

POLISH ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

POLSKIE TOWARZYSTWO ASTRONOMICZNE (PTA)

www.pta.edu.pl

Is professional organization for astronomers

Founded in Torun on 19 February 1923 (on 450th anniversary of Nicolaus Copernicus birthday)

The main aims :

- **promotion of astronomy,**
- **support of progress in astronomical research in Poland,**
- **support of astronomical education.**

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These tasks are realized by means of:

- scientific meetings, conferences, summer schools,**
- the publication of the “Urania – Postępy Astronomii” journal and astronomical books,**
- website with news, information, education materials, and astronomical dictionary,**
- public lectures,**
- promotion of contacts and collaboration with other scientific societies.**

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Membership:

- ordinary membership is open to any person who graduated astronomy or who published at least one scientific paper in the field of astronomy,
- currently - 225 ordinary members,
- membership fee – 60 PLN (17 Euro),
- associate membership is open to any person who wishes to support the aims of PTA,
- honorary membership is open to outstanding astronomers who has a substantial contribution to the science of astronomy,
- currently 1 honorary member - professor Josef Smak.

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General Assemblies of PTA:

- **organized every 2 years,**
- **scientific sessions,**
- **lectures,**
- **education sessions,**
- **election of the PTA Board.**

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Awards by Polish Astronomical Society:

- **Young Astronomer Award** – for the best paper(-s) published by young (up to 35) astronomer in professional journal. One award every two years during the General Assembly of the PTA.
- **Włodzimierz Zonn Medal** for promotion and popularization of astronomy. One award every two years during the General Assembly of the PTA.

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Publications:

- **“Acta Astronomica”**- professional, international journal – founded by PTA in 1927. Now – independent on the PTA, published by the Copernicus Foundation for Polish Astronomy.
- **“Urania-Postępy Astronomii”** – bi-monthly journal for professional and amateur astronomers,
- **books,**
- **education materials.**

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POSTĘPY ASTRONOMII

tom LXXVIII

lipiec—sierpień

- Najjaśniejsza gwiazda — wspomnienie o Bohdanie Paczyńskim
- Cyg X-3 — najbardziej zagadkowy rentgenowski układ podwójny
- Mgławice planetarne i masy białych karłów



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tom LXXVIII

listopad—grudzień

- Obserwacje pierwszego sputuika
- Balloon090100001 — niezwykła nazwa, niezwykła gwiazda
- Pola ekstremalnie niskiej częstotliwości na powierzchni Ziemi



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Polish Astronomical Society (PTA) has close relations with Polish Amateur Astronomical Society (PTMA):

- **Organizing conferences and summer schools for students and teachers,**
- **Commonly publishing the “Urania – Postępy Astronomii” journal,**
- **Organizing education events, seminars and other actions.**

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- **Polish Astronomical Society is affiliated to the European Astronomical Society.**
- **12 polish astronomers are members of EAS.**
- **Poland is not a member of ESO, but some efforts of polish astronomers and negotiations between polish government and ESO has been started last year.**
- **Poland is not a member of ESA, but is a member of ESA PECS program since 2007.**

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Astronomical institutions in Poland:

- **Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw ~ 40 astronomers,**
- **Space Research Centre of Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw ~ 35 astronomers,**
- **Toruń Centre for Astronomy of the Nicolaus Copernicus University ~ 25 astronomers,**
- **Astronomical Observatory of the Jagiellonian University, Cracow, ~ 25 astronomers,**
- **Astronomical Observatory of the Warsaw University ~ 15 astronomers,**
- **Astronomical Observatory of the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan ~ 15 astronomers,**
- **Astronomical Institute of the University of Wroclaw ~ 20 astronomers,**
- **J.Kepler Institute of Astronomy of the University of Zielona Góra ~ 10 astronomers,**
- **Mt. Suchora Astronomical Observatory of the Cracow Pedagogical University ~ 10 astronomers.**

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Teaching of astronomy on the MSc and PhD levels:

- **Warsaw University,**
 - **Jagiellonian University, Cracow,**
 - **Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń,**
 - **Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań,**
 - **University of Wrocław,**
 - **University of Zielona Góra.**
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- **Total number of students ~ 300**

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