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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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Meetup Paris
18-19 June 2023

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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
- 19:45–22:00 Networking Event

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
- 14:30–14:45 Coffee Break
- 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
- 16:00–16:15 Coffee Break
- 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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