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# Science: Polish Perspectives (SPP) Meetup – Paris 2023

**18 June 2023** Embassy of Poland in Paris

19 June 2023

Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris

### Polonium Foundation

On June 18-19, an inspiring chapter of the Science: Polish Perspectives series unfolded in Paris, centering around the theme *Women in Science and Business*. Science: Polish Perspectives, initiated by the Polonium Foundation, stands as a global series of gatherings for the Polish scientific diaspora. This particular event drew participants from diverse realms – ranging from academia to business, the arts and diplomacy. In a unique tribute to the spirit of Maria Skłodowska-Curie, the event boasted an all-female lineup of speakers, marking a historic moment for the Polonium Foundation. Attendees were treated to a series of enlightening lectures, engaging panel discussions, hands-on workshops and insightful report, all focusing on the professional journeys and impactful contributions of women across various stages of their careers.

The collaborative effort behind the event involved key players such as the Polonium Foundation, Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris, Polish Investment and Trade Agency and the Museum of Emigration in Gdynia. The occasion was also honored with the patronage of the Embassy of Poland in Paris, where the event started with a ceremonial opening, presided over by the Consul of the Republic of Poland in France, Andrzej Szydło. The stage was then handed over to Elżbieta Wysoczańska, CEO of VISOANSKA, who shared her experiences and hurdles faced while building her business. The evening was further enriched by a captivating concert featuring the talents of Anna and Caroline Sypniewski. The meeting wrapped up with a networking session, fostering connections and providing a platform for the Polish diaspora to share experiences.

The scientific core of the event unfolded at Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris. With a nod to the legacy of Maria Skłodowska-Curie, the meeting commenced with warm welcomes from event organizers: Center Director Magdalena Sajdak, Polonium Foundation CEO Alicja Santos, Polish Investment and Trade Agency Director Agnieszka Bonnefoy and the Director of Museum of Emigration in Gdynia, Karolina Grabowicz-Matyjas. Following a thought-provoking presentation by Jolanta Światowska from the French National Centre for Scientific Research, the agenda included a panel discussion, a series of presentations merging scientific and business insights and two engaging workshops. Consistent with the previous day's format, the event concluded with a networking sessions.

Participants were also invited to partake in a *In the footsteps of Maria Skłodowska-Curie* walking tour, exploring the streets of Paris around the Sorbonne and the Curie Museum.

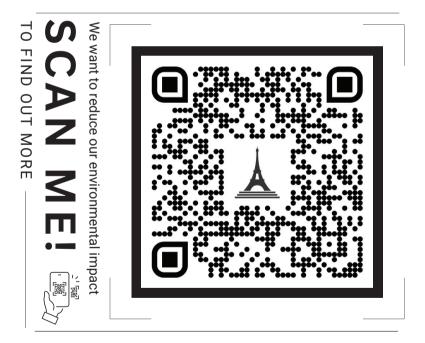
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# **SCIENCE: POLISH PERSPECTIVES**

# **Meetup Paris**

18-19 June 2023

Come and join Polonium Foundation in the "City of Lights" for an empowering event on Women in Science and Business!









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### **№ PROGRAMME**

# Sunday, June 18th, 09:30 - 12:00

In the footsteps of Maria Sklodowska-Curie: guided tour followed by picnic

# Sunday, June 18th, 17:30 - 22:00

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in France 57 rue Saint-Dominique, 75007, Paris, France

17:30-18:00 Arrival at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in France 18:00-18:10 Welcome Remarks Andrzej Szydło, Consul of the Republic of Poland in France 18:10-19:00 **KEYNOTE** Elżbieta Wysoczańska, CEO, Visoanska, France Interviewed by Julie Dobiecki, Head of Media Relations, HEC Paris Business School, France 19:00-19:45 Concert Anna and Caroline Sypniewski (Viola/Cello duet), France Introduced by Danuta Pieter, General Delegate of the Fondation Gautier Capuçon, France

Networking Event

19:45-22:00

## Monday, June 19th, 8:30 – 17:20

Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Center in Paris, 74 Rue Lauriston, 75116, Paris, France

8:30–9:30 Registration at the venue and welcome networking

coffee

9:30–10:00 Official Event Opening

Welcome message from:

Alicja Santos, President and CEO of Polonium

Foundation, Poland

Magdalena Sajdak, Director of Polish Academy of Sciences – Scientific Center in Paris, France

Agnieszka Bonnefoy, Head of Polish Investment

and Trade Agency, Paris, France

Karolina Grabowicz-Matyjas, Director of Emigration

Museum in Gdynia, Poland

10:00-10:45 KEYNOTE

Jolanta Światowska, Director of Research, French National Centre for Scientific Research, France

10:45–11:45 Discussion Panel

Female gaze: careers in science and entrepreneurship Moderated by Danuta Pieter, CEO, Danuta Pieter

Impact Advisory, France

Natalia Bielczyk, CEO, Ontology of Value, Netherlands Magdalena Kulczycka, Director, BioForum, Poland Małgorzata Patok, Founder of Cabinet Patok, France

11:45–13:15 Lunch and Coffee Break, Group Photo

13:15-14:30 Talk Session: Women in Academia Katarzyna Siudeja, ERC Starting Grant Recipient, Homeostasis and ageing of somatic cells, Paris-Saclay, France Veronika Smutná, Clinical Scientist, Oncology Early Phase Clinical Development, Laboratoires Servier, France Aleksandra Deczkowska, ERC Starting Grant Recipient, Brain-immune communication, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France Coffee Break 14:30-14:45 14:45-15:30 Workshop: Re-searched PhD careers: bridging academia with society Ewa Złotek-Złotkiewicz, Nantes, France 15:30-15:45 Women and Men in Science Report Monika Kaczmarek, National Science Centre, Poland 15:45-16:00 Femigration. Report on highly qualified Polish women abroad Karolina Grabowicz-Matyjas, Emigration Museum in Gdynia, Poland Coffee Break 16:00-16:15 16:15-17:00 Workshop: *How does your brain work to make career* choices? Discover the neuroscience of decision making Sandrine Duverne, Consultant and Researcher, CreaCog, France 17:00-17:10 Introduction to Polonium Network & Polonium Mentoring Malgorzata Gazda, Science Team Lead at Polonium Foundation Anna Sobocińska, Mentoring Team Lead at Polonium Foundation

17:10–17:20 Closing remarks

Patrycja Mulica, Partnership Team Lead at Polonium

Foundation

Anna Nawrocka, SPP Paris Coordinator, Science Team

Officer at Polonium Foundation

19:00–22:00 Informal Networking Evening

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