HUMANITIES MONOGRAPH SERIES
OF THE
FOUNDATION FOR POLISH SCIENCE

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION
Foundation history

- registered in **1991** according to the law on foundations and own statute
- public benefit organization since **2005** (under law on public benefit activities)
- independent
- self – financing (endowment from the Central Fund for Science and Technology Development)
- not - for – profit
- operating on national and international level
- the biggest nongovermental organization supporting science in Poland since 1991
Finances

- initial endowment – ca 30 m USD (1991)
- in mid 2009 – total contribution to science in Poland exceeds ca 100 m euro
- spendings in 2009 – ca 15 m euro
- current assets amount ca 130 m euro
- spendings planned for 2010 – 25 m euro
FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES & MISSION
Supporting only the best, so they can become even better
Foundation principles

- **competitiveness** - open competition in all FNP programmes
- **independent peer review system** – as an essential and fundamental tool for evaluation of every submitted project proposal
- **transparency** - external financial **audit** & public annual financial and programme **reports**
- **Code of Ethics** – for FNP authorities, staff and beneficiaries
Foundation mission

- focus on young scientists
- assistance at crucial stages of scientific career
  - PhD studies
  - post doctoral training
  - gaining independence
- embrace all fields of science (including humanities & social sciences)
- support for individuals & research teams
Foundation activities

- over 20 different schemes
- more than 500 scholarships, 40 subsidies, 6 prizes, almost 40 grants per year
- support for individual scientists, research teams & laboratories
- transfer of technology
- for young scientists – START, VENTURES, MPD programmes
- for senior researchers – Foundation PRIZE, MASTER and WELCOME programmes
Some of the Foundation best known activities

- **FNP Prize** – 4 prizes for the best Polish scientists (the most prestigious individual prize in Poland – 60 000 euro)
- **MASTER programme** – academic grants for young professors (to support young scientists) – 3 years/150 000 euro
- **START programme** – scholarships for young researchers (over 150 a year) – 8 000 euro/year
Our classification of the scientific disciplines:
- Humanities + social sciences
- Life sciences
- Exact sciences
- Applications (technical sciences, etc.)
Average spending over 25% of our income for humanities and social sciences

- 2005 – 25.7%
- 2006 – 31.3%
- 2007 – 34.1%
- 2008 – 34.8%

No dedicated program but for the humanities (Monograph series)
A programme dedicated for the humanities

SEARCH QUERY

- Stipends 1 - 3 months to go abroad
- Average – 2500 euros per month
- To find source material in the specific archive which is not available in Poland (e.g. manuscripts, old books, rare documents, etc.). To finish a book or an article (in 1-2 years).
- PhD; obligatory. Not more than 6 years after getting PhD;
1. publications (including 3 kinds of Monographs)
2. search query
3. other programs are opened for any disciplines (majority of them are open for the humanities)
Publications programme

- various multi-volume works edited by research institutes documenting Poland's historical, cultural and technological heritage are published
- The Polish Biographical Dictionary
- A Dictionary of 16th Century Polish Language
- *Origines Polonorum* = serie of monographic studies presenting the origins of the Polish state, e.g. the first shape of Medieval towns.
HUMANITIES MONOGRAPH SERIES
OF THE FOUNDATION FOR POLISH
SCIENCES (OR HOW IT WORKS?)
Humanities Monograph Series
what is it all about?

- financing publication of monographs in humanities and social sciences
- established in 1994
- one of the most stable programmes of the Foundation (along with the Foundation Award and START programme)
- regular, open competition for Polish authors of the previously unpublished monographs in philosophy, history, linguistics, social sciences, etc.
- works of foreign authors which are concerned with Polish issues and have been written in the Polish language (e.g. translated) are also eligible for financing
Monographs – general information

- **124** new titles published
- **28** books translated into foreign languages
- **17** books reprinted
Selection

- books published in The FNP Humanities Monograph
- Series are selected by Editorial Board (4 distinguished professors chosen for a 4-year-term)
  
  - prof. Henryk Samsonowicz (Chair) (history; expert in Middle Ages)
  - prof. Janusz Sławiński (literary criticism; expert in poetics, literature)
  - prof. Lech Szczucki (philosophy; expert in history of ideas, anthropology)
  - prof. Marek Ziółkowski (sociology; expert in social change, politics, democratization)

- members of the Board are responsible for the peer review process

- at least 2 independent experts in the field review each proposal

- any negative opinion excludes work from the next step of procedure
Selection

- General conditions:
  - scientific excellence of a work
  - innovative hypothesis
  - original approach
  - importance of results
  - interesting subject for wider public (not only for several experts in the particular field of research)
Success rate in the Series

10%
Subjects and disciplines of monographs

- Disciplines
  - Literature: 20
  - History: 6
  - Philosophy: 26
  - Sociology: 26
  - Anthropology: 6
  - Psychology: 23
  - Law: 1
  - History of art.: 10

- Subject of monographs
  - Poland: 46
  - Europe: 20
  - Other: 6

Diagram showing the distribution of disciplines and subject of monographs.
Prizes and awards

- Over 20 monographs were nominated & awarded to:
  - KLIO Award
  - FNP Prize
  - Jan Długosz Award
  - Pióro Fredry Award
  - Minister of Education Individual Award
ATTACHED PROGRAMME

- TRANSLATIONS
  - all authors of books published in the series can apply for additional money for translating their works into any foreign language
  - open for other authors of the monographs that are related to Polish issues
  - translation of the monographs into German are to be financed by the Foundation for Polish German Cooperation (Stiftung für Deutsch–Polnische Zusammenarbeit)
  - 28 books translated to the date
Translations - statistics

Field of research of translated books

- History: 21
- Archeology: 11
- History of arts: 11
- Philosophy: 1
- Literature: 6
- Psychology: 5
- Law: 4

Language of translation

- English: 16
- German: 4
- Italian: 4
- Spanish: 2
- Russian: 1
- Ukrainian: 1

Diagram showing the distribution of translations across different fields of research and languages.
Translated monographs were published by:

Peter Lang Publishing Group

BRILL

CEDAM

Russian Academy of Sciences

il Mulino

and others ...
OPEN ACCESS
1. some books will be available soon on line in multiple version;
2. the rest of the books of the series will be available in pdf format (long term project)
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