

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present this issue of *Psychiatria Polska*, and we are confident that you will find it an interesting read. The opening article by Professor Paweł Wójciak and Professor Filip Rybakowski will immerse you in a fascinating world of investigations into the evolutionary aspects of schizophrenia. Why does the mere 1.5% of our genome that distinguishes us from our closest genetic relatives, chimpanzees, mean that we, as a species, are dealing with this issue? Is this a byproduct of evolution, or a kind of ‘advantage’? These are just two of the many issues raised by the authors. We would like to remind you here of the work on the evolutionary aspects of bipolar disorder [1]. In the next article, Jan Barański addresses the issue of schizophrenia not from an evolutionary perspective, but from a revolutionary one, specifically by addressing the application of artificial intelligence in the treatment of this disorder.

An example of a case study – always of interest to practitioners – is a work by Przemysław Łukasiewicz, which combines the issues of addiction and sexuality. Interested readers can also refer to an earlier article by Marta Dora and Bartłomiej Dobroczyński on the phenomenon of chemsex [2].

In this issue, you will also find articles on patients with depression – the functional capacity of elderly patients, depressive symptoms in cancer patients, ketamine in the treatment of depression, and finally, the unfortunately still extremely relevant issue of stigmatization of people with mental illness.

The following articles are also interdisciplinary in nature, addressing the issue of psychological functioning and symptoms of anxiety and stress in patients with proliferative disease of the hematopoietic system, celiac disease, and polycystic ovary syndrome (we also recommend [3]).

At the same time, as previously announced, we would like to remind you that changes to the publishing regulations in *Psychiatria Polska* are imminent. At the end of September, we will no longer accept online-first submissions. Please monitor the section Guide for Authors for updates.

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Dear Readers,

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Professor Jules Angst, the greatest contemporary researcher of affective disorders, on May 15th at the age of 100.

Professor Angst made a huge contribution to the modern classification of affective disorders, including being one of the creators of the division into unipolar and bipolar affective disorders, the author of diagnostic units such as short-term recurrent depression, and a proponent of 'unipolar mania'. At the same time, he was a great friend of Polish psychiatry. He participated in numerous congresses of the Polish Psychiatric Association and was a mentor for our major national TRES-DEP project, which included centers in Krakow, Poznan, and Wroclaw. In 2014, he lectured at the Poznan conference *Neurology and Neuropsychiatry. 2014 Update* and was a guest at the home of Professor J. Rybakowski. In 2016, during the celebration marking his 90th birthday in Zurich, Professor Rybakowski presented him with the Polish version of the HCL-33 scale, developed by centers in Krakow and Poznan and published in our journal.



The passing of Professor Angst is a significant event in the history of modern psychiatry, as it marks the loss of a great master in the study of affective disorders.

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