Dear Readers

The beginning of summer is always hot for Editors – every year at this time we look forward to a new Impact Factor score. This time the outcome was extremely successful for us – 1.01 points for 2016. We sincerely thank all Authors and Reviewers. We were able to get the higher IF only owing to better articles that we have the honor and pleasure to publish. Special thanks to all the Colleagues who do not forget to quote Psychiatria Polska while sending their texts to other journals. Raising bibliometric indicators is our common work, our common effort! As a result, the work of Polish authors can be better known in the world and the high level of publications can be a model and incentive for young clinicians interested in scientific work. On behalf of the Editors, we assure you that we will continue to strive to make the journal more and more attractive to both Readers and potential Authors.

The current issue of Psychiatria Polska includes articles on both psychotherapeutic and biological topics. Psychiatry could not exist without both of these areas, just as understanding and treating a patient cannot be limited to a psycho-social dimension or to a biological dimension.

In their article, Janusz Heitzman and Inga Markiewicz discuss significant issues regarding funding principles and the related quality of treatment in forensic psychiatry as well as the threat to public safety.

Referring to a text on the effects of short-term group psychodynamic psychotherapy on patients' personality traits, written by Adrian Sieradzki et al., we would like to recall previously published articles on similar topics [1-3]. Persons interested in psychotherapy will certainly be curious to find out about the recovery of memories in clinical practice or patient's experience in the course of treatment.

Some important papers deal with cognitive and linguistic functions as an important psychopathological dimension in mental disorders. In Psychiatria Polska, attention to this issue was paid in relation to schizophrenia [4], depression [5] and bipolar affective disorder [6]. The cerebellum, traditionally associated with the coordination of the motor system, is involved in the regulation of linguistic and cognitive functions. Anna Starowicz-Filip et al. discuss this topic. In recent years cerebellum has turned out to be a very fascinating structure for psychiatry. More and more studies show its role in regulating affective reactions. Cerebellar damage can lead to emotional dysregulation, which is part of Cerebellar cognitive affective syndrome [7].

Cognitive disorders in schizophrenia and their structural correlates are an important area of research. This subject is addressed by Marta Gawłowska-Sawosz et al., who continue the research on the early onset of schizophrenic psychosis [8]. Perhaps studies of brain structures will become useful in the future in the diagnosis of psychosis and the identification of risk groups.

The summer issue of Psychiatria Polska closes with a historical article devoted to the first Polish medical institution using psychoanalysis. This is a continuation of the whole cycle of works on the origins of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy in our country [9–13]. As usual, we wish you a pleasant and fruitful reading!

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