

The first volume of *Physiographic Studies of Western Poland* appeared in print in 1948.

The idea to publish a journal was born in the Physiographic Committee of the Poznań Society of the Friends of Sciences (PTPN), which resolved to launch a research seeking to establish the physiography of Poland's Regained Territories.

The articles included in the journal took up geological, geographical and biological problems. Its second volume appeared in 1950. In 1955 the Editorial Board decided to alternate a tome devoted to the Earth sciences with one containing biological papers. The third volume of the journal appeared after a few years' break, in 1956, and only discussed geographical and geological issues.

The successive volumes of *Physiographic Studies of Western Poland* were usually devoted, in turns, to geological-geographical and biological issues. In 1968 the Editorial Board decided to publish the next volumes in two parallel series: A - Physical Geography, and B - Biology. With time, Series B started to embrace Series Botany, while Zoology formed Series C.

In October 2009, at the instance of the Dean of the Faculty of Geographical and Geological Sciences of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, a meeting was organised of representatives of the PTPN, the Faculty of Geographical and Geological Sciences, and the Faculty of Biology. As a result of an agreement, the individual series were combined into a single journal.

Since 2010 *Physiographic Studies of Western Poland* has been coming out as a quarterly under the title *Physiographic Studies* in four series:

Series A - Physical Geography,

Series B - Botany,

Series C - Zoology, and

Series D - Spatial Management.

It should be emphasised that *Physiographic Studies* continues the years-long tradition of its predecessor, the journal *Physiographic Studies of Western Poland*.