

The 10th Anniversary of the Polish Communication Association (PTKS)

Developments and Challenges of Media and Communication Studies in Poland

Wrocław, Poland, April 15–26, 2017



Photo: Participants of the Conference

In April 2017 Polish Communication Association (PCA) celebrated its 10th anniversary. The conference to summarize developments and map challenges for future research was organized in Wrocław. The choice of the city was not a coincidence. PCA was founded in Wrocław; its members agreed that there's no better place to celebrate and to discuss the future of the association.

PCA was established by 38 scientists who agreed that it was absolutely essential in order to properly function and develop in their field. In 2007 association had 46 members and in 2016, after nine years, this number was noticeably higher – 241 scientists from all over the country and abroad (honorary members) decided to work together. All the members meet regularly during congresses every three years. The association is also well known abroad from its cooperation with International Communication Association (ICA) and being the initiator of the Central and Eastern European Communication and Media conference. PCA is also the publisher of *Central European Journal of Communication*.

A two-day conference (April 25–26, 2017) took place at the University of Wrocław Library, Institute of Journalism and Social Communication and the Institute of Political Science (University of Wrocław). During numerous panel sessions the participants discussed not only past achievements and present trends in media, journalism or communication studies, but also talked about the future of those fields and the place of media studies in relation with other disciplines. The conference gathered approx. 200 participants from Poland. Among the keynote speakers were also colleagues from other countries – Marian Berezhnaya (Russia), Svetlana Bodrunova (Russia), Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska (Poland), Sergey Korkonosenko (Russia), Natalia Milewska (Romania), Svetlana Pasti (Finland), Eva Połowska-Kimunguyi (UK), Lilia Raycheva (Bulgaria), Anda Rožukalne (Latvia), Gabriella Szabó (Hungary) and Jaromir Volek (Czech Republic).



Photo: Professor Walery Pisarek among the organizers of the Conference — Sandra Wolna, Julia Trzcińska, Róża Smolak, Lucyna Szot, Paulina Barczyszyn-Madziarz, Waldemar Sobera, Mateusz Bartoszewicz

It was one of the last occasions to meet the First Honorary Member of the Polish Communication Association, our mentor — Professor Walery Pisarek.

The anniversary was also a perfect occasion to spend time in less formal occasions such as the dinner after the first day of the conference, as well as other meetings in smaller groups, that proved right the thesis that Wrocław is indeed a meeting place!

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The 67th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference

Interventions: Communication Research and Practice

San Diego, USA, May 25–29, 2017



Photo: The participants of the panel: Agnieszka Hess, Agnieszka Stępińska, Dorota Piontek, Paweł Surowiec, Sven Engesser, Václav Štětka, Frank Essser

The Polish Communication Association (PCA) organized a panel “(New) Media and Political Communication in Europe” during the 67th Annual meeting of ICA in San Diego. The