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Dear Sirs,

We would like to draw your attention to the *Wszechświat* magazine, which, although it is part of Poland's intangible cultural heritage, has been recently struggling to survive due to changes in political landscape.

*Wszechświat Pismo Przyrodnicze* (Universe) - is the longest published popular science magazine in Poland - operating **since 1882**. We work under the auspices of the Polish Copernicus Society of Naturalists (PCSN). We are proud to count **Maria Skłodowska-Curie** as one of our contributing authors (Year 1899, Vol. 18, No. 39, 609-615). As recently as 2021, we were one of the **finalists of the "Popularizer of Science 2021"** competition organized by the Science in Poland and the Polish Press Agency Foundation with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science. Over the last hundred years our journal has evolved, and is currently published quarterly in electronic form at:

[wszechswiat.ptpk.org/index.php/wszechswiat/issue/archive](https://wszechswiat.ptpk.org/index.php/wszechswiat/issue/archive).

We adhere to the principle that reliable knowledge and original scientific content is necessary for the proper development of the society especially young generation. Published articles are subject to strict peer review rules, which guarantee high quality of content.

We are the only Popular Science magazine on Polish market which publish original content from world class scientist of Polish heritage. We are not just simple "translate and publish" like so many other outfits on the market. Our mission is to spread our fascination of nature, geography and science to broader public and to popularize scientific method.

Unfortunately currently we are facing **serious financial problems**, as our magazine received no funding by the Governmental Ministry of Education and Science. This threatens our existence despite being the oldest Polish popular science magazines.

In our over 100-year long history, we interrupted publishing only three times: during the first and the second **World War** (1914-1927, 1939-1945) and during **Martial Law** decreed by communistic regime in 9 months of 1981. The recent actions of Governmental functionaries led to the

temporal discontinuation of the *Wszczęświat*'s publication in paper form and issues in maintaining the digital format.

Currently we maintain ourself through the work of "enthusiasts" - science popularizers and from various donations to the magazine's publisher, PCSN (public benefit institution). Our editorial team consists of scientists from various institutions and performs its functions honorably *pro publico bono*.

If you want to be a part of the history of science in making we invite you to **subscribe** to our journal to support our work by **donations** or by **spreading the word** about us. If some of your friends and family are of polish heritage and want to learn about "old country" **they will be grateful** to you for letting them know about us.

We hope that our magazine will find broader recognition in the eyes of the Polish community and help bring the beauty of Poland, nature and science closer to the next generations of Poles around the world.

For subscriptions check our web page:

<https://wszechswiat.ptpk.org/index.php/wszechswiat/subscriptionInfo>

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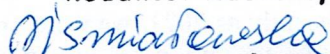
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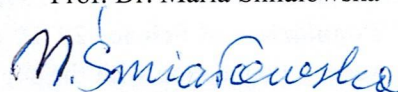
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PS. Enclosed I would like to share with you few selected articles illustrating the diversity of topics covered in the pages of our Journal.

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