

## Editorial



The 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the International Geological Congress in Florence, attended also by many geologists from Poland, provides an opportunity to present Polish geology to a wider audience. The opportunity is even more special, as it is the year of accession of the Republic of Poland to the European Union and the year of 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing the national geologic survey: the Polish Geological Institute. Thus this issue of the *Przegląd Geologiczny* (literally: Geological Review) is a special one. It is published in English, and addressed to a readership wider than usual; to geologists from all over the world. It contains papers devoted to various aspects of geology and to the problems of functioning and organizational aspects of the Polish Geological Survey. We could only present a small sample of the research activities of Polish geologists; however, we have attempted to include papers on various major subdisciplines — from fundamental geology through applied geology to environmental geology. We hope that each reader will find something of interest.

Hopefully, with this issue begins a tradition of publishing an English edition of *Przegląd Geologiczny* once each year to promote knowledge about the Polish geology among foreign scientists.

To the participants of the International Geological Congress in Florence, to whom this Special Issue of *Przegląd Geologiczny* is mainly addressed, we wish successes in their research, as their scientific achievements finally translate to economic progress or to better understanding of the planet we live on.

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