90 years of the Polish Mathematical Society

IN SEARCH OF NEW GOALS
April 2, 1919: Founders of the Polish Mathematical Society in Kraków
Fostering of pure and applied mathematics
Organization of seminars and meetings
Publication of Annales de la Societe Polonaise de Mathematique

Popularization as a goal was rejected

1919: Goals of the Polish Mathematical Society Kraków
1927: First Polish Mathematical Congress in Lwów

Reprint will be published this year
Late 1930’s: PTM (counting 155 members) extends its goals. New leaders move PTM from Krakow to Warsaw

- representation of the Polish mathematical community
- Introducing of research prizes
- international relations
- extended publication program
1939-1945: 20% of PTM members died or were killed during WW2
1950's: research journals and book series moved to the newly created Polish Academy of Sciences, counting 339 members in 1952
Late 1950's: Recovery of publication activities, but *Annales de la Societe Polonaise de Mathematiques* never returned to the Society
1970's: ~ 100 Polish mathematicians traveled on boat *m/s Mazowsze* to the 1978 ICM in Helsinki. Next ICM ‘82 was held in 1983 Warsaw.
• co-foundation of EMS in Mądralin near Warsaw
• Czesław Olech and Andrzej Pelczar – vice-presidents of EMS
• Krzysztof Ciesielski – Associate Editor EMS Newsletter
• July 2-7, 2012: 6th ECM in Kraków

1990 to present: PTM’s contribution to EMS
The Goals of the Polish Mathematical Society are:

- Representing the opinions and interests of the Polish mathematical community;
- Fostering the growth of mathematical culture, including support for mathematical education and the popularization of mathematics;
- Supporting mathematical research and applications of mathematics;
- Concern for maintaining the traditions of Polish mathematics;
- Integration of the Polish mathematical community, including Polish mathematicians working abroad;
- Caring for the appropriate organization and working conditions of Polish mathematicians.

PTM became a non-profit organization.

2007: New statute of PTM
Joint Meeting between AMS and PTM
University of Warsaw, Summer 2007

Mathematical Moments
in Polish (22 posters)

2007 – 08 Collaboration with AMS
One of the statutory aims of the Polish Mathematical Society is to preserve the Polish mathematical tradition. The Internet Lexicon of Polish Mathematicians is offered with this aim in mind. The biographies, providing information on academic achievements of the people who created Polish mathematics, have been written by experts in the appropriate fields. The summaries given of academic achievements work on the assumption that the reader is trained in mathematics at least to undergraduate level.

We are making the Lexicon available at an early stage in its compilation, and for many years to come, new biographies will be added and the contents and form will be updated. The Polish Mathematical Society cordially invites anyone who wishes to contribute advice or assistance in compiling the Lexicon to write to zgptm@ptm.org.pl or simply to share their comments and offer supplementary information on the Lexicon's Discussion Forum.

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