

About the Academy



The Polish Academy of Sciences is a state scientific institution founded in 1952. From the very beginning, it has functioned as a learned society acting through an elected body (corporation) of top scholars and research organizations, via its numerous scientific establishments. It has also become a major scientific advisory body through its scientific committees.

The activities of the Academy in its present form are regulated by the Parliamentary Act of April 30, 2010. The supreme governing body of the Academy is its General Assembly, consisting of all national members. Between sessions of the Assembly (which occur twice a year) the Presidium of the Academy takes responsibility for all strategic issues.

The Presidium is composed of the president, 5 vice-presidents, five representatives of the divisions of the Academy (one for each division, elected by the General Assembly), the presidents of the territorial branches, a representative of the directors of the Academy research establishments, the chair of the council of provosts, and the chancellor of the Academy (Articles 13-17).

The Academy is composed of national members (including both ordinary and corresponding members) and foreign members. All members (national and foreign) are elected by the General Assembly from among candidates with the highest scientific achievements and of recognized authority (Articles 7-12).

The Academy's structure includes divisions, territorial branches, scientific and task-force committees, a young academy, a commission on research integrity, and an audit committee. There are five divisions of the Academy – Division I: Humanities and Social Sciences, Division II: Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Division III: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences, Division IV: Engineering Sciences and Division V: Medical Sciences.

There are eight territorial branches of the Academy: Gdańsk, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Łódź, Olsztyn and Białystok, Poznań, Wrocław. Their role is to integrate the local scientific communities and act as representatives of the Academy to the local authorities and organizations (Article 31).

The committees are a very special part of the Academy. They fall into two groups: scientific committees affiliated with the Divisions, and task force committees (also called problem committees) affiliated with the Presidium. The tasks of the scientific committees are: to deal with the problems of a particular discipline, to contribute to the dissemination of the research results, and to initiate cooperation with foreign scientific centers. (Articles 33-37).

The young academy promotes research and development work by outstanding younger representatives of Polish scholarship. The commission on research integrity expresses opinions on issues involving the violation of ethical principles in science. The audit committee monitors the financial and economic activity of the Academy (Article 38-41).

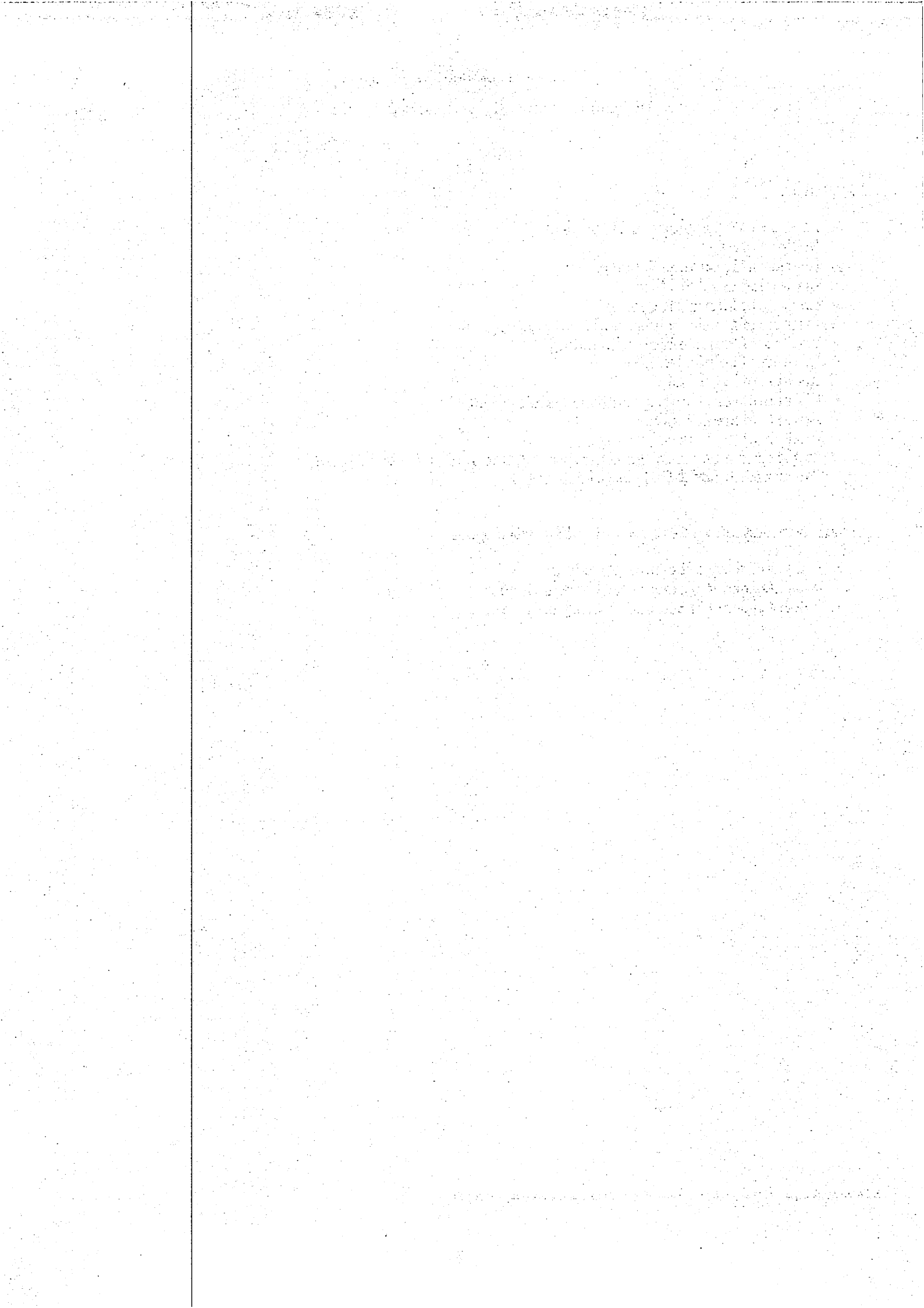
(Based upon the Parliamentary Act of April 30, 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences)

Division I : Humanities and Social Sciences**Institutes:**

- Institute of Archeology and Ethnology
- Institute of Art
- Institute of Economic Sciences
- Institute of Legal Studies
- Institute of Literary Research
- Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures
- Institute of Philosophy and Sociology
- Institute of Political Studies
- Institute of Psychology
- Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development
- Institute of Slavic Studies
- Institute of the Polish Language
- Ludwik and Aleksander Birkenmajer Institute of the History of Science
- Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History

Auxiliary research units supervised by Division I

- Polish Academy of Sciences Archives
- Polish Academy of Sciences Library in Gdańsk
- Polish Academy of Sciences Library in Kórnik



**Division II: Biological and Agricultural Sciences****Institutes**

- Bohdan Dobrzański Institute of Agrophysics
- European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- Franciszek Górski Institute of Plant Physiology
- Institute for Agricultural and Forest Environment
- Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research
- Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry
- Institute of Dendrology
- Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding
- Institute of Nature Conservation
- Institute of Plant Genetics
- Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals
- Jan Kielanowski Institute of Animal Physiology and Nutrition
- Mammal Research Institute
- Museum and Institute of Zoology
- Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology
- Roman Kozłowski Institute of Paleobiology
- Witold Stefański Institute of Parasitology
- Władysław Szafer Institute of Botany

Auxiliary research units supervised by Division II

- Polish Academy of Sciences Botanical Garden – Center for Biological Diversity Conservation in Powsin
- Polish Academy of Sciences Anthropology Unit in Wrocław
- Polish Academy of Sciences Ichthyobiology and Aquaculture Unit in Golysz
- Polish Academy of Sciences Research Station for Ecological Agriculture and Preservation of Native Breeds in Popielno



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- Center for Molecular and Macromolecular Studies
- Center for Theoretical Physics
- Center of Polymer and Carbon Materials
- Henryk Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics
- Institute of Geological Sciences
- Institute of Geophysics
- Institute of High Pressure Physics
- Institute of Mathematics
- Institute of Molecular Physics
- Institute of Oceanology
- Institute of Organic Chemistry
- Institute of Physical Chemistry
- Institute of Physics
- International Laboratory of High Magnetic Fields and Low Temperatures
- Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry
- Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center
- Space Research Center
- Włodzimierz Trzebiatowski Institute of Low Temperature and Structure Research

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- Scientific committees
- National committees

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