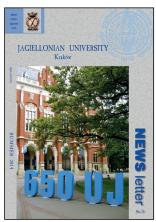
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The first issue of our Newsletter 'Summer & Autumn 1996' appeared in November 1996. In its editorial Prof. Marek Szymoński, JU Vice-Rector for International Relations, wrote that activities related to the JU international relations attracted wide interest among colleagues within JU and foreign partners. Consequently, 'well-edited and well-distributed information not only fully satisfies this expectation but may also inspire new initiatives, encouraging old ones, and thus it has a creative character.' The aim of 'Newsletter' was to provide concise information on the huge number of activities in international relations going on at JU. Prof. Szymoński hoped that 'Newsletter' would help attract new partners and stimulate new projects that should wholly enrich the academic activity of the Jagiellonian University. He counted on readers of the Newsletter to share their comments and remarks with the editor. Finally, he wished the editor and contributors 'good luck and many years of inspiring activity.

The publication of *Newsletter* coincided with the pioneering project within the framework of the study abroad programmes in Poland: opening of the School of Central and Eastern European Studies offering the first English study programmes at JU.

The first editor of *Newsletter* was Iwona Brzozowska-Guzik (1996-2005). She worked with Daniel Oxley (1997-99) and Elżbieta Ciężki (2002-2005). As she moved to the Research Programmes Office I took over the responsibility of editing *Newsletter* in 2006 and have been its editor until now.

During the 20 years of the publication of *Newsletter* its language consultants were Jackie Root, Julie Sokol, Filip Strabrowski, Scott Simpson, Stanley Krauze, Marc Szymczak, Ben Koschalka and Maja Nowak-Bończa.

The first 1996 issue was quite humble but although it was black and white and counted only 12 pages, its design was very elegant. The first graphic layout was continued to issue 28 published in autumn 2005. *Newsletter* expanded to 32 pages. Within the first ten years two special editions were prepared: No. 3 Spring

1997 dedicated to joint activities: Conference on Polish Studies in the United States organised by the State University at Buffalo, NY, the Embassy of Poland in New York and the Polish Arts Club at Buffalo, and the opening of the Polish Academic Information Centre, an interuniversity agency of the University at Buffalo and JU. The other special edition was No. 13 Autumn 2000, dedicated to the 600th Anniversary of the Re-founding of the University.

In 2006, a new layout was designed: the cover and eight pages

were colourful, the remaining 28 pages – black and white. Since 2015 our Newsletter has been published in full colour and received a new layout.

The content of our *Newsletter* has not changed a lot over the years. Particular issues focus on international activities of JU staff and students as well as international guests. We write about JU distinctions awarded to foreign academics and institutions, international conferences and seminars, visits to partner universities, concerts of international academic groups, concerts and meetings for international students at JU, international universities networks, launching of new study programmes, research projects and other initiatives (e.g. the 'Ambassador' Programme), changes in the JU structure, involvement of JU in the EU programmes: TEMPUS, SOCRATES, ERASMUS and research projects. We interview visiting professors and exchange students. Our contributors have been JU staff and students as well as foreign guests and students.

Newsletter grew with the development of internationalisation at JU. It witnessed numerous events and spectacular international careers as well as glorious anniversaries, which it promoted in the international arena. About 200 copies of Newsletter are sent to partner universities, Polish Institutes abroad, Poland's consulates in the USA and Canada, foreign consulates located in Kraków and foundations granting scholarships. Paper copies are also distributed among international students studying at JU. The electronic version is available at the JU website.

We are glad that our readers share their comments with us and make links to our articles on their profiles.

Many thanks for sending through your Newsletter. I was very moved by the article commemorating the University staff who were murdered or imprisoned during the Nazi occupation, and the continuation of the biography on Marie Curie was inspirational.

Dr Megan Power, University of Melbourne, 2012

We received your Newsletter. Congratulations! You do a great job and your university indeed offers great events.

Gabor Czech, University of Pecs, 2007

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