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INTERNATIONAL
Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress

**Innovation
is a woman**

Science – Business – Education



Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the International Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress, “Innovation is a Woman. Science – Business – Education”, one of the most significant events commemorating

the 80th anniversary of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

I am pleased not only by the occasion of this anniversary but also by the profound message conveyed through the ceremonial opening of the Congress. Our aim is to highlight the critical importance of women’s contributions to science and, more broadly, to the public sphere, as well as the necessity of their open and unconventional thinking – thinking that fosters new qualities, products, relationships, and solutions. For this reason, we are honored to host representatives from a diverse array of fields, including science, education, politics, business, and journalism.

In recognizing the scientific achievements of our university’s patron, as well as her active involvement in both advancing and popularizing science, we also wish to engage in a dialogue about the role and place of women in science, business, and education. This aligns with her advocacy for the promotion of women and the principles of contemporary feminism. As the slogan of this year’s Congress affirms, “innovation is a woman”.

We are privileged to seek inspiration together, in such esteemed company, from the theme of this year’s Congress. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your presence and support during this pivotal moment for our university.

I wish you all successful discussions and I hope that our joint celebration of the university’s anniversary at UMCS and in the academic community of Lublin will provide great inspiration.

Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, PhD

Rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University



I have long reflected on how Maria Curie would adapt to the modern world? The answer came unexpectedly: a few weeks ago, I noticed a portrait of the Nobel laureate in the office of Minister of Education, Barbara Nowacka. The predecessor

looked into the face of Marshal Pilsudski. It is a symbolic and significant shift, who should serve as the patron of Polish education in the 21st century. Nowacka deliberately chose Skłodowska! Her role now is to engage the attention of young people and guide them toward the right path. What lessons can we draw from Curie's life? Maria Curie-Skłodowska embodied a multifaceted identity as Polish, French, and European, deeply concerned with the future of the world and humanity as a whole. She was a firm believer in the transformative power of science and education, viewing them as tools capable of liberating individuals from social exclusion and offering opportunities for a richer, more meaningful life.

An extraordinary figure, Maria transcended the constraints imposed upon her by a male-dominated society and the limitations of her time. Exercising autonomy in her life choices, she balanced both traditional and non-conventional roles, driven by an inner passion for discovery and experimentation. This passion not only led her to win the Nobel Prize but also to establish the Radium Institute.

For Curie, life was a series of projects, and she could only operate in terms of tasks and objectives. This pragmatic approach may well be the secret to her numerous successes, and perhaps it offers the key to understanding how Curie would thrive in contemporary times. Moreover, this mindset serves as an inspiration for her successors, whom we will encounter at the International Congress "INNOVATION IS A WOMAN: SCIENCE – BUSINESS – EDUCATION". Undoubtedly, Marie Curie would be eager to meet them.

Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD

Chairman of the Congress Organising Committee

UMCS IN NUMBERS

1944
year of establishment

Almost 90
fields of study

120
scientific groups

2762
employees

1344
doctoral degrees

30
sports sections
of AZS UMCS

62m and 17
storeys of the rectorate
building

4,4 m
height of the statue
of Maria Curie-
Skłodowska

5th
public university
established in Poland

over 300
specializations

2500
places
in 9 dormitories

150
ongoing research
projects

4763
PhD doctors

200
international
agreements

98,2 FM
the Academic
Radio Centre

19
rectors in history

17 000
students

1700
foreign students
from 60 countries

87
doctors
honoris causa

100 MM
złoty from the EU

14 000
followers
on Instagram

21,25 ha
of the UMCS Botanical
Garden

1525
academic
teachers

1237
administrative staff,
service, technical,
publishing, and
librarians

51°14'44"N
22°32'26"E
geographic
coordinates

267 561
graduates

3500
"little students"
of the Children's
University

20
honorary professors
of UMCS

1200
members of
AZS UMCS Lublin

71000
Facebook
followers

2324
Tik Tok
followers

80 YEARS UMCS

Honorary committee

Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, PhD – His Magnificence Rector of UMCS

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PROGRAM

International Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress “Innovation is a woman. Science - Business - Education”

Lublin Conference Centre (LCK),
Grottgera street no 2, 20-080 Lublin

Day one – 21 October 2024

08.00–09.45 Registration of participants (LCK reception, ground floor)

Antoni N. Patek Hall

10.00–10.15 **The official opening of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress**
Speech by the Rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, PhD and the Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of UMCS, Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD

10.15–10.30 **Speech by the Minister for Education Barbara Nowacka**
Ministry of National Education

Path „Science” (auditorium hall, ground floor)

10.30–12.30 **Presentation of the ATHENA consortium of European universities:** Politécnico do Porto (Portugal), Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece), Universität Siegen (Germany), Univerza v Mariboru (Slovenia), Università del Salento (Italy), Université d’Orléans (France), Vilniaus Gedimino Technikos Universitetas (Lithuania), Universidade de Vigo (Spain) and Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Poland).

HOSTING ♦ Dr Olga Pliszczyńska-Mokijewska, PhD (director of the Center for International Cooperation at UMCS), Karolina Sokolińska (head of the Office for Supporting Studies and Foreign Students, UMCS Centre for Education and Study Services)

12.30–13.00 Presentation of the post stamp on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of UMCS by Poczta Polska with the participation of Undersecretary of State Jacek Bartmiński (Ministry of State Assets), hall, LCK ground floor

12.30–13.00 Coffee break

13.00–14.00 **“Strategic partnership in international cooperation of universities” – discussion with the participation of rectors of partner universities**

HOSTING ♦ Prof. Wiesław Gruszecki, PhD (UMCS Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation)

PANELISTS ♦ Prof. Eric Blond, PhD (Rector, Université d’Orléans), Prof. Fernando Magalhães, PhD (Vice-Rector, Politécnico do Porto), Prof. Živilė Sederevičiūtė-Pačiauskienė, PhD (Vice-Rector for Studies, Vilniaus Gedimino Technikos Universitetas), Prof. Zdravko Kačič, PhD (Rector, Univerza v Mariboru), Prof. María Isabel del Pozo Triviño, PhD (Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, Universidade de Vigo), Prof. Fabio Pollice, PhD (Rector, Università

del Salento), Prof. Martin Procházka, PhD (Rector, Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci)

14.00–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.00 Panel of female rectors “The female face of the university”

HOSTING ♦ Dr hab. Ewa Solska, PhD (Department of Digital Humanities and Methodology of History UMCS)

PANELISTS ♦ Prof. Bogumiła Kaniewska, PhD (Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, chairwoman of CRASP), Prof. Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow, PhD (Rector of the University of Warsaw 2005–2012), Prof. Beata Wojciechowska, PhD (Rector of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce), Prof. Stefanie Reese, PhD (Rector of the Universität Siegen)

16.00–16.30 Coffee break

16.30–18.00 Poster session prepared by PhD students from UMCS doctoral schools (foyer next to the auditorium on the ground floor)

Hosting directors of UMCS doctoral schools – Prof. Marek Hetmański, PhD, Prof. Aleksandra Szcześ, PhD and Prof. Agata W. Ziętek, PhD

Path „Business” (Antoni N. Patek hall)

10.30–11.00 “The Path to Success – Challenges of Succession” – multimedia presentations of four Polish brands

Dr Irena Eris, Mokate, Polenergia and Grupa Żagiel

INTRODUCTION ♦ Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD (UMCS)

11.00–12.30 Panel “The Feminine Face of Business”

HOSTING ♦ Magda Molek

PANELISTS ♦ Dr Irena Eris, PhD (founder and co-owner of Dr Irena Eris s.A.), Dominika Kulczyk (chairwoman of the Supervisory Board, Polenergia s.A.), Dr Sylwia Mokrysz, PhD (attorney-in-fact, Mokate s.A.) and Sylwia Dołęgowska (Vice-President of the management board, Grupa Żagiel)

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13.00–13.45 “Change is a woman. A woman is the change”
Kulczyk Foundation and guests

13.45–14.00 Ceremony of awarding the Maria Curie-Skłodowska Award
HOSTING ♦ Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD (UMCS) and Prof. Zbigniew Pastuszak, PhD (UMCS Vice-Rector for Development and Business Cooperation)

14.00–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 Panel “The Feminine Face of Technological Innovation”
HOSTING ♦ Dr Bianka Siwińska, PhD (president of the Educational Foundation Perspektywy)
PANELISTS ♦ Prof. Małgorzata Witko, PhD (director of the Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences 2002–2022), Paulina Brandstätter (fund manager, TFI Skarbiec), Ksenia Nowicka (public policy manager CEE, Meta), Dr Patrycja Olchowska, PhD (senior consultant, ICAN Institut expert)

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

- 17.00–17.15** Presentation of the Women’s Entrepreneurship Foundation’s programs
Agata Ziolo (innovation director, Women’s Entrepreneurship Foundation)
- 17.15–17.30** Presentation of the program “ESG Leaders Academy”
Paulina Paga (member of the board of the Lesław A. Paga Foundation)
- 17.30–18.00** Immersive meeting with the avatar of Maria Curie-Skłodowska Krzysztof Kujawski (Humanverse) and Dr Karol Kasprowicz, PhD (Historical Imagination Lab). Show No. 1
- 20.00–22.00** A performance about Maria Curie-Skłodowska “The Elements of Life”
Academic Center for Culture and Media UMCS Chatka Żaka

Day two – 22 October 2024

Path „Education” (Antoni N. Patek hall)

- 10.00–11.30** Panel “How to educate young people to be European?”
HOSTING ♦ Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD (UMCS)
PANELISTS ♦ Dr Joanna Mucha, PhD (State Secretary at the Ministry of National Education), Basil Kerski (director of the European Solidarity Centre), Prof. Sylwia Mrozowska, PhD (director of the Centre for Sustainable Development at the University of Gdańsk)
- 11.30–12.00** Coffee break

12.00–13.30 Panel “Education in the Meta World. What do schools and universities have to offer the Alpha generation?”

HOSTING ♦ Prof. Dorota Kołodyńska, PhD (UMCS Vice-Rector for Students and Education Quality)

PANELISTS ♦ Barbara Nowacka (Minister for Education, Ministry of National Education) / Katarzyna Lubnauer (State Secretary, Ministry of National Education), Robert Firmhofer (director of the Copernicus Science Centre), Prof. Marlena Plebańska, PhD (president of the STEAM Polska Foundation), Katarzyna Olejnik (director of the International Primary School Paderewski in Lublin)

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14.00–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 Panel “Education through culture”

HOSTING ♦ Dr hab. Katarzyna Mieczkowska, PhD (director of the National Museum in Lublin) and Izabela Pastuszko (director of the Academic Centre for Culture and Media UMCS Chatka Żaka)

PANELISTS ♦ Hanna Wróblewska (Minister of Culture and National Heritage, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage), Dariusz Wieczorek (Minister for Science, Ministry of Science and Higher Education), Beata Stepaniuk-Kuśmierzak (Deputy Mayor of Lublin for Culture, Sports and Participation) Panel preceded by short presentations: “Elements of life” (ACKiM UMCS) and “What’s a woman to brush with?” (MN in Lublin)

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

17.00–17.45 “Maria Curie Exploratorium”

Regional center for science, education and new technologies in Lublin. First edition of the project

PRESENTATION AND HOSTING ♦ Dr Mariusz Sagan, PhD (director of the Department of Strategy and Investor Service of the Lublin City Office)

PANELISTS ♦ Jarosław Stawiarski (Marshal of the Lublin Voivodeship), Dr Krzysztof Żuk, PhD (President of the City of Lublin) and Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, PhD (Rector of UMCS)

17.45–17.55 Signing a letter of intent regarding the implementation of the investment project “Maria Curie Exploratorium”

HOSTING ♦ Prof. Jan Pomorski, PhD (UMCS)

17.55–18.00 Ceremonial closing of the Congress

Speech by the Rector of UMCS, Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, PhD

20.00–22.00 Concert of the Polish Radio Chamber Orchestra „Amadeus” conducted by Agnieszka Duczmal

Henryk Wieniawski Philharmonic in Lublin

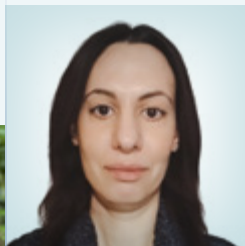
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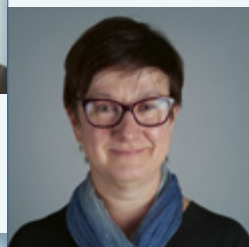
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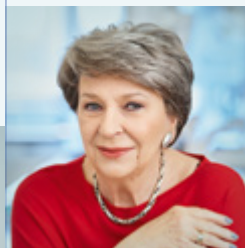
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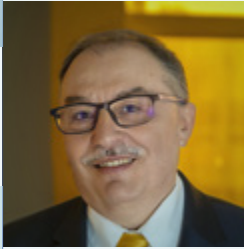


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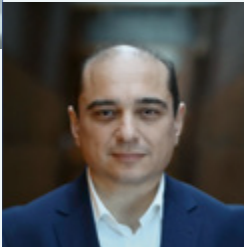
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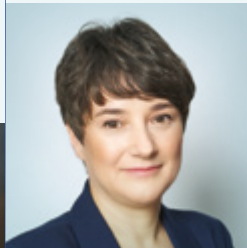
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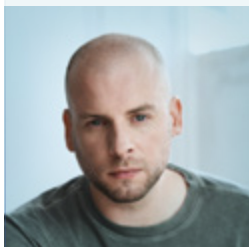
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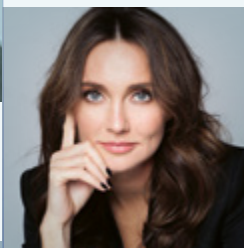
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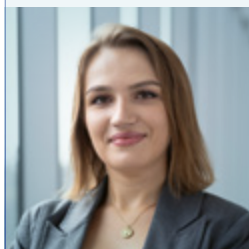
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Co-founder and managing partner
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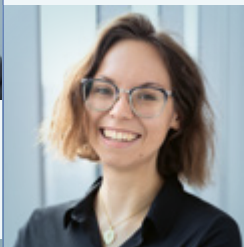
Dominika Kulczyk

Chairwoman of the supervisory board
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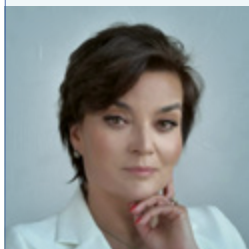
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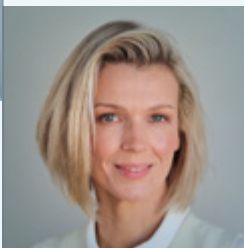
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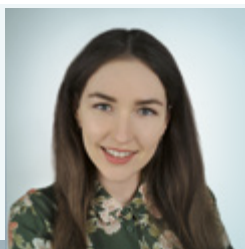
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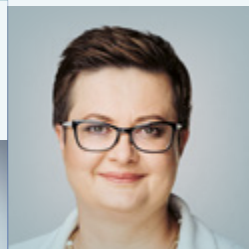
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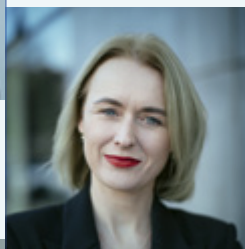
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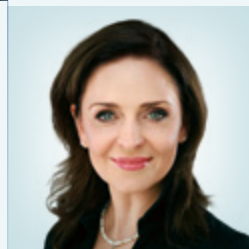
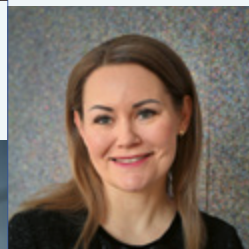
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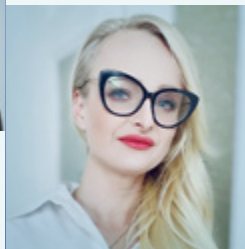
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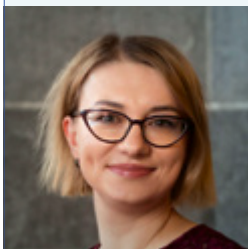
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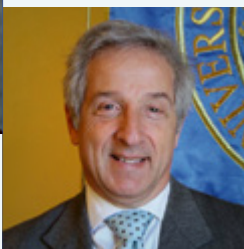
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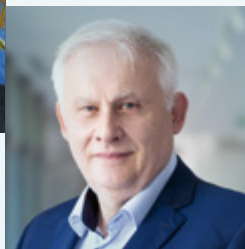
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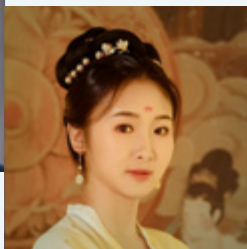
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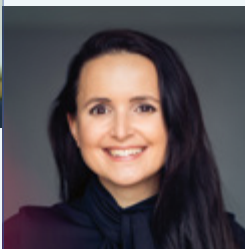
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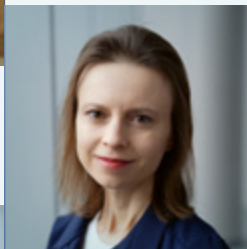
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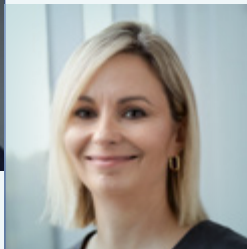
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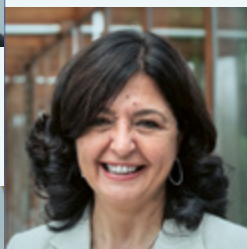
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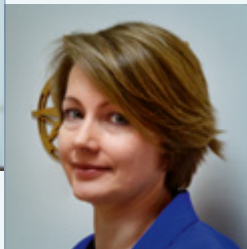
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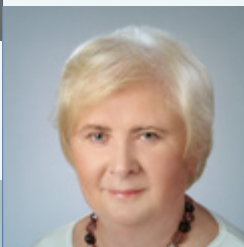


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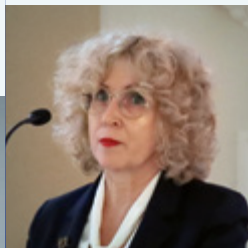
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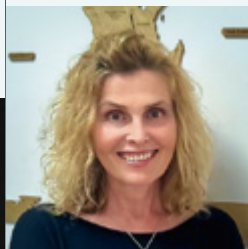
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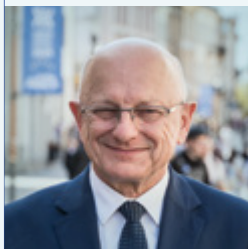
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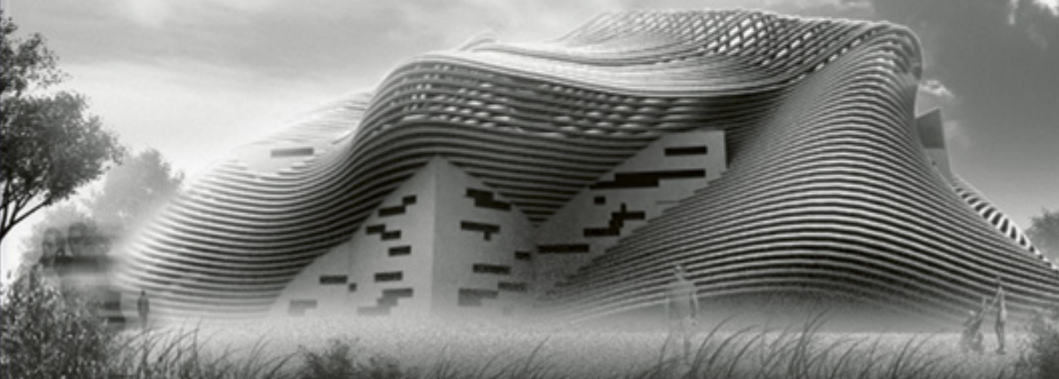


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Exploratorium Marii Curie



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