

International Political Science

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Polish Association of Political Science

The Polish Association of Political Science in the present form consisting of individual members exists since 1957. Prior to that date there was a Political Science Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences established in 1950. In 1950 Political Science Committee joined International Political Science Association (IPSA). Thus Poland became the seventh country to join IPSA and the first one of the socialist countries.

In 1957 the Polish Association of Political Science (PAPS) was established as a federation of various associations dealing with social sciences. Three years later after major reorganization PAPS decided to recruit individual members and to rely in its activities on individual membership. Today, the 1977 Polish Association of Political Science has over 600 individual members.

PAPS consists at present of 12 regional branches existing mainly in the areas where are higher learning institutions: Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow, Katowice, Lublin, Lodz, Poznan, Szczecin, Bydgoszcz, Torun, Wroclaw, Zielona Gora. Each branch elects its own president, vice president, secretary and the board. The largest of all the regional branches is Warsaw, with 180 members. Longin Pastusiak was the president of Warsaw branch of PAPS in the years 1967-1976. At present, Wladyslaw Goralski is the president. The president and the board is elected for 3-year term.

The supreme organs of the Polish Association of Political Science are: the Assembly of Delegates (called every three years), National Board and the Committee of Auditors. There are four specialized sections within PAPS: 1) Politics of National Economy, 2) Local Government Studies, 3) Theory and Methodology of Political Science, and 4) International Relations Studies. Each section has its own president and the board.

The President of the Polish Association of Political Science and the National Board are elected for three-year term. Following persons held the position of the president since 1960: Manfred Lachs (1960-1962), Stanislaw Ehrlich (1962-1964), Jerzy J. Wiatr (1964-1967), Konstanty Grzybowski (1967-1970), Zygmunt Rybicki (1970-1972), Kazimierz Opalek (1976-1976), Jerzy J. Wiatr (1976—).

The last convention of the Polish Association of Political Science was held in Krakow, November 26-27, 1976. A new President and new National Board were elected for the next three-year term. Jerzy J. Wiatr of Warsaw

University was elected president. Three vice presidents are: Artur Bodnar (Warsaw), Czeslaw Mojsiewicz (Poznan), Hieronim Szczegola (Zielona Gora). Secretary: Wiktor Pianowski (Warsaw). Treasurer: Kazimierz Podoski (Gdansk). The members of the National Board are: Jerzy Georgica (Warsaw), Henryk Groszyk (Lublin), Bronislaw Miszewski (Gliwice), Kazimierz Opalek (Krakow), Marian Orzechowski (Wroclaw), Krysztof Ostrowski (Warsaw), Bronislaw Pasierb (Wroclaw), Longin Pastusiak (Warsaw), Julian Wielgosz (Krakow).

Activities of the Polish Association of Political Science are aimed at development of the discipline in Poland. The Association tries to integrate and bring together scholars of all social sciences interested in studies of political processes. Major forms of activities of PAPS include a) organization of various regional scientific conferences and seminars, b) organization of lectures for the members and people interested in politics, c) organization of national and international conferences, and d) publication of books, papers and articles.

The major all-Polish scholarly sessions organized by PAPS were the following: 1) Conference on "Nation and Socialism" and "Socialist Democracy," organized in 1967 in Warsaw; 2) Conference on "Society and Socialist State," organized in Katowice, 1970; 3) Conference on Theory and Methodology of Political Science, held in Gdansk, 1973; and 4) Conference on "Political Organization of Socialist Society," organized in 1976 in Krakow.

There were numerous other national and international conferences organized by PAPS. For example, in 1962 on integration of social sciences, 1963 on local government, 1965 on the scope of political science teaching in Poland, 1968 on human rights in UN system, 1969 on Machiavelli, 1972 on theoretical aspects of international relations, 1975 on political culture. Papers of some of those conferences were subsequently published in form of books. Among them following books appeared under auspices of PAPS: (all in Polish) *State, Nation, Socialist Democracy in Poland*, Ksiazka i Wiedza Publishers, Warsaw, 1970; *Society and the Socialist State*, Ksiazka i Wiedza Publishers, Warsaw, 1972; *Methodological and Theoretical Aspects of Political Science*, Polish Scientific Publishers, Warsaw, 1975.

Besides that, the Polish Association of Political Science published in English a volume entitled *Social Transformations in Poland*, edited by Stanislaw Ehrlich, Polish Scientific Publishers, Warsaw, 1974. As a result of cooperation of the Polish and Belgian Political Science Associa-

tions, in 1973 a special "Polish" issue of the Belgian quarterly "Res Publica" was published. Polish authors contributed to that issue. In 1974 one of the issues of Polish Quarterly *Studies in Political Science* published articles written by Belgian scholars.

Since 1967 the Polish Association of Political Science publishes a yearbook in English entitled *Polish Round Table*. It contains articles, book reviews and chronicle of the major developments in Polish political science. The main contributors are Polish scholars. Occasionally political scientists from other countries also contribute. Since 1967 six volumes were published. Some of them covering the period of two years. The first Editor-in-Chief was Stanislaw Ehrlich (1967-1969), succeeded by Jerzy Wiatr (1970-1976). In the fall 1976, the National Board of Polish Association of Political Science named Longin Pastusiak the Editor-in-Chief of *Polish Round Table*. All information concerning subscription or exchange can be obtained by writing to the editor: The Research Institute on Contemporary Capitalism, Al. Jerozolimskie 125/127, 02-017 Warszawa Poland (telephone 21-94-24). The yearbook brings the selection of best Polish articles in the field of political science, many of them of empirical nature. It also contains reviews of major Polish books in the field.

Since 1950 PAPS has been an active member of the International Political Science Association (IPSA). Distinguished Polish scholars were members of the IPSA Executive Committee: Adam Schaff (1949-1952), Oskar Lange (1955-1958), Stanislaw Ehrlich (1958-1967), Jerzy J. Wiatr (1967-1973), and Kazimierz Opalek (since 1973). Polish political scientists

took part in all world congresses of IPSA (with one exception, 1952), and in almost all roundtable conferences. Often they acted as general rapporteurs or authors of papers. In 1966 PAPS organized in Poland one of the Yearly IPSA conferences on political aspects of economic organizations, and the problems of representation. In 1977 PAPS will organize an IPSA roundtable conference on political culture on the initiative of Polish political scientists. The Committee on Comparative Research of Local Government was organized within IPSA under the chairmanship of Jerzy J. Wiatr.

In the international field PAPS keeps close touch with many associations of political science in other countries, particularly with associations of other socialist countries. In 1974 PAPS organized in Krynica, Poland, the first conference of the representatives of political science associations of socialist countries. Many foreign political scientists visiting Poland lectured in Warsaw or other regional branches of PAPS.

PAPS of course concentrates in its activities mainly in Poland. The 600 dues-paying members taking part in all kinds of activities in one of the 12 regional branches of PAPS. Each branch meets once a month. So it is very active membership. It is a genuine grass-roots movement in Poland. Many of the Polish political scientists are young scholars, many came to the discipline from other social sciences like: sociology, philosophy, economics, law, and history. The Polish Association of Political Science through its activities tries to integrate them and through this integration, joint research, publications, conferences tries to speed up the development of this young discipline in Poland.

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The Association maintains a Registry of Retired Professors. The Registry serves as an information exchange for retired professors who wish to teach one or more courses on a one-semester or one-year basis, and those institutions desiring to make such appointments. Any retired professor wishing to be listed in the Registry should contact the Association to receive an application form. Depart-

mental chairmen wishing to inquire about the availability of retired professors in a certain specialty or geographic area should write specifying their requirements.

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