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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 nongovernmental 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



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FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES & MISSION

Foundation mission



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*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.)

FNP FOR HUMANITIES

- 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 progrogram but for the humanities (Monograph series)

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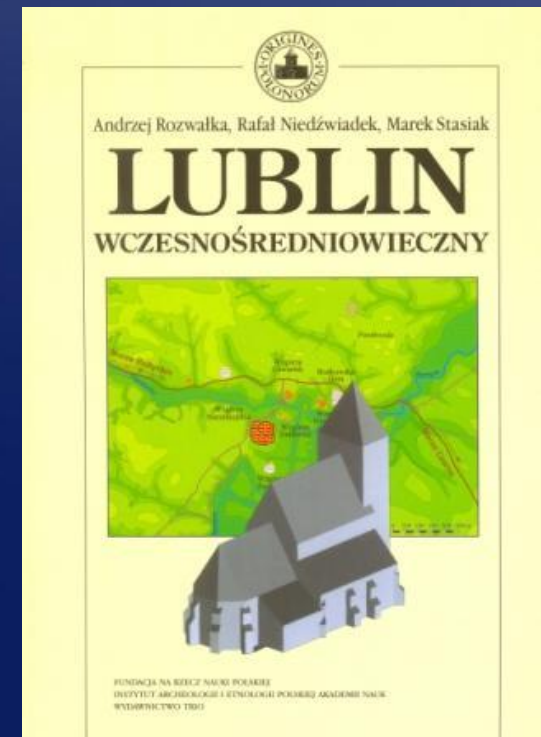
SEARCH QUERY

- 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 programmes 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.



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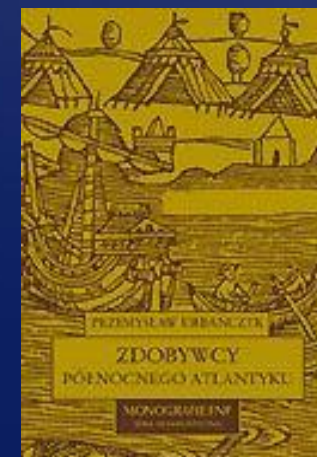
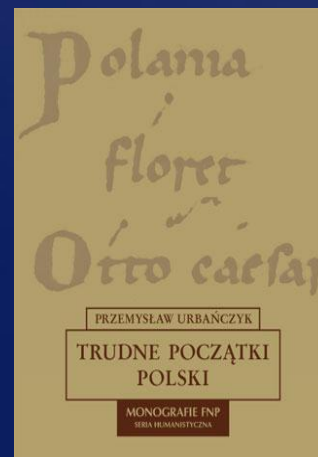
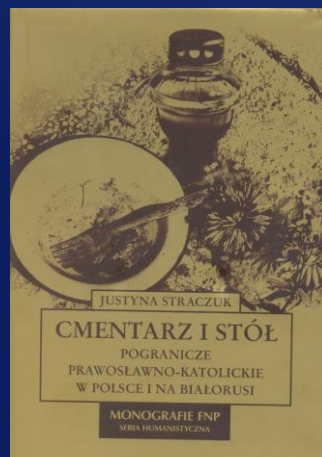
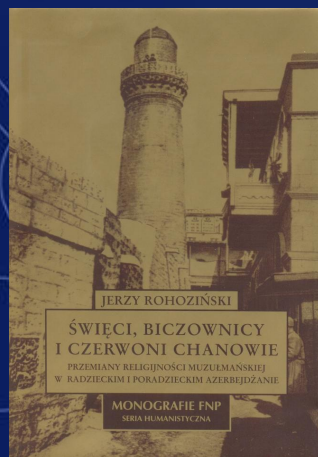
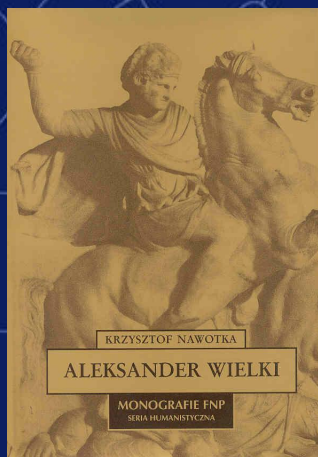
HUMANITIES MONOGRAPH SERIES OF THE FOUNDATION FOR POLISH SCIENCES (OR HOW IT WORKS?)

Humanities Monograph Series what is it all about?



Monographs – general information

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

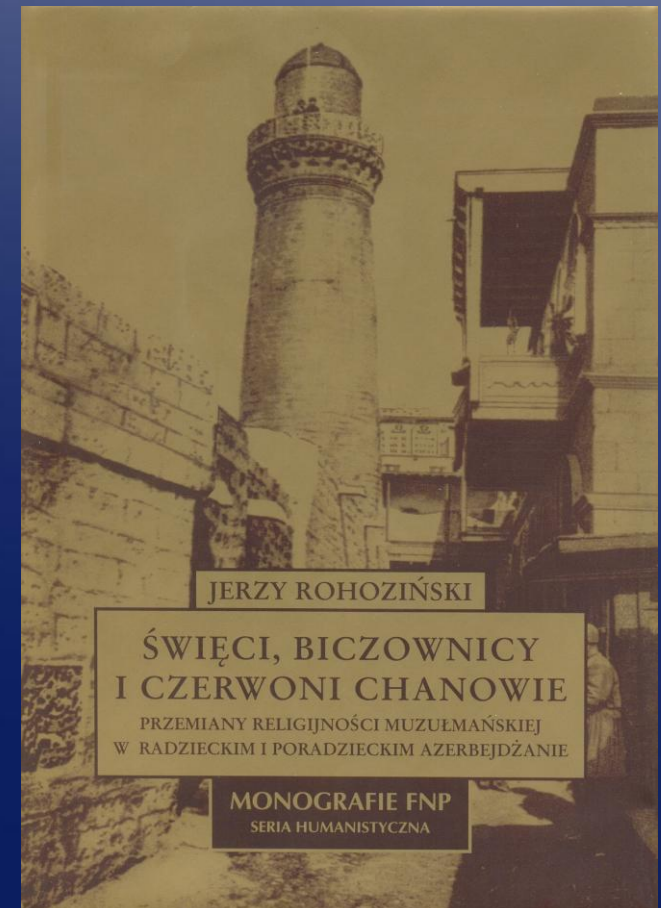


Selection

- 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 Ziótkowski (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)

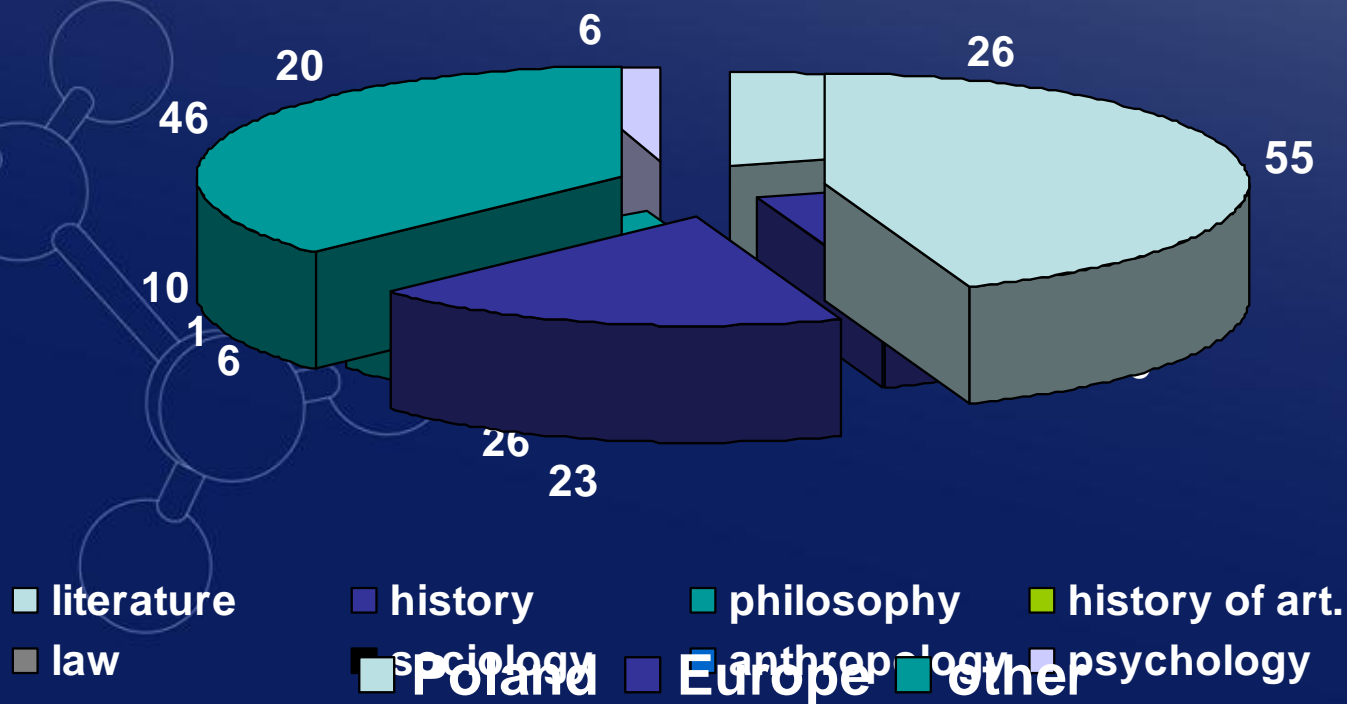


- Success rate in the Series

- 10%

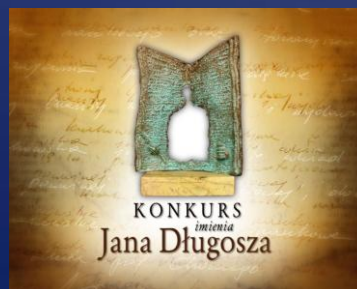
Subjects and disciplines of monographs

Subject of monographs
Disciplines



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 for Deutsch – Polnische Zusammenarbeit*)
- 28 books translated to the date

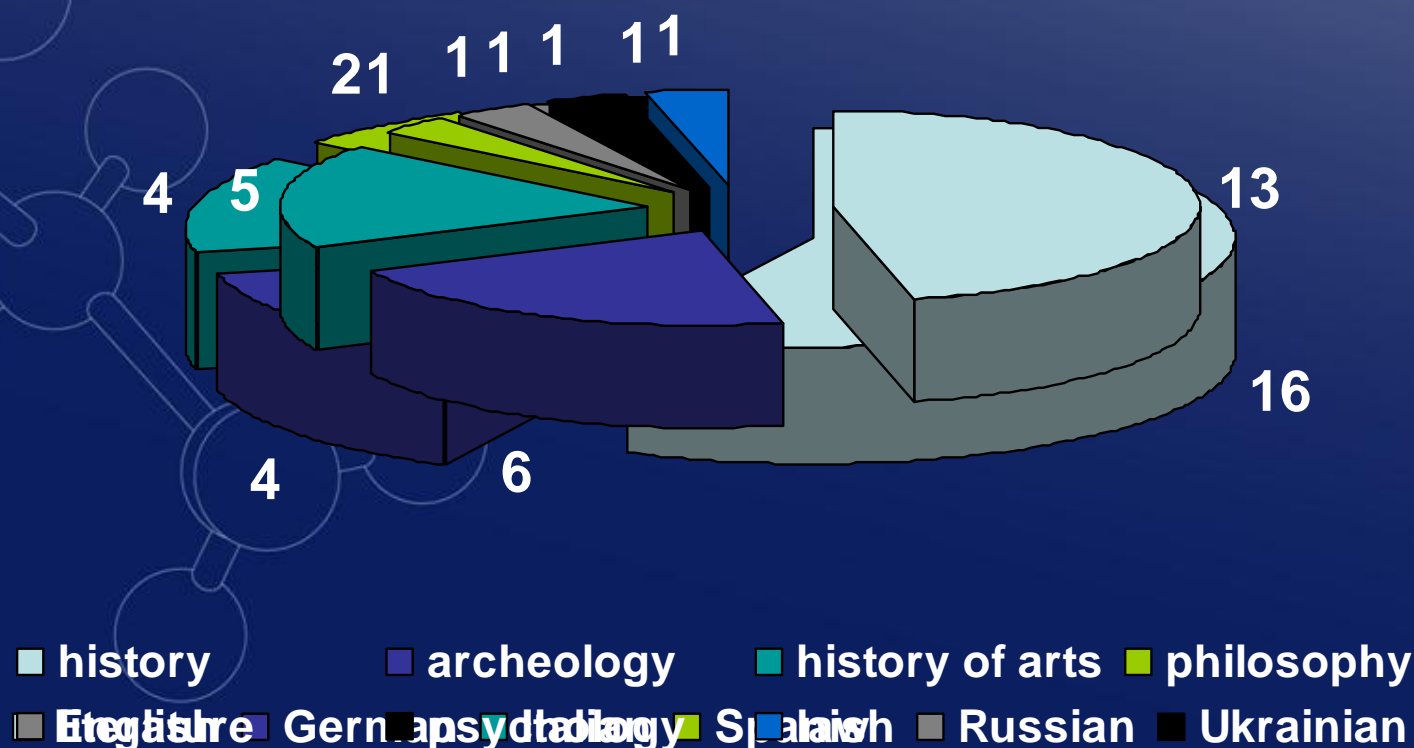


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Translations - statistics

Field of knowledge of translated books



Translations - publishers

Translated monographs were published by:



Peter Lang Publishing Group

Bern · Berlin · Bruxelles · Frankfurt am Main · New York · Oxford · Wien



Russian
Academy
of Sciences



and others ...

FOLLOW UP

- 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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