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Professor Iwona Hofman at the Sorbonne

On 26 February, in one of the prestigious lecture halls of the so-called old Sorbonne in Paris, there was held a promotion of the book "Leopold Unger. L'Aigle et le reste. Et le reste. Vu de Bruxelles" compiled and edited (in the source part) by prof. dr hab. Iwona Hofman, the Head of Research Department of the Literary Institute in Paris. The promotion was in the form of a debate, the participants of which included: prof. Krzysztof Pomian (Musée de l'Europe à Bruxelles), prof. Joanna Nowicki (Prorector of Université de Cergy-Pontoise), prof. Paweł Rodak (Director of the Polish Culture Centre in Paris) and Tomasz Strożyński (a translator of the source texts) representing one of the editors of the book, i.e. the Book Territories Foundation. During the meeting, there was read a letter-voice in the discussion of Wojciech Sikora, currently the Head of the Literary Institute and Culture Society.

The debate was organized by important scientific institutions: Université Paris Sorbonne, the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Scientific Station of Paris, Centre de Civilisation Polonaise. The debate stressed the significance of "Culture" as an institution organizing the political life of the emigration after 1945 as well as magazine publishing houses and the library of the Literary Institute. The discussion was, among others, on the relationships of Jerzy Giedroyc with Juliusz Mieroszewski, Gustaw Herling-Grudziński, Unger, the phenomena of epistolography of the "Culture" circle, and also on the standards of the international journalism. The large audience that attended the debate asked about the activities of the Department headed by professor Iwona Hofman.

We would also like to inform you that prof. dr hab. Iwona Hofman, Chairman of the Polish Communication Association, was appointed Chairman of the Council for Scientific Societies at the Presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) for the term 2019–2022. According to prof. Jerzy Duszyński, President of PAN, the decision is a result of appreciation for professor Hofman's extensive scientific achievements. It is worth emphasizing that prof. dr hab. Hofman is the first woman appointed for this position. Congratulations!