From the Editors

The new, 13th volume of the “Studies into the History of the Book and Book Collections” traditionally includes texts concerning historical bibliology. Its main part consists of 17 articles, two reviews included, concerning the history of the book and libraries, both in Poland and abroad. They are complemented with the Literature review, potentially interesting for the book researchers.

Closing this volume, we would like to kindly thank the Authors for their interesting texts, the Reviewers for their comments, remarks, and priceless support for the Editors, as well as the members of the Editorial Board for their cooperation enabling the best possible edition of both printed and electronic versions of the journal.

We also would like to inform you that the special volume of the “Studies into the History of the Book and Book Collections” has been prepared, focusing on the role of the book and its institution in the development and preservation of cultural heritage of the 2nd Republic of Poland.

We have been working hard for the last three years to adapt the journal to international standards of electronic publishing. Among others, we assigned DOI (digital object identifier) to our articles, we developed individual title pages for every article, and we expect our authors to add their ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID). We also strived to reach new authors and reviewers, from abroad in particular, to make the journal international, and to join the Open Access movement offering the content under the Creative Commons (CC BY-NC 4.0) license. These efforts have been recognized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, who granted the “Studies into the History of the Book and Book Collections” (agreement no. 653/P-DUN/2019) with the subsidy for foreign reviewers’ participation in the editing process; development of the English version of the publication (translation of selected articles), digitization of archive articles, together with adding Polish and English language abstracts and keywords to make them accessible in the Internet, as well as implementation and maintenance of a digital editing platform. This volume is one of the results of the aforementioned grant.

At the editors’ request, the University of Warsaw Rector will begin actions aiming at changed frequency of the journal in 2010, from the annual to quarterly. That should provide that the articles would be faster available within a scholar communication system, and reach higher citations. We believe that
all these works and efforts would allow our journal to be enrolled in the list of ranked scientific journals of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

The digital version of the “Studies into the History of the Book and Book Collections” has been the original one for a couple of years. However, regardless that as well as other planned or implemented changes we would like to ensure all of you interested in this matter, that the journal will be also published in a traditional printed version.

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