

REVIEW

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Abstract

The descriptions and assessments relate to events between December 2016 and December 2017, and to the latest literature, from 2015 to 2017. The contents cover scientific advancements and promotions in martial arts; awards and decorations; the admission of new members to the Idokan Poland Association (IPA); conferences and other important events (both scientific and the practising of martial arts). Similarly to previous volumes, these are followed by information on new publications and brief reviews of them. This article contains not only factual material, but also evaluation resulting from the selection of events and literature, as well as assessments of substance.

Awards / Nagrody i odznaczenia

2016, Paris, France. Dr **Roland J. Maroteaux** (FR) received the distinction – the Gold Medal of Merit Volunteer, and in 24 June 2017 the Diploma of the Gold Medal from the Academy of Arts, Sciences and Literature. Double congratulations!

Dec. 2016, Tarnow (PL). 50th anniversary of *judo* in this town. *Sensei Stanislaw Cynarski* received the Silver Badge of the Polish Judo Association.

Feb. 6, 2017, Munich (D). *Sensei Hannelore Sieber* (D) received the European Martial Arts Committee's Medal for Extraordinary Achievements in Martial Arts with the title: Professor Expert of Martial Arts.

Feb. 10, Neuffen (D). Prof. Dr **Wojciech J. Cynarski** (PL) was awarded the Erich Rahn Medal of Remembrance, the highest distinction of the Deutscher Jiu-Jitsu Ring “Erich Rahn” e.V.

April 22, Rzeszow (PL). Prof. Dr **Wojciech Zablocki** (10 dan) and Dr **Marcin Zablocki** (8 dan) received certificates for their degrees in Polish historical sabre fencing during the IPA 24th General Assembly Commemoration Symposium.

Feb. 12 and Apr. 26, 2017, Warsaw. Mr **Lech Makowiecki**, a poet and musician, received the Honorary Medal of the Custodian of Tradition, Glory and Fame of Polish Arms (from the Ministry of National Defence) and the Silver Medal of Merit for Culture *Gloria Artis*, awarded to him by the Minister Prof. Piotr Gliniski

on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. In his work the poet praises the ethos of the knight, and the heroism of soldiers, reprimanding cowards and traitors. This former *karateka* is not afraid to write the truth about the situation of Western civilization today.



Photo 1. Diploma of IPA for Prof. Lee. UR, Rzeszow (Poland) [courtesy of Dr K. Kubala]

Dec. 5, Rzeszow. Prof. Dr **Jong-Young Lee** (Suwon University, Korea) received the diploma of honour mem-

bership IPA. The diploma was prepared in 2010 and presented seven years later (photo 1).

New Science and Martial Arts Degrees / Awanse naukowe i w sztukach walki

Dr Juliusz Piwowarski (PL) – Dr *habilitated* of safety sciences, UPH in Siedlce

Mr Grzegorz Kozdras (PL) – Dr of pedagogy, at the University of Opole

Mr Dariusz Zdebel (PL) – Dr of physical culture sciences, in AWF Katowice

Mrs Lidia Kwiatkowska-Skotnicka (PL) – Master of law, Rzeszow

Giacomo S. Bertoletti (Italy) – 10 dan *jujutsu* (WJKO)

Harald Weitmann (D) – 9 dan *karate* (IPA)

Serge Charlopeau (FR) – 8 dan *aiki-jujutsu* (WTMF)

Leandro Montes-Leon (CU) – 8 dan *aiki-jujutsu* (WTMF)

Doc. Dr Zdenko Reguli (Czech Rep.) – 6 dan *aikido* Aikikai

Heiko Hofmann (D) – 6 dan Okinawa *karate*

Prof. Dr Antonio Vences de Brito (Portugal) – 4 dan *karate* (IPA)

Dr Filip Manek (Czech Rep.) – 3 dan *iaido* (WTMF)

Stanislaw Cynarski (PL) – 2 dan *kenjutsu* Katorishinto-ryu

Volker Reich (D) – 1 dan *iaido* (IPA)

New Members of IPA / Nowi członkowie SIP

Dr Lukasz Blach (PL), physical culture sciences, master class *judo* trainer 3 dan, self-defence instructor

Dr Pawel F. Nowak (PL) – physical culture sciences

Dr Piotr Markowski (PL) – electronics, speciality: microsystems and photonics, self-defence instructor / Shaolin *kung-fu*

Mr Piotr Kozak (PL) – 3 dan *karate* Kyokushin, *karate* instructor

Mrs Elzbieta Sawicka (PL) – *Signum Polonicum*

Conferences and Other Important Events / Konferencje i inne ważne wydarzenia

Dec. 3, 2016, Esslingen (D). Seminar “*Bunkai*: Deciphering *kata* and basic techniques of *karate* and their application in self-defence”. Speakers / conducting classes included: *sensei* Andree Kielholtz (8 dan *Gojuryu karate*, 7 dan *Okinawa-te*) and Bodo Blumentritt (5 dan *jujutsu-karate Yoshin-ryu*, 4 dan *Zendo karate Tai-Te-Tao*), President of DDBV.

Feb. 5-12, 2017, Munich (D). Seminar: *Martial Arts in the Context of Cultural Exchanges*, organised in cooperation between DDBV and IPA. It was a meeting of experts

from a number of organisations. Practical workshops included teaching *jujutsu*, *karate* & self-defence (Lothar Sieber 10 dan, Hannelore Sieber 9 dan), *ido* and *iaido* (W.J. Cynarski 10 dan).

April 8, 2017, Lodz (PL). I Nationwide Scientific Conference “Inoculation of Japanese culture in Poland; social, educational and philosophical dimension of martial arts”. Prof. W.J. Cynarski was invited as a keynote speaker with the lecture: *Towards a general theory of martial arts and methods of fighting*. He was also president of the Scientific Committee. The 18 speakers included. Dr A. Krzyzanowski (7 dan *karate*), Mr D. Bajkowski (7 dan *karate*), R.J. Krac (5 dan *aikido*, 4 dan *iaido*), W. Malecki (4 dan *kendo*) – advanced practitioners of martial arts.

April 20-21, 2017 Rzeszow (PL). *Tourism and regional development – opportunities, challenges, prospects*. The Faculty of PE organised an interesting conference at the University of Rzeszow, Prof. Cynarski was a chairman of the Panel of Experts, and lectures or papers were presented, among others, by W. Alejziak, B. Sawicki and A. Niezgoda.

April 22, 2017, Rzeszow. The IPA 24th General Assembly Commemoration Symposium “Martial arts and combat sports in scientific research” was held under the umbrella of the President of IMACSSS and the Dean of the PE Faculty at the University of Rzeszow. The main subject was Polish historical sabre fencing. 11 papers were presented during sessions and workshops including those by Z. Sawicki, M. Zablocki and G. Szajna, members of the Committee of Fencing, IPA.

June 14-17, 2017, Prague. The 14th EASS Conference: “The Values of Sport: Between tradition and (post) modernity”, and the IMACSSS Special Session: “Values in Combat Sports and Martial Arts”. Specialists including T. Kitamura, J. Parry, J.H. Yu, G. Jennings, and W.J. Cynarski (who was chairman of the Session) met at the Faculty of PE and Sport at Charles University. Active participants (photo 2) received certificates of participation from IMACSSS.

June 29-30, 2017, Taekwondowon in Muju (Korea). The 6th International Symposium for Taekwondo Studies, “Global Education for a Better Taekwondo”. Members of the Scientific Committee and invited speakers included: Dr Ronald Dziwenka (Canada), Dr Allan Back (USA) and Prof. Dr W.J. Cynarski. The president of IMACSSS presented the paper: *Taekwondo and Korean Martial Arts in Idokan Poland Association's Research (1993-2016): A Review*, and was a chairman of the Session: *Sociology, pedagogy, psychology*. The organisers of this interesting scientific event were Prof. Dr Jong Kook Song (president of the International Association for Taekwondo Research) and Dr John Johnson from Kyung Hee University.



Photo 2. Active participants at the IMACSSS Special Session in Prague [courtesy of Dr I. Parry Martinkova].

July 23-29, 2017, Wladyslawowo (PL). 25th Summer School/Camp Idokan Poland. Prof Cynarski was the master-teacher during the workshops: 1) Technical forms of Nihon-den *karatedo* and Idokan/Zendo *karate* till 2 dan; 2) IPA programme of teaching *jujutsu* and *goshin-jutsu* 4-1 kyu; 3) Methodology in *kobudo* and *iaido* for advanced students. Some participants received their next, higher degrees in *karate* and *jujutsu* after examination.

September 6-8, 2017 Osaka (Japan). 2017 International Budo Conference / 6th International IMACSSS Conference / Japanese Academy of Budo 50th Anniversary Conference.

Invited keynote speakers included: Zdenko Reguli (Czech Rep.), W.J. Cynarski (Poland), Andrea Molle (USA), Andreas Niehaus (Belgium), and David K. Groff (Japan). Papers should be published in the “Research Journal of Budo”.

Oct. 12-14, 2017 Sankt Petersburg (Russia). 8th International Scientific Congress “Sport, People and Health”: “Unity of the Olympic Movement. Preservation of ethical values of world sport”. Among invited keynote speakers / honour guests were Prof. Dr W.J. Cynarski (IMACSSS) who presented two lectures, Dr Uri Schaefer (ICSSPE), and Prof. Dr Milan Zvan (European University Sports Association). The co-organiser of the Congress was the International Sambo Federation. The emphasis was mainly on the issues of: 1) sports ethics; 2) martial arts and combat sports.

IMACSSS and IPA were represented by Prof. Cynarski, Dr K. Kubala and Dr P. Swider (photo 3).

Nov. 10-12, 2017 Rzeszow (PL). “National Meetings of the Globetrotters, Tramps and Tourists” took place again. This cyclical symposium has been organised since 1985. It is supported by the city authorities and the University of Rzeszow.

Nov. 27-29, 2017 Jaroslaw (PL). International Scientific Conference “Unity in diversity. Intercultural education in the common area of the Polish-Slovak borderland”. One of experts of the Programme Interreg V-A Poland-Slovakia 2014-2020, and lecturer (lecture on “Intercultural education through participation in physical culture: sport, tourism, and martial arts”), was the President of IPA. There were interesting papers on cultural identity (by Dr hab. Witold Ostafinski from Jaroslaw) and the utopia of multiculturalism (by Doc. Dr Alicja Petrasova from Presov).

Dec. 2, 2017 Wroclaw (PL). II Wroclaw Congress of Chinese Martial Arts and Conference: “Traditional and contemporary faces of Asian martial arts and sports. Culture, education, sport” (photo 4). Among the participants were: Prof. Adam Jezierski (Rector of the University of Wroclaw), Prof. W.J. Cynarski (as president of the Scientific Committee), Prof. Wang Hu (from China) and Dr Stefania Skowron-Markowska,



Photo 3. Three Poles at the Congress in St. Petersburg ‘2017 – from the left: Dr Krzysztof Kubala, Prof. W.J. Cynarski, Dr Pawel Swider [courtesy of Mr Denis A. Szeglow].



Photo 4. A group of participants of the 2nd Congress in Wrocław [courtesy of Dr S. Skowron-Markowska]

head of the Organising Committee. Among many interesting presentations, it is worth mentioning those by: Dr. Robert Netczuk, on legal aspects of training uniformed services in unarmed combat, and by Mr Tomasz Zawidzki, on training with traditional weapons in *kung-fu* (with a demonstration).

New Publications / Nowe publikacje

Ferfolja Tania, Jones Diaz Christine, Ullman Jacqueline [eds.] (2015), *Understanding sociological theory for educational practices*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 228 pp.

The book was edited by lecturers from the University of Western Sydney, so they have chosen social problems seen from an Australian perspective. Its 13 chapters discuss the application of concepts ideologically conditioned by the school educational process.

Jennings L.A. (2015), *She's a knockout!: A history of women in fighting sports*, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, 179 pp.

The author does not give his/her names, just initials. We only know that the writer is a scholar, and former fighter, and a coach at a mixed martial arts gym. This is a historical description of the participation of women in contact combat sports.

Lee Wilson (2015), *Martial arts and the body politic in Indonesia*, Brill, Leiden - Boston, 244 pp.

It was published in the publishing series: *Verhandelingen van het Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*, vol. 299; *Power and place in Southeast Asia*, vol. 7. This is the result of ethnographic and anthropological and cultural research by the Indonesian Pencak Silat.

Sieler Roman (2015), *Lethal spots, vital secrets: medicine and martial arts in South India*, Oxford University Press, Oxford - New York, 306 pp.

The author has a PhD in cultural anthropology at Heidelberg University. His book is an ethnographic study of *varmakalai*, a South Indian esoteric tradition that combines medical practice and martial art.

Smith Wayne, Emerald Elke, Hunter Lisa / “lisahunter” (?) [eds.] (2015), *Pierre Bourdieu and physical culture*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, London - New York, 200 pp.

There are no references to the theory of physical culture by Polish authors nor many other non-English speakers. Progress and timelessness are meant to be emphasised here even by unusually written names. But does not Bourdieu's theory itself require critical reflection?

Cynarski Wojciech J. (2016), *The way of truth. Towards the philosophy of self-creation*, “Scientific dissertations at the University School of Physical Education in Wrocław”, vol. 54, 3-13 pp. [in Polish].

Professor Cynarski gives a new explanation of the concept of *Kyokushin* – the Ultimate Truth. In his opinion, it is necessary to build not only the “the pathway of *karate*”, but all creation and self-creation as the foundation for creating permanent good.

Druminska Ewelina, Wojdat Marta, Pujszo Malgorzata, Stepniak Robert (2016), *Pedagogical and psychological aspects of prevention of aggression at school stage*, “Journal of Education, Health and Sport”, vol. 6, no. 8, pp. 595-606; doi: 10.5281/zenodo.61003.

The authors of the article take up the problem of preventing aggression, referring to the Humanistic Theory of Martial Arts. The results of the study are moderately optimistic.

“Didactics of Literature and Contexts”, 2016, vol. 35, 151 pp. This is the next volume of the journal edited by Prof. W. Pasterniak, published by the Luzycka Higher School of Humanities in Zary. It is a collection of 15 texts written in Polish, Ukrainian or English. The works which deserve most attention are written by: W. Pasterniak: *The possi-*

bilities of using quantum physics in education and sports training (pp. 25-29); W.J. Cynarski: *Spiritual dimension of fight and transcendental sense of prophetic literature* (45-53); and A. Szyszko-Bohusz: *Spiritual preparation of the teacher* (67-70). We find here the development or application of holistic anthropology.

Haarman Harald (2016), *Auf den Spuren der Indoeuropäer. Von den neolithischen Steppennomaden bis zu den frühen Hochkulturen*, C.H. Beck, Munich, 368 pp. [in German].

This is a new book on the culture-forming role of the Indo-Europeans. According to current knowledge in the field of genetics, the author indicates the presence of Slavs in Central Europe as early as 2000 BC. This publication is undoubtedly noteworthy.

Habersetzer Roland (2016), *Shot of Action with the Handgun*, Editions Budo, 256 pp. [in French].

GM Habersetzer develops his school/style of Tengu-ryu. The modern *hojutsu* is a part of this system. The author teaches how to use a gun.

Ilundain-Agurruza Jesus (2016), *Holism and the Cultivation of Excellence in Sports and Performance. Skillful Striving*, Routledge, 368 pp.

This interesting book was published in the series "Ethics and Sport" edited by Mike McNamee and Jim Parry. The holistic paradigm finds more supporters. It is suitable for sport and sport sciences.

Ilyin Viktor, Kayumov Aydar, Hajrullin Askar (2016), *Values: An Analysis of the Multi-Value World of the Human Personality*, "IEJME – Mathematics Education", vol. 11, no. 5, pp. 1393-1401.

Russian researchers are addressing the problem of the world of values, considering it rightly in the new paradigm perspective. They state that the axiological sphere of the human personality's "multi-value world" shows that its reliability is directly related to the human personality and the social context.

Kernspecht Keith R. [ed.] (2016), "WingTsun Welt. Das Magazin der EWTO", 200 pp. [in German].

This is the jubilee number for the 40th Anniversary of the EWTO, with a discussion of the Hockenheim 2016 Seminar and photographic coverage. Licensed instructors of this organization were presented. A reprint of "Wing Tsub Welt" no. 1 (52 pp) was also issued.

Kowalski Jacek (2016), *Sarmatia. Debunking myths. A combat manual.*, Fronda, Warsaw, 400 pp. [in Polish].

The author disproves 50 "anti-Sarmatian superstitions", defending Sarmatism as a cultural heritage. He describes the hussar army as a phenomenon of the Polish noble tradition (pp. 286-293), Sarmatian creativity. It also depicts a gentry manor-house.

Maroteaux Roland J. (2016), *Hiden*, Studio MGO France, CD, 4'11 [in French].

Dr Maroteaux (9 dan) is the author of music and words for the song *Hiden* (in Japanese: to transmit a secret). In the case of a creative man, activity in martial arts is successfully combined with other manifestations of creativity.

Mor-Stabilini Sergio (2016), *The Ancient Art of the Japanese Sword. The ancient school of Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu along historical, cultural and spiritual path*, Jitakyoei Budo, Bergamo, 384 pp.

This is a significant work, the result of the author's long-term practical studies. It can be used as a textbook and simultaneously as a monographic study. Aesthetic values (an album edition with good quality illustrations and paper) are an additional, autotelic value.

Schwaermer Holger (2016), *Wing Tsung. Das kompromislose Nahkampfsystem*, BoD GmbH, Norderstedt, 260 pp. [in German].

The book is multithreaded. In the first part, it deals with different varieties of Chinese martial arts, in the second part it describes K. Kernspecht's *WingTsun kung-fu* derived style. The first part with factography may in fact be the more interesting.

Taymazov V.A., Ashkinazi S.M., Bakulev S.E., Buchel M., Bulatova M.M., Cynarski W.J., Dmitriev G.G., Evseev S.P., Konstantinos G., Iancheva T., Kryuchek S.S., Kulnazarov A.K., Manolachi V.G., Marishchuk L.V., Obvintsev A.A., Platonov V.N., Ponomaryov G.N., Salov V.Yu., Schaefer U., Shcherbak S.G., Unstahl L.E., Vorobyov S.A., Wynne-Parker M., Zakrevskaya N.G. [eds.] (2017), *VIII International Congress "Sport, People and Health"* 12-14 October 2017, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 502 pp. [partially in Russian and English].

The Congress book of proceedings contains numerous works submitted for the Congress. The editorial page contains a note: <<Collection of Papers of the Congress "Sport, People and Health" covers a wide range of issues dealing with martial arts and combat sports and their role in the development of world sports>>. The volume starts with two works by W.J. Cynarski: 1) *Sports pathologies in the 21st century: attempt at categorization*; 2) *Ethical ways and anti-ways of sport: some examples*. Unfortunately most works are published in Russian and there is no index of authors' names, which makes the content analysis difficult.

The Proceedings from WTF-iACT 2016: Issues in Taekwondo History & Future Directions, April 2, 2016, 85 pp.

It is a collection of texts, abstracts and slides from the conference organised cyclically by Dr Ron Dziwenka (7th dan), which is attended by Taekwondo researchers/scientists and masters of this martial art.

Vianna Jose A. [ed.] (2016), *Karate: bases para o treinamento*, Revolucao Ebook, Porto Alegre, 117 pp. [partially in Portuguese and English].

Prof. Dr Vianna is also a coach and technical director of the Federation Karate Shotokan Rio de Janeiro. His chapters and those written by specialists: Hugo Rodolfo Lovisolio, Jitka Cihounkova, Luiz Claudio Barbedo Froes, Marcelo Barros De Vasconcellos, Paulo Coelho De Araujo, Wojciech J. Cynarski, and Zdenko Reguli, ensure a high level of content to this book.

Winczewski Piotr (2016), *Rare books. Games and activities 1821-1939*, National Centre for Culture, Warsaw, 300 pp. [in Polish].

The book contains descriptions of over a hundred games and activities published in Polish textbooks between 1821 and 1939. These are games not only unknown today, but also unique. The study is interesting for researchers of culture and historians of physical culture.

Zablocki Wojciech (2016), *Samurai Fights*, Graphic design studio AGAT J. Burski / Museum of Sport and Tourism, Warsaw, 110 pp. [in Polish and English].

Prof. Zablocki, GM of traditional sabre fencing, published his aquarelles that show samurai fights. This is an album with *ukiyo-e* style images. Poetic visions show confrontations with the use of various types of white weapons.

Cynarski W.J. (2017), *Free time, tourism and recreation from a sociological perspective*, Universitas, Krakow, 272 pp. [in Polish].

The author proposed his holistic concept of a wide-range 'anthropological theory of leisure and physical culture'. This perspective is used to explain the area of leisure, tourism and recreation.

Cynarski W.J. (2017), *The philosophy of martial arts – the example of the concept of Ido*, "AUC Kinanthropologica", vol. 53, no. 2, pp. 95–106.

The "Acta Universitatis Carolinae Kinanthropologica" of Charles University (Prague) published in vol. 53, issue no. 2, this study is on the *Ido* philosophy (of Idokan), which is still little known. The scientific editor of the Journal is Prof. Dr Jim Parry, an eminent British philosopher.

Jakubowska Honorata, Nosal Przemysław [eds.] (2017), *Sociology of sport*, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, Warsaw, 292 pp. [in Polish].

22 texts by various authors can be found here. The content of the book largely disregards the achievements of the Polish Zbigniew Krawczyk Science School. There are a few texts which give a new, fresh look at sport issues in their social context.

Netczuk-Gwozdziejewicz Marzena, Netczuk Robert [eds.] (2017), *Contemporary problems of sports, martial arts and systems of combat*, von Velke, Wrocław, 424 pp. [in Polish]. This interesting book has been published which contains 15 texts by different authors, divided into three parts: 1)

pedagogical and psychological aspects, 2) biomedical, 3) legal. It is a work that develops the theory of martial arts, enriching it with the analysis of the indicated aspects.

Podolski Adam [ed.] (2017), *Pilgrimage and religious tourism in Poland before 1939*, vol. 1 (415 pp.), vol. 2 (553 pp.), Bonus Liber, Rzeszow [in Polish].

This is a richly illustrated collective work on religious tourism. The author of most of the chapters is Prof. Stanislaw Zaborniak (UR). Vol. 1 *Peregrinations and religious pilgrimages to blessed and holy sanctuaries (1000-1939)*; Vol. 2 – *Peregrinations to Marian Shrines*.

The 6th International Symposium for Taekwondo Studies, "Global Education for a Better Taekwondo", June 29-30, 2017, Taekwondowon, Muju, Korea, 240 pp.

This book of abstracts was published by the International Association for Taekwondo Research, organiser of an interesting conference. It contains abstracts of all the works presented in Muju – keynote speeches, oral and poster presentations.

Warchol Krzysztof (2017), *Physical education programme for an eight-year primary school*, Fosze, Rzeszow, 232 pp. [in Polish].

Dr Warchol wrote the first manual for physical education teachers after the reform of the educational system in Poland. This is a valuable methodical and didactic position. The publishing reviews were written by W.J. Cynarski and Wladyslaw Panczyk.

Yeong Man Kim (2017), *The Korean Traditional Martial Art / Sport Taekkyon*, Anibig, Korea, 80 pp. [in Korean and English].

The author is an expert *taekkyon* (9th dan). The translation was by Michel Pederson. The book contains information about the history, values, training and sports regulations of *taekkyon*.

Fakty i komentarze AD 2017

Słowa kluczowe: wydarzenia, ludzie sztuk walki, konferencje, nowe publikacje, Idokan

Abstrakt

Opis i ocena dotyczą zwłaszcza wydarzeń z okresu od grudnia 2015 do grudnia 20167 oraz najnowszej literatury przedmiotu z lat 2015-2017. Treść dotyczy kolejno – awansów naukowych i awansów w sztukach walki; przyznanych nagród i odznaczeń; przyjęcia nowych członków do Stowarzyszenia Idokan Polska (SIP); konferencji i innych wydarzeń ważnych (dla nauki i praktyki sztuk walki). Jak w poprzednich tomach, przedstawione są noty o nowych publikacjach z ich krótką recenzją. Jest to nie tylko faktografia, ale także wartościowanie, wynikające z doboru wydarzeń i literatury, oraz ocen merytorycznych.