

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

Polish scientists and scholars in Europe:

legacy and the present

Agenda

09:30 – 10:00 - Registration and welcoming coffee

10:00 – 10:20 - **Opening remarks**

- prof. Aldona Katarzyna Jankowska, Director of PAS Scientific Center in Paris
- Tomasz Poprawka, PhD, Director of Polish Science Contact Agency "PolSCA" in Brussels

10:20 - 12:00 - **Lightning session**

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch

13:00 - 14:15 - **Panel Session**

14:15 - 14:30 - Closing remarks

14:30 – 16:30 - Networking

Invited speakers

- **Prof. Paweł Olko**, Institute of Nuclear Physics PAS - expert in medical physics and radiation dosimetry.
- **Prof. Monika Kusiak**, Institute of Geophysics PAS - geochemist and polar explorer focused on isotope geochemistry.
- **Prof. Maciej Górny**, Institute of History PAS - historian specializing in East Central Europe and intellectual history.
- **Prof. Janusz Lewiński**, Institute of Physical Chemistry PAS - chemist known for his work in mechanochemistry and advanced materials.
- **Prof. Andrzej Gamian**, Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy PAS - biochemist and immunologist, specializing in research on vaccines and bacterial antigens.

Lightening session: The Giants of the Present Day

This segment of the program will feature short, 15-minute presentations by leading researchers from institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Each speaker will showcase the core focus and impact of their current research, highlighting the diversity and excellence of Polish science today. The session aims to provide a snapshot of cutting-edge scientific work and demonstrate how contemporary Polish scholars contribute to global knowledge and innovation.

Panel: In the Footsteps of Giants - voices of the past, questions of the present

Moderator: Anna Nawrocka, PhD, Polonium Foundation

This panel explores contemporary challenges in science through the lens of reflections by iconic Polish scholars. Drawing inspiration from historical quotes, participants will discuss the international perception of Polish science, the role of scientific diplomacy, the importance of collaboration, public trust in science, and the evolving responsibilities of researchers in communicating knowledge. The conversation will also touch on the personal and philosophical dimensions of scientific work, asking how joy, curiosity, and meaning can be preserved in today's competitive research environment.

Agenda is subject to updates and alterations