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INTRODUCTION

Continuing the invitation for young PhDs to present their research in the form of original articles (the practice was implemented several years ago, in *Turyzm/Tourism* vol. 21, issue 1-2), the editors of *Turyzm/Tourism* decided to publish five other papers prepared by new senior academic staff members, who obtained their degrees in the field of tourism geography.

This issue contains articles written by PhDs from Poznań (A. Zajadacz, M. Nowacki), Kraków (M. Mika, Z. Kruczek) and Warsaw (M. Durydiwka). The topics of these papers were chosen by the authors themselves and concern their current research interests. We would like to remind the reader that vol. 21, issue 1-2 (2011) contained eight papers by PhDs, which together with the articles published in the current issue (vol. 25, issue 1) present nearly all young independent researchers involved in research and didactic activity concerning tourism in Poland. It can be expected that over the next few years the generation of professors specializing in tourism (tourism geography) in Poland will be replaced and the leading role will be played by the researchers whose articles have appeared in these two issues of the *Turyzm/Tourism* journal.

Apart from the five articles whose authors (PhDs) were invited by the journal, the current issue contains three other works, concerning research methodology as well as the tourist assets of ice phenomena which are very rarely presented in scientific tourism journals.

We hope you enjoy reading this special edition of our journal.

Editors
