team, and again thank you very much to all supporters and readers of the *Polish Neurology and Neurosurgery*.

With kind regards,
Andrzej Szczudlik

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