



## Quo vadis Annales?

In recent years we have seen an incredibly dynamic progress in medicine which in turn caused an overwhelming increase in published experimental and clinical research papers. Many members of Medical University of Gdańsk faculty are part of this progress as their research is published in internationally renowned and high-impact journals. While these scientific achievements were published elsewhere and added to the prestige of our *Alma Mater*, we seem to have forgotten about our University's own journal. With a nearly half-century tradition, *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis* were published annually by the Medical University of Gdańsk since 1970. Establishing a medical journal was the idea of prof. Stefan Raszeja (MUG Rector of Science at the time) and was fully supported by the then-Rector of MUG prof. Marian Górski. Prof. Raszeja served as the Journal's first editor-in-chief until 1999. He was succeeded by prof. Roman Kaliszan (2000-2005) and prof. Marek Grzybiak (2006-2016).

The 47 volumes of *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis* (excluding supplements) hold numerous original research papers, review articles, case reports as well as articles about University life. Despite the increasingly higher rankings (Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Index Copernicus), the citation rate of *Annales* has steadily declined over the years. This was due to the fact that *Annales* were published in Polish and because authors chose to publish elsewhere.

This situation begs the question posed in the title of this editorial: *Quo vadis Annales?* Fortunately the newly-elected University authorities answered by deciding to reform *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis*. As a result, the Editorial Board was extended to include MUG's scientists from various fields of medical sciences, who also are on editorial boards of other journals. The decisive voice belonged to prof. Stefan Raszeja whose dream was to see *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis* listed in the Journal Citation Reports database of journals with impact factor points.

In order to achieve this dream a series of changes was implemented, starting in 2017. As a result, the 47th volume of *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis* was also its final one. The further tradition of *Annales* shall continue under a new title: *European Journal of Translational and Clinical Medicine*. This is an Open Access (Creative Commons license CC BY-SA4.0) journal with an international Advisory Board, published in English language only. The scope is broad and includes *e-Health and Epidemiology, Biobanking and Emerging Technologies for Personalized Medicine, Cardiology, Hypertension and Cardiovascular Science, Cell and Molecular Biology, Basic Science and Experimental Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Pharmacy, Bioethics and Biolaw*. Its website ([ejtcm.gumed.edu.pl](http://ejtcm.gumed.edu.pl)), contains new issues of *European Journal of Translational and Clinical Medicine* (pdf files in English) with their respective DOI numbers and full access to articles published in *Annales Academiae Medicae Gedanensis* in the years 2005-2017 (in Polish).

I hope you will consider EJCTM as the journal in which to publish your research. I look forward to working with all of you in your role as an Author, Reviewer or Board Member to bring about new achievements for our Journal. As an Editor-in-Chief, I welcome suggestions, discussions and thoughts from the authors and readers to help me further improve the EJCTM.

We look forward to your submissions.

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