

EDITORIAL

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Abstract

This is a description of the state of the martial arts and combat sports community, our Societies (IMACSSS and IPA) and Journal, within an historical and cultural context, in 2018. It is the view from the headquarters of the IMACSSS and the IPA, and the Editorial Office. The editorial refers to international events in the martial arts environment and the content of volume 18. This article also contains references to the market situation for combat sports and martial arts scientific journals publishing on, the work of our editorial office and planned future activities.

Dear Readers

The image of Europe has been changing, Poland has been changing. We point out authentic heroes like Witold Pilecki and Jozef Pilsudski, as well as anti-heroes [cf. *Encyclopedia* 2007: 434-435; Cynarski 2017a]. So our world should approach the truth as understood in the classical way, where betrayal and crime are publicly named. This is particularly pertinent in Poland which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of regaining independence, and which leads to reflection on the heroic legacy of earlier generations.

The jubilees of the martial arts organisation mentioned in last year's *Editorial* [See: Reguli, Cynarski 2017] resulted in separate studies and publications on *aikibudo* and *kobudo* (30 years of *aikibudo* in Poland, 1987-2017), and on the Rzeszow Centre “Dojo Budokan” [Cynarski 2018a]. In 2018 in turn, 25 years have passed since the registration of Idokan Poland Association (IPA) in Rzeszow [Pawelec 2018], and also of the Polish Ju-Jitsu Association in Katowice. A study about the latter association is being prepared as an extra article for our Journal.

A discussion of the institutionalisation of the international environment for researchers, and the requisite systemic General Theory of Fighting Arts follows, which concerns various manifestations of military culture and sports culture, physical/movement culture and references to human spirituality [cf. Ames 1980; Brown, Leledaki 2010; Cynarski 2017b; Sieber, Swider 2017]. *Nota bene*, Ivo Jirasek notes [2018], that the implementation of

the religious norm of the love of people can be carried out through sport. Similarly, it may apply to practising other forms of activity and exercise, apart from sports competition.

A broad understanding of martial arts and their anthropological, theoretical approach, description and interpretation needs to take into account more dimensions than just kinesiology [Obodynski 2009]. The human spiritual dimension, in its various aspects, is already recognised by humanists from various ideological points of view [Golemski 2010]. A man cannot be reduced only to his biological sphere. The same applies to areas of human activity, such as systems of psychophysical practice, including martial arts as traditionally understood.

The forum for the exchange of knowledge on the subject of antiquity and the early beginnings of Slavdom (in our *Editorial*, 2016), which was initiated earlier, is successfully continuing. We have already published three articles in total in the journal “Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology” and there will be more to come. It is worth repeating the invitation for further discussion. One of the professors has accused the authors of practising nationalism (Scythian, Lechitic?), and the nineteenth-century ideology of Sarmatism (?). Meanwhile, the path of the scientist should be the path of truth – its discovery and display [cf. Cynarski 2018b]. Are some scientists afraid of the truth and therefore ignore the facts (research results)? In the meantime, on the other hand, there are more books promoting new knowledge about the ancestors of today's Poles and other

Europeans [cf. Kowalski 2017; Debek 2018].

Congress of IMACSSS (the 7th International Conference) in Rzeszow and the IPA 25th General Assembly Commemoration Symposium “Martial arts and combat sports in scientific research” are good examples of this institutional progress in area of martial arts sciences. In particular the Congress in Rzeszow was an important scientific event for this. When this text was being prepared, the Congress was just ahead of us. We already know that it will bring together many scholars who are seriously involved in combat sports and martial arts research. We have finally published the full-text of the *Proceedings Book on the Web of Science* from the previous Rzeszow Congress [Cynarski, Niziol 2015], from which texts are relatively often cited (in the “Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology” itself – so far – at least 6 times). Also this time we intend to prepare and index the full-text of the *Proceedings Book on the Web of Science*.

In addition, the IMACSSS Special Session (on martial arts and combat sports) was held as part of the conference of the European Association for Sociology of Sports in Bordeaux. There were also other scientific events, noteworthy for their topic or for other reasons as well as a number of interesting publications. We recommend the text: *Events, facts and comments 2018*.

The progress of our periodical [cf. Pawelec 2016] is confirmed by the statistics from scientific databases indexing scientific journals. In the Scimago ranking created by the company Scopus, we currently have the following score: SJR 2017: 0.247, CiteScore 2017: 0.80, SNIP 2017: 0.761. On the *Web of Science* it is – h-index: 5, and ICV 2016 = 111.24 in the Index Copernicus International For several years leading specialists have been saying that our Journal should have its Impact Factor calculated [Reguli, Cynarski 2017]. We do not know of a convincing reason why this has not yet happened. Meanwhile the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education is about to create a new rating system for magazines and a list of featured, higher-ranked magazines. We are hoping it will be a more fair and objective evaluation than before.

A competing magazine has been rightly punished for a large number of self-citations. It did not achieve an IF for the year 2017 [*Web of Science* 2018]. So, in the long run, blocking quotations from other magazines is not profitable. A new situation in the specialised magazines market of has arisen [cf. Gutierrez-Garcia *et al.* 2018]. Publishing the *Proceedings Book* from IMACSSS congresses in Rzeszow is also becoming a tradition (*Proceedings Book 2018* is being prepared, as has been mentioned above). In this way, we give provide opportunities to researchers in the MA & CS area. IPA and IMACSSS invite everybody to collaborate!

Volume 18 contains three texts on axiology and philosophical anthropology, their pedagogical applica-

tion (potential or applied); descriptions of the history of selected Japanese and Korean martial arts; psychological and sociological texts and two articles on sports tourism and martial arts tourism, as well as several other interesting studies. But the most empirical studies, (probably 11), deal with the issue of kinesiology as it is broadly understood, usually in conjunction with sport coaching practice. We are glad that the best of the best researchers, authors and reviewers cooperate with us including Prof. Dr Emerson Franchini and Prof. Dr Stanislaw Sterkowicz.

However, in general, it has been the subjects of sports *judo* and Olympic sports that dominated in this volume. These also prevail in the scientific discourse in the majority of periodicals published on sports, indexed on the *Web of Science* [Franchini, Gutierrez-Garcia, Izquierdo 2018; Gutierrez-Garcia *et al.* 2018; cf. Perez-Gutierrez *et al.* 2015]. Perhaps we should pay more attention to the tradition of small martial arts *dojos*, where the process of individualization of teaching takes place [cf. Druz *et al.* 2017a; Druz *et al.* 2017b; Cynarski 2018a]. In particular, goals in martial arts training are different than in competitive sports. It is enough to compare, for example, training in *wushu kung fu* and American football [cf. Brzozowski 2017; Zeng 2017]. However, building a high level of motor skills and appropriate teaching methodology may be similar [cf. Light *et al.* 2015; Cynarski, Yu, Pawelec 2017; Ivashchenko *et al.* 2017; Jennings 2017; Kriventsova *et al.* 2017; Osipov *et al.* 2017].

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Abstrakt

Jest to opis sytuacji, z kontekstem historycznym i kulturowym, społeczności sztuk walki i sportów walki, naszych Stowarzyszeń

(IMACSSS i SIP) i kwartalnika, *Anno Domini* 2018. Jest to czynione z punktu widzenia siedziby IMACSSS i Stowarzyszenia Idōkan Polska (SIP), oraz redakcji. Redakcja odnosi się do międzynarodowych wydarzeń w środowisku sztuk walki i do treści tomu 18. Artykuł zawiera również odniesienia do sytuacji na rynku czasopism naukowych publikujących na temat sportów walki i sztuk walki, efektów działania naszej redakcji i kolejnych planowanych działań.
