



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I give you the latest issue as of the Editor-in-Chief of the “Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine, Bioengineering and Psychology” under my editorship, devoted entirely to information on various aspects of functioning of aviation medicine in the years 1928-2018, the personification of which in the last half-century is the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine (MIAM). The recollections of former MIAM employees, who have been cooperating with our magazine for many years, are aimed at recalling and retaining, if only for a moment, the important scientific and organizational events that took place in this unique scientific, research and clinical institution, which deals with important issues of health and therapeutic prophylaxis for the Polish military and civilian pilots. The articles have an in-house nature and their subject matter covers all specialties: medical, psychological and engineering, as well as some departments of the Institute. Particularly noteworthy are reminiscences of MIAM clients, whose representatives are outstanding personalities of Polish aviation in the person of general Jerzy Gotowała - former commander of the Polish Air Force and a well-known author of many books on the history of Polish aviation, and general Mirosław Hermaszewski - a pilot and the first Polish cosmonaut.

I hope that the presented historiographic material will be of interest to readers interested in aviation and space medicine and psychology in Poland, and will also be useful to historians of Polish aviation and cosmonautics in terms of flight safety and well-being. I believe that 90 years of Polish aviation medicine and psychology fits in well with the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining of independence, the creator of which, just as in the case of the establishment of Polish aviation medicine

in institutional form, was Józef Piłsudski, who on 7 January 1928, as the Minister of Military Affairs, issued an order to establish the Aviation and Medicine Research Centre, the tradition of which is continued by MIAM, as a result of further transformations¹.

Saying goodbye to our readers, I would like to thank them for their interest in the issues presented in PJAMBP, and also thank all authors who publish their scientific papers and research results in our magazine, I would like to thank them for their scientific contribution to the development of aviation and cosmic medicine and psychology.

I cordially recall professor Lech Markiewicz, former Editor-in-Chief of "Medycyna Lotnicza" and "Polski Przegląd Medycyny Lotniczej", who introduced me to the mysteries of editorial work, helpful in editing "The Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine and Psychology" and then in "The Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine, Bioengineering and Psychology".

I am very grateful for the cooperation of the professional team consisting of: Members of the Editorial Team, Scientific Council of the Magazine and the Reviewers. I would like to express my special thanks to the subsequent Editorial Secretaries: dr. Elżbieta Zakrzewska, Jacek Brzeziński, MSc., Krzysztof Łukowski, MSc. Eng. and graphic designer Izabela Szczepanik, MSc. Eng. for the good working atmosphere and professionalism.

I wish the next editor of PJAMBP, the Editorial Team and the Scientific Council further functioning of the Magazine, and the Readers many interesting and scientifically valuable reads.

Best regards,
Jan F. Terelak – Editor in Chief at PJAMBP

1 DECYZJĄ NR 49/MON MINISTRA OBRONY NARODOWEJ z dnia 24 marca 1998 r. Wojskowy Instytut Medycyny Lotniczej przejmuje i z honorem kontynuuje tradycje: 1) Centrum Badań Lekarskich Lotnictwa 1928-1936; 2) Instytutu Badań Lekarskich Lotnictwa 1936-1939; 3) Laboratorium Sanitarno-Epidemiologicznego 1945; 4) Laboratorium Fizjologii i Higieny Lotniczej 1945-1946; 5) Centralnego Ambulatorium Medycyny Lotniczej ze Szpitalem 1946-1947; 6) Centralnego Instytutu Badań Lotniczo-Lekarskich 1947-1955; 7) Wojskowego Instytutu Naukowo-Badawczego i Doświadczalnego Medycyny Lotniczej 1955-1958.