

English translation of the letter of January 19, 2024, from the Council of the Tadeusz Tomaszewski Foundation for the Development of Polish Psychology to Professor Ewa Czerniawska—President of the Board of Directors

The Council of the Tadeusz Tomaszewski Foundation for the Development of Polish Psychology highly appreciates the work of the Foundation's Board in 2023. The Board's main goal was to publicize the proceedings of the conference that was held under the aegis of the Foundation in April 2022, the organizers being Koźmiński University and the University of Warsaw's Faculty of Psychology. The conference focused on the threat of COVID-19 and the threat of climate change in the light of psychological research results. All of the Council's members appreciate the enormous effort put in by Professor Grażyna Wąsowicz, who chaired the conference and later solicited expanded texts of the conference presentations for publication. Her efforts resulted in a special issue of *Przegląd Psychologiczny* (vol. 66, No. 2), published in December 2023, the subject being "individuals' behavior in the face of threats from a psychological perspective" (Polish title: *Reakcje jednostek na zagrożenie w perspektywie psychologicznej*). This issue of *Przegląd Psychologiczny* is available under the following link: <https://czasopisma.uwm.edu.pl/index.php/pp/issue/view/525>.

The Foundation Council wishes to extend its thanks to the President of the Foundation Board of Directors as well as heartfelt congratulations to Professor Grażyna Wąsowicz, to whom we also owe the text introducing the thematic issue, a report from the conference, and one of the very important empirical texts in the issue. The papers published in the issue are available in Polish and English. They discuss the following topics:

- 1) Experience of SARS-CoV-2 virus infection and compulsory isolation during the first wave of the pandemic in Poland: A qualitative analysis (authors: Marta Mrozowicz-Wrońska, Katarzyna Ślosarczyk, Marta Koczurek);
- 2) Reactance against anti-COVID regulations: A systematic review (author: Dariusz Drażkowski);
- 3) Predictors of news media use in the COVID-19 pandemic: A brief research report (authors: Magdalena Iwanowska, Blanka Kondratowicz, Anna Maria Zawadzka);
- 4) COVID-19 pandemic and pollution of the environment: Threat perception, willingness to incur economic costs, psychological resources, and behaviors (author: Grażyna Wąsowicz).

The crowning element of this thematic issue of *Przegląd Psychologiczny* (vol. 66, No. 2) is the presentation of an abridged version (produced by Beata Krzywosz-Rynkiewicz) of the *White*

Paper on Population Health (the full version has been prepared by the Global Psychology Alliance). The challenges of today's world, such as the threat from COVID-19, threats caused by climate change, and threats posed by wars, require us to focus on mental health within a population health model. And this is precisely the model outlined in the December 2023 issue of *Przełąd Psychologiczny*. Congratulations to all the authors who contributed texts to this thematic issue.

The Council of the Tadeusz Tomaszewski Foundation for the Development of Polish Psychology (members: Professors Zofia Ratajczak, Idalia Kurcz, Janusz Reykowski and Barbara Bokus) will fully support the Foundation Board of Directors in its successive year of work. We wish the Board fruitful implementation of its plans for the benefit of psychology in Poland. Previously approved projects include work on setting up a virtual museum of psychology in Poland (in association with the Committee on Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences). The popularization of the Foundation's work and other activities compatible with the Foundation Statutes are welcome in the current year of operation.

Signed on behalf of the Foundation Council
by Prof. Zofia Ratajczak, the Council Chairperson

[Translated by B. Bokus]