

## FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers,

General Meeting of Delegates of the Polish Psychiatric Association held on 27.09.2016 in Warsaw was the most important event of recent times. Information on the newly elected authorities of the Polish Psychiatric Association is available on the website of the Association. The General Meeting adopted the report of the Editorial/Publishing Committee, including a report on the activities of the editors of *Psychiatria Polska*. We hope that we will also not disappoint our Readers in the coming years!

Several papers of the current issue of our journal address problems related to violence (including sexual violence). Psychiatrists try to understand this dramatic, socially and psychologically, phenomenon monitoring both the various aspects of mental health of victims (e.g., the development of substance abuse, or the risk of bipolar disorder), and perpetrators (see: paper on cognitive distortions written by F. Szumski et al.). Here it is worth mentioning important works published in previous issues of *Psychiatria Polska*: analysis of studies of sex offenders against minors [1] and the review of the literature on pedophilia [2]. The phenomenon of pedophilia and sexual crime is a challenge not only for psychiatrists and psychologists, but also for lawyers. The question is how to prevent this type of dramatic events. Not all legislative proposals are relevant from the point of view of their effectiveness and the public interest. A very interesting paper written by F. Szumski et al., published in this year's third issue of *Psychiatria Polska*, refers to this problem [3].

The issue of sexual abuse is related to trauma and PTSD. Several interesting papers are devoted to these issues. Two parts of the discussion on post-war studies of posttraumatic stress complete the series devoted to the historical contribution of the Jagiellonian University to the development of knowledge about the "war neuroses" (see: [4]). Here it is also worth mentioning a review article devoted to the history of trauma and post-traumatic disorders in the literature [5]. The problem of PTSD affects survivors of wars (M. Lis-Turlejska), but also today victims of terrorist attacks; you can read about it in the work of Italian authors. We recommend the papers about cognitive therapy for PTSD [6] and neurobiological aspects of the disorder to all interested Readers [7].

Another thematic area of this issue applies to aging patients. M. Basińska et al. describe young-old and very-old patients' expectations of the doctor as well as their mental state. A. Antosik-Wójcińska et al. analyze the efficacy of ECT in this population compared to patients before 60 years of age. With regard to population of aging patients, diagnostics of cognitive impairment remains a challenge. Here we would like to draw your attention to a paper on research tools – MoCA compared to MMSE. On this occasion, we remind you that a paper devoted to another tool – SLUMS – was published in the issue 2/2016 of

Psychiatria Polska [8]. In 2015, two texts were also devoted to the effectiveness of ECT [9, 10].

At the end we would like to say farewell to prof. dr hab. n. med. Hanna Jaklewicz, an eminent child and youth psychiatrist, a pioneer in this field in Poland, wonderful clinician, scientist and didactician, who passed away in September.

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