

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

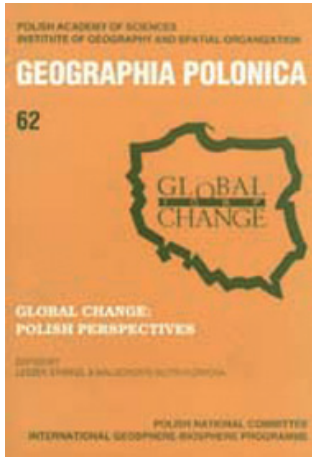
We would hereby like to inform you that, with a view to editorial continuity and regularity being attained in respect of our title, this next edition of *Papers on Global Change PAS* (No. 24/2017) that we confer upon you here, has a changed affiliation.

Given the 2015 cessation of activity by the International IGBP–Global Change Programme, the management of the Polish Academy of Sciences made the (March 2016) decision to formally suspend the Polish National Committee of the International Geosphere-Biosphere–Global Change Programme of the Polish Academy of Sciences, at the same time as amending publication of the journal with nearly a quarter of a century of publishing history behind it (from 2017 the title “Papers on Global Change PAS” appeared under the affiliation of *Poland 2000 PLUS* Foresight Committee to the Praesidium of the PAS).

Publication of knowledge regarding the mechanisms underpinning environmental changes on Earth on the international and national scales was initiated in 1994 by the aforesaid Polish National IGBP-Global Change Committee of the PAS, and was part of ongoing cooperation with the Editorial Office of *Geographia Polonica* at the Warsaw-based Institute of Geography and Spatial Organisation of the PAS, which has been as follows:

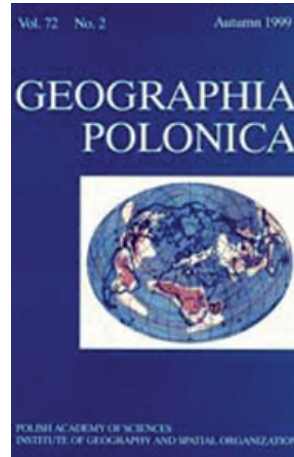
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Numbers 9–23, in the years 2002–2016, as a separate annual publication, has been brought out regularly under the title *Papers on Global Change IGBP* and since 2017 onwards (No. 24–) *Papers on Global Change PAS*.



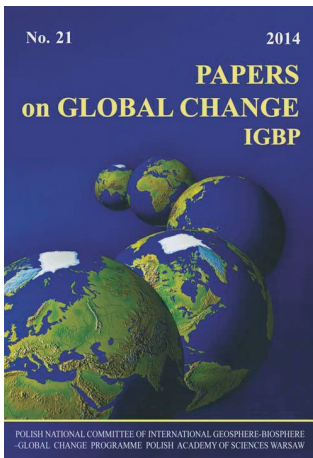
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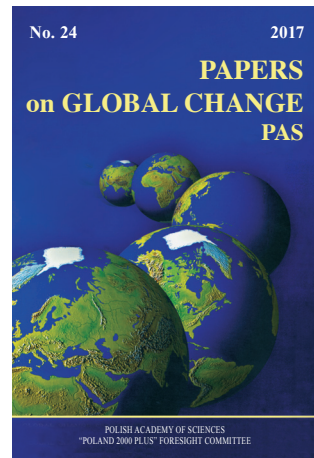
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From 2007 onwards, the journal *Papers on Global Change IGBP* was distributed in paper and electronic versions. Digitised Nos. 1/1994–8/2001 are in fact accessible on an Open Access basis, thanks to intermediation by the so-called *Repozytorium Cyfrowego Instytutów Naukowych PAN* (RCIN), while Numbers 17/2010– are on the platform of De Gruyter and at *Czytelnia Czasopism PAN*, as well as being indexed in several tens of abstract bases both international and Polish. From 2015 Numbers 16/2009– have been included in the Polish citations base *POL-index* (16/2009–21/2015), which collates information on articles published in Polish scientific journals, as well as the

citations therein, with a view to a Polish Coefficient of Influence (*Polski Współczynnik Wpływu* or PWW) being determined and in the ICI Journals Master List (ICI JML) – the indexing database of scientific journals from all over the world. The Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Polish MSHE) acknowledged the Index Copernicus Value (ICV) and journals placing on it get additional points in the Ministry's evaluation process.

It is worth mentioning that links to the digitised volumes: 1/1994–8/2001 (via RCIN) and 17/2010–24/2017 (via the De Gruyter platform and *Czytelnia Czasopism PAN*) are included in the Poland-wide NUKAT catalogue of science libraries, as integrated with other Polish and world digital libraries and catalogues, e.g. the *Europeana* European base, or the worldwide *WorldCAT* catalogue. Journal Ranking: CiteScore 2016: 0.11; SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) 2016: 0.113; Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) 2016: 0.746; ICV 2016:94.36; Polish MSHE evaluation: B list, 12 points.

It is our hope that the future conditioning of *Papers on Global Change PAS* publications where subject matter is concerned will continue to revolve around issues relating to global changes on Earth, as well as their causes and consequences, with elements of forecasting.

We are open to international cooperation, and it is our intent that the pages of this publication will be made available to many scientific teams and authors from many different countries and continents.

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