

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*by Jan Kubik*

Two previous winners of the Biennial Prize in Polish Studies, Jan Kubik and Grzegorz Ekiert, were tenured at their institutions. Kubik is now Associate Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University. Ekiert is Professor of Government and Senior Fellow at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University. Both new tenured professors believe that the PSA Prize was a significant factor in their success, thus we encourage the members to submit nominations for the next round to our award committee. This award is the most visible — and effective — form of support our organization can give to young scholars in the field of Polish/East European Studies.

During the next meeting of the AAASS in Boca Raton (September 1998) the Polish Studies Association will elect new officers. We would like to collect the names of candidates before the meeting in order to prepare lively and competitive elections. Please submit the names of candidates to Krzysztof Jasiewicz or Jan Kubik. Self-nominations welcome.

*See page 4 for contact information.*

## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Language and linguistics is an integral part of Polish Studies. We have been alerted to the fact that our definition of Polish Studies, printed in the last PSA newsletter, did not specifically include Polish language and linguistics as its fields. Not only this seems self evident, but additionally and implicitly it is included in a broad definition of culture. However, we thank Professor Wayles Browne of Cornell University for drawing this to our attention. Thus the definition of Polish Studies stands corrected. Below, we are including information about a new Ph.D. thesis in this field defended recently at Cornell, which uses data from Polish interrogative sentences to make important proposals for modifying and improving linguistic theory. We encourage such submissions from any and all fields of Polish Studies

*Ewa Hauser and Mara Kozelsky, the editors of PSA*

Ewa Dornisch defended her Ph.D. thesis "Multiple-wh-questions in Polish: The Interactions between Wh-phrases and Clitics" at Cornell University in August 1997. In it, she shows that N. Chomsky's Minimalist Program, a recent development in generative linguistics, can help us describe languages like Polish with "free" word order. The placement of clitic pronouns and auxiliaries (like 'go' and 'by') in the sentence can serve as a test for which parts of the sentence are moved and which parts stay in place. "Multiple-wh" questions are those with two or more interrogative words, such as *Kto co przyniesie?* "Who will bring what?" The Polish data, in turn, suggest some revisions of proposals in general linguistics.

# Third Biennial Prize in Polish Studies

The Polish Studies Association seeks nominations for its Third Biennial Prize in Polish Studies. The prize is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in the first book of an author in the humanities or social sciences in the early stages of her or his career. The closing date for nominations is August 31, 1998. Nominations are limited to works in English published in the two years prior to the closing date (September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1998). The prize will be awarded at the PSA's Business Meeting during the Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in 1998.

A letter of nomination, the curriculum vitae of the author, and three copies of the work nominated should be sent to the Chair of the Prize Committee.

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## PSA Panel in Georgetown

Polish Studies Association will sponsor one panel at the 56th Annual Meetings of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America. The meetings will take place on June 11 and 12, 1998, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. On behalf of the PSA, Maja Latynski of Georgetown U. has organized a roundtable discussion on "Polish Identities in Flux." Participants: Krzysztof Jasiewicz, Washington and Lee University (Chair); Steven Stoltenberg, Foreign Service Institute; Anna Modelska, independent scholar, Washington D.C.; Roger Potocki, National Endowment for Democracy; Ilya Prizel, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. For information on the PIASA meetings please contact Thaddeus Gromada, PIASA Executive Director, e-mail tgromada@compuserve.com, fax 803 788-8387, or PIASA offices at 208 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016, tel. 212 888-4164, fax 212 545-1130.

## Polish History at the University of Illinois at Chicago

The Department of History of the University of Illinois at Chicago offers three awards for graduate or undergraduate students of Polish history: the Polish National Alliance Endowed Research Award in Polish History, which includes a tuition and fee waiver; the History of Poland Endowed Scholarship; and the Polish Resistance (AK) Foundation Scholarship. For more information contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of History (M/C 198), U of Illinois at Chicago, 601 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60607-7109.

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