

Main Activities of The Polish Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (PTBnWO) in 2022

1) IV Congress of PTBnWO

IV Congress of PTBnWO entitled “The Eighteenth Century from Behind the Scenes” (“Wiek osiemnasty od kuchni”) took place in Toruń on 14–16 September 2022. The Congress was hosted by Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. The sessions were divided into ten thematic sections, e.g. history of diplomacy, government, literature, comparative research, and peculiarities of the Polish Enlightenment. Participants of the conference presented nearly 100 papers. The post-conference book will be published by the end of 2023.

2) General Assembly of PTBnWO

The General Assembly of PTBnWO took place on the 15th of September 2022 (during the IV Congress). Members of our society elected the new chairman (Michał Zwierzykowski) and the new board (Maciej Forycki, Anna Grześkowiak-Krwawicz, Danuta Kowalewska, Piotr Skowroński, Piotr Ugniewski and Izabella Zatorska). The outgoing chairman (Anna Grześkowiak-Krwawicz) received the title of honorary member of PTBnWO. All reporting procedures have also been completed.

3) Competition for the best PhD Thesis concerning Eighteenth Century

Award committee decided to give an honorable mention to Mikołaj Baliszewski (Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences) who wrote a thesis entitled *Hand-colored etchings of ancient paintings, ca. 1770-1800 and their role in fostering “good taste”* (*Kolorowe reprodukcje malowideł antycznych z pracowni rzymskich (około 1770-1800) i ich rola w szerzeniu “dobrego smaku”*).

4) Promotional videos

PTBnWO with the cooperation with the Royal Łazienki Museum in Warsaw started to create the series of 12 promotional videos with members of our Society, where they present their current research and methodological questions related to their projects. 8 episodes were published on the YouTube channel of Royal Łazienki Museum by the end of 2022.