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TWENTY YEARS OF PROSPECTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES: RECENT CHANGES

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ABSTRACT

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1. Introduction

Prospects in Pharmaceutical Sciences enters its 21st year of publication. The Journal was founded by Dr. Andrzej Zimniak in the early 2003 to offer a platform for Warsaw pharmacists and pharmacologists to disseminate their research. The first article published in our journal, then known as the Bulletin of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical Academy of Warsaw (Biuletyn Wydziału Farmaceutycznego Akademii Medycznej w Warszawie), authored by Zofia Suchocka came to light on the 4th of August 2003 [1]. The Journal celebrates not only its 20th anniversary, but also the indexing in Journal Citation Reports, getting its first ever Impact Factor for the year 2022.

In January 2022 the Journal Editorial Team has been refreshed, and since then is led by the Editor-in-Chief Łukasz Szeleszczuk, his Deputy Editor-in-Chief Andrzej Patyra and Senior Editors, namely, Katarzyna Zawada, Krzysztof Stępień, Anna H. Mazurek, Dariusz M. Pisklak, Maciej Dawidowski, Monika Zielińska-Pisklak and Monika Franczak-Rogowska. The Editorial Team is actively seeking to appoint new members of the Editorial Board to further internationalize the Journal.

2. Major changes

One of the priorities of the new Editorial Team was to internationalize and modernize the Journal, improving the authors, editors, reviewers, and readers experience. Thus, a new name was chosen for the Journal, known

before as the Bulletin of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University of Warsaw. We continue to be the official Journal of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University of Warsaw and commit together to the highest standards of scientific dissemination within our pages. However, we would like to highlight with this change that the Journal is not exclusive for research affiliated with one institution.

With the name change came modernization efforts. A new website was launched to facilitate navigation through important information for authors (i.e., guidelines, ethical standards, peer review process etc.). Within it an online submission system was implemented that ended the two-decade old mail-based submissions.

All previously published articles acquired digital object identifiers (DOI), which offers persistent identification for our research articles. This important step should also facilitate indexing and allow us to be included in more research databases.

A decision was also made regarding language of published articles. Previously our Journal accepted only papers written in Polish with bilingual titles and abstracts. We believe that science has no borders, thus we accept and encourage authors to submit articles in English but nevertheless articles written in Polish are still accepted.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge some legal changes that have taken place during the last year. Since the beginning of 2022 the Journal was published by the Foundation for Students and Graduates of the Medical

University of Warsaw "Kóło Medyków" but recently has been transferred directly to the Medical University of Warsaw. We would like to express our thanks to our former publisher for the service to our Journal and their institutional and financial support.

3. Indexing and Scope

The Journal is indexed in many scientific databases, including Web of Science, Index Copernicus, Embase, Google Scholar and Główna Biblioteka Lekarska. The Editorial Team strives to constantly expand this list.

Prospects in Pharmaceutical Sciences is assigned by the Polish Ministry of Education and Science to the following disciplines: pharmacology and pharmacy (302), medicinal biology (301) and biotechnology (702). However, our scope is wider as we accept manuscripts covering areas such as pharmaceutical analysis, biochemistry, biopharmacy, biotechnology, clinical pharmacy, phytochemistry, herbal medicine, pharmaceutical care, drug synthesis, pharmaceutical technology, food and nutrition and related sciences, such as pharmacoeconomics, history of pharmacy or didactics in medical professions.

4. Take home message

You are all encouraged to consider *Prospects in Pharmaceutical Sciences* for submitting your original research and reviews, as well as to contact the Editorial Team if you would like to join the Journal Editorial Board or become a reviewer on a regular basis.

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