Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you in Toruń for the 48th Annual Meeting of the Polish Biochemical Society, which is held at Nicolaus Copernicus University. This year the scientific world celebrates the 60th anniversary of DNA double helix discovery. For this reason the conference is focused on the development of knowledge in the field of molecular biology, which is reflected by the motto: “From DNA sequence to molecular medicine”.

Our aim is to provide the participants with high quality scientific program. Twelve sessions and three plenary lectures will cover a wide range of topics in biochemistry, cell biology, medicine and biotechnology. The lectures will be given by outstanding scientists from Poland and abroad. Oral presentations selected from the submitted abstracts and poster sessions will provide an insight into the current trends in biochemistry. We believe that the international character of the meeting will create an excellent platform for vivid, stimulating discussions, which will consolidate the community of biochemists from Poland and other countries.

We are also pleased to announce that Professor Andrzej Zoll will deliver a lecture on legal and moral regulations in scientific studies. Since the ethical issues evoke discussions and create many concerns in the society, we hope that the lecture will clarify many problems from the legislative point of view.

It has become a tradition of the Annual Meetings to organize lectures open to the public, which attract university and high school students, as well as everybody interested in science. This year we will host two Open Lectures, one at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, the second one at Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz. The lectures will be delivered by Professor Jan Barciszewski, who will give the historical overview of studies on nucleic acids.

We hope that you will spend a fruitful and enjoyable time in beautiful Toruń, the place where splendid science and history are combined.

Anna Jakubowska
Chair of the Organizing Committee

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