

Registration form for Polish scientific institution

1. Research institution data (name and address):

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2. Type of research institution:

7) university research centre established within a single university structure

3. Head of the institution:

- Prof. dr hab. Elżbieta Żądzińska, Prorector for Research at the University of Łódź
- Prof. dr hab. Maciej Kokoszko, Director of *Ceraneum*

4. Contact information of designated person(s) for applicants and NCN: first and last name, position, e-mail address, phone number, correspondence address):

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5. Research discipline in which strong international position of the institution ensures establishing a Dioscuri Centre:

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines:

22) The study of the human past

6. Description of important research achievements from the selected discipline from the last 5 years including list of the most important publications, patents, other (up to one page in A4 format):

1. Research on Antique and Byzantine diet, medicine, cosmetology and cuisine, carried out by the interdisciplinary research team led by **Prof. Maciej Kokoszko**, the director of *Ceraneum*. The team also comprises young scholars employed at *Ceraneum* (Dr. Zofia Rzeźnicka and Dr. Krzysztof Jagusiak). The research received external funding multiple times (e.g., from the National Science Centre, through the grant entitled *Food for the body and soul. Nutrition and culinary arts of antiquity and early Byzantium, 2nd–7th centuries*, OPUS, 2011/01/B/HS3/01020). The results were presented at the most prestigious conferences in the discipline, such as: *Third Global Inter-Disciplinary Conference: Making Sense of Food*, 15–17.09.2014, Inter-Disciplinary Net, Mansfield College, Oxford; *Food as Medicine: Historical Perspectives*, 9–10.10.2015, St Patrick's College, Dublin City University; *XII Roman Archeology Conference*, 16–19.03.2016, Sapienza University of Rome; *XXIII International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, 22-27.08.2016, Belgrade. Key publications:

- M. Kokoszko, K. Jagusiak, Z. Rzeźnicka, *Cereals of Antiquity and Early Byzantine Times. Wheat and barley in medical sources (second to seventh centuries AD)*, Łódź 2014, pp. 516 [co-published by Columbia University Press]
- M. Kokoszko, K. Jagusiak, Z. Rzeźnicka, *Dietetyka i sztuka kulinarna antyku i wczesnego Bizancjum (II–VII w.)* [*Antique and Early Byzantine Diet and Culinary Art (2nd–7th c.)*], vol. I-II, Łódź 2014, pp. 672 + 608
- Z. Rzeźnicka, M. Kokoszko, *Dietetyka i sztuka kulinarna antyku i wczesnego Bizancjum (II–VII w.)* [*Antique and Early Byzantine Diet and Culinary Art (2nd–7th c.)*], vol. III, *Ab ovo ad γάλα. Jajka, mleko i produkty mleczne w medycynie i sztuce kulinarnej (I–VII w.)* [*Ab ovo ad γάλα. Eggs, Milk and Derived Products in Medicine and Culinary Art (1st–7th c.)*], Łódź 2016, pp. 263
- M. Kokoszko, K. Jagusiak, Z. Rzeźnicka, *Oats in ancient and Byzantine Greek medical treatises, 5th century BC – 11th century AD. Some observations on the popularity of oats as a foodstuff and a medication*, "Byzantinoslavica", 72, 2014, p. 37–64.
- M. Kokoszko, K. Jagusiak, Z. Rzeźnicka, *Rice as food and medication in ancient and Byzantine medical literature*, "Byzantinische Zeitschrift", 108.1, 2015, p. 129–155.

2. Research on the literary tradition of the *Slavia Orthodoxa* sphere and its reception in Poland, conducted by a team of Paleoslavists led by **Dr. hab. Ivan Petrov** (Scientific Secretary for Development and Publishing Activities at *Ceraneum*). Among numerous scholars from diverse academic centres in Poland, the team also includes an employee of *Ceraneum*, Dr. Karolina Krzeszewska. The research received external institution funding (e.g., National Science Centre grant entitled *Reception of the literary output and folk culture of Slavia Orthodoxa circle in Poland – history and bibliography of the translatory production*, SONATA BIS, 2012/05/E/HS2/03827). The team's work culminated in international conference presentations as well as article publications (the latter available online at: <http://repozytorium.uni.lodz.pl:8080/xmlui/handle/11089/4447>).

3. Research on Byzantine-Islamic contacts and the image of Muslims in Byzantine-Slavic culture, involving major international collaboration, conducted by an interdisciplinary team led by **Prof. Teresa Wolińska** and including **Dr. Paweł Filipczak** as well as **Dr. Zofia Brzozowska**. The research was supported by a range of grants from external institutions, including the National Science Centre (HARMONIA grant, described in section 7, as well as the project *Muhammad and the Origin of Islam - Stereotypes, Knowledge and Notions in the Byzantine-Russian Culture* – OPUS, 2016/23/B/HS3/01891, started in July 2017).

4. Interdisciplinary Paleoslavist and codicological research conducted in cooperation with academics representing ST disciplines (Natural Sciences and Technology), namely IT specialists from the Faculty of Physics and Applied Informatics of UŁ. The research has been funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education through the National Programme for the Development of Humanities (module: Uniwersalia 2.2). The team is led by **dr Zofia Brzozowska** and also includes an employee of *Ceraneum*, Jan Morawicki M.A. The project will result in the edition, digitalization and Polish translation of the *Novgorod First Chronicle* in the older redaction.

7. List of no more than 3 important research projects from the selected discipline awarded in national and international calls to the institution in the last 5 years (title, name of PI, source of funding, amount of funding):

1.

- Project title: *Byzantium and the Arabs. The Meeting of Civilizations from 6th to 8th Century* (2012/04/M/HS3/00564)
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Teresa Wolińska
- Source of funding: National Science Centre (HARMONIA 2, HS3)
- Amount of funding: 245 500,00 PLN

The project was carried out at *Ceraneum* in collaboration with the **Aristotle University in Thessalonica (Greece)** (14.09.2012–13.09.2015). The Polish team consisted of University of Łódź researchers representing the Faculty of Philosophy and History as well as the Faculty of International and Political Studies. The key publications resulting from the grant included:

- *Byzantium and the Arabs: The Encounter of Civilizations from Sixth to Mid-Eighth Century*, eds. T. Wolińska, P. Filipczak, Łódź 2015, pp. 628 [monograph in English]
- P. Filipczak, *An introduction to the Byzantine administration in Syro-Palestine on the eve of the Arab conquest*, Łódź 2015, pp. 152 [monograph in English]
- *Bizancjum i Arabowie. Spotkanie cywilizacji. VI–VIII w.*, eds. T. Wolińska, P. Filipczak, PWN, Warszawa 2015, pp. 652 [monograph in Polish]
- B. Cecota, *Arabskie oblężenia Konstantynopola w VII–VIII w. Rzeczywistość i mit [The Arab sieges of Constantinople in the 7th-8th c.: Reality and Myth]*, Łódź 2015, pp. 224 [monograph in Polish]
- various articles

2.

- Project title: *The Bulgarian State in 927–969. The Epoch of Tsar Peter I the Pious* (2014/14/M/HS3/00758)
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Mirosław J. Leszka
- Source of funding: National Science Centre (HARMONIA 6, HS3)
- Amount of funding: 342 322 PLN

The project is conducted at *Ceraneum* in collaboration with the **University of Sofia (Bulgaria)** (27.04.2015–26.04.2018). The Polish team consisted of *Ceraneum* employees (Dr. Jan M. Wolski) and affiliates from the Faculty of Philosophy and History, University of Łódź. The most important publications based on the grant include:

- *The Bulgarian State in 927–969. The Epoch of Tsar Peter I*, ed. M.J. Leszka, K. Marinow, Łódź 2018, pp. 688 [co-published by Columbia University Press]
- Z.A. Brzozowska, M.J. Leszka, *Maria Lekapene. Not a Saint nor a Malefactress*, Łódź 2017, pp. 236 [co-published by Columbia University Press]
- articles, for example: M.J. Leszka, K. Marinow, *Спорные вопросы правления болгарского царя Петра I (927–969) [The Controversial Issues of the Reign of Bulgarian Tsar Peter I (927–969)]*, "Palaeobulgarica" 41.1, 2017, p. 23–39; Z.A. Brzozowska, *The Image of Maria Lekapene, Peter and the Byzantine-Bulgarian Relations between 927 and 969 in the Light of Old Russian Sources*, "Palaeobulgarica" 41.1, 2017, p. 40-55; Z.A. Brzozowska, *Car i caryca czy cesarz i cesarzowa Bułgarów? [Tsar and tsaritsa or emperor and empress of Bulgarians?]*, "Die Welt der Slaven. Sammelbände" 62, 2017, p. 17–26 [Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden]

3.

- Project title: *Dualist Heresies in the History of South-East Europe (9th–15th century)* (2016/22/M/HS3/00212)
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Georgi Minczew
- Source of funding: National Science Centre (HARMONIA 8, HS3)
- Amount of funding: 369 928,00 PLN

The project is carried out by a team consisting of *Ceraneum* employees (Dr. Jan M. Wolski) and affiliates in collaboration with the **Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia (Bulgaria)** and **Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)**. The project commenced on 27.03.2017. The planned output includes articles in internationally renowned journals, a monograph, as well as Polish and English translations of selected source texts.

8. Description of the available laboratory and office space for Dioscuri Centre (up to one page in A4 format):

Ceraneum has at its disposal dedicated office space suitable for the needs of a research center engaging in international collaboration. The Centre also has access to a number of offices and lecture halls in the historic early 20th-century palace of Alfred Biedermann, used for holding conferences, seminars, open lectures and meetings of *Ceraneum* affiliates. The director of the *Dioscuri* Centre can be allotted a separate office. Finally, *Ceraneum* can use office and teaching space provided by the Faculty of Philosophy and History as well as the Faculty of Philology of the University of Łódź.

One of the Centre's strongest asset is its specialized, Byzantinological-Paleoslavist library. Founded in 2011 on the basis of the private collection of Prof. Waldemar Ceran, nowadays it encompasses over 5000 titles related to Byzantinological and Paleoslavist studies and related disciplines. It is without any doubt the largest collection of this kind in Poland. In both of the above-mentioned domains, *Ceraneum* not only boasts an ample collection of specialist journals, books and source texts, but also provides access to numerous reference databases, including the *Thesaurus Linguae Graece*. In conjunction with the technical and infrastructural support from of the Library of the University of Łódź, it contributes a superb setting for conducting research in the disciplines of Byzantinology and Paleoslavistics.

9. List of the available research equipment for the Dioscuri Centre:

Electronic equipment currently at the disposal of *Ceraneum*:

1. desktop computers including peripheral devices and software;
2. portable (laptop) computers including peripheral devices and software;
3. black and white laser printer;
4. multi-function device (colour printer, scanner, copier);
5. video projector with screen.

The unit with accompanying equipment is to be used for research and project administration. Besides providing the main access gate to the database stored on its hard drive, it will also be utilized for working on photographic data and for the editing of the final books. Additional software (depending on the characteristics of the final purchases) is required for: obtaining a professional level of security of the collected data (anti-virus software), photographic material processing (graphics software), format conversion, final text editing (Microsoft Office), etc.

Equipment belonging to the Department of Byzantine History (Faculty of Philosophy and History, UŁ) and the Department of Slavic Philology (Faculty of Philology, UŁ) can also be used. Furthermore, *Ceraneum* employees have access to the equipment of the Library of the University of Łódź.

10. List of the additional benefits that the Institution declares to provide for Dioscuri Centre (i.e.: additional funds, personal benefits, other) (up to one in page A4 format):

- Professional technical and organizational support for the prospective director of the *Dioscuri* Centre and their staff members, both during the preparation of the grant application and during the commencement, conducting, reporting and accounting for the project. The employees and affiliates of *Ceraneum* have plentiful experience in applying for grants awarded by the National Science Centre (HARMONIA, OPUS, SONATA BIS, SONATA, PRELUDIUM, ETIUDA), Ministry of Science and Higher Education (National Programme for the Development of Humanities; PLUS programmes), Foundation for Polish Science as well as local grant awarders (the Mayor's Office of the City of Łódź and the Marshal's Office of the Łódź Voivodeship). *Ceraneum* boasts a grant application success rate of ca. 40% (compared to the national average of ca. 20%). Scholars affiliated with the Centre have also been effective in applying for EU funds (through the *HERA* consortium – *Humanities in the European Research Area*, financed via the HORIZON 2020 programme as well as the European Regional Development Fund, ERDF). During the grant application stage, *Ceraneum* benefits from the support of qualified specialists employed at the University of Łódź, primarily at its Science Centre. The organizational structure of *Ceraneum* includes the position of Coordinator for Acquiring and Conducting Grants, created especially for perfecting the application success rate at the unit.
- *Ceraneum* is a dynamically developing research centre, currently having at its disposal its own academic staff and administrative network. The unit employs young scholars having (or in the course of obtaining) a PhD degree. It is from this talent pool that future project leaders may be recruited. Furthermore, *Ceraneum* benefits from technical support by experienced researchers employed at the Department of Byzantine History (Faculty of Philosophy and History, UŁ) and the Department of Slavic Philology (Faculty of Philology, UŁ). Finally, scholars affiliated with *Ceraneum* and representing other faculties of UŁ (Faculty of Law and Administration, Faculty of International and Political Studies, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Faculty of Educational Sciences) can also be of help.
- *Ceraneum* provides an optimal surrounding for initiating and expanding international scholarly cooperation – the director of the *Dioscuri* Centre will be included in the international contact network maintained by *Ceraneum* (as described in section 11).
- Publishing base – the results of the research conducted in the *Dioscuri* Centre may be conveniently published in *Studia Ceranea*, the specialist journal associated with *Ceraneum*, as well as in the *Series Ceranea* monograph series. *Ceraneum* is able to offer support at the stage of editing and serve as an intermediary in dealing with publishers.
- Conference base – the employees and affiliates of *Ceraneum* are experienced international conference organizers: since 2011, the Centre has hosted or co-hosted a total of 11 events of this kind. Moreover, *Ceraneum* has at its disposal conference space and equipment fully suitable for organizing international-level meetings.
- The Regional EURAXESS Service Centre established at the University of Łódź as a part of Polish EURAXESS Services network will provide free and personalised assistance to the researcher and his family in various matters relating to professional and daily life. The European Commission awarded University of Łódź with **HR Excellence in Research logo** and thus acknowledged the institution and its activities, achievements and plans aiming at ensuring favorable conditions for the HR development, in particular the development of researchers. In order to develop further cooperation and increase the possibility of obtaining best future grants, the support of the Research Centre, University of Łódź's Contact Points for EU Framework Programmes and Office for Excellence of Academy of Science in Poland will be encouraged.

11. Other information about the internationalisation of the research institution, international researchers employed at the institution, the availability of English language seminars etc. (up to one page in A4 format):

1. The scholarly level and the objects of the research conducted are supervised by the **International Advisory Board of Ceraneum**. The board includes several dozen distinguished scholars from various Polish and European research centres (University of Manchester, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Università Degli Studi di Firenze, Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Slovanský ústav Akademie věd ČR, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, Université Paris I, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, University of Maryland, St. Clement of Ohrid University of Sofia, Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo, University of Belgrade, University Ca' Foscari in Venice, Saint Petersburg State University, University of London, Dipartimento di Filologia e Critica della Letteratura, École pratique des Hautes Études).

2. „**Studia Ceranea. Journal of the Waldemar Ceran Research Centre for the History and Culture of the Mediterranean Area and South-East Europe**” (ISSN 2084–140X, eISSN 2449-8378, DOI 10.18778/2084-140X) is the centre's flagship periodical. *Studia Ceranea* being designed as an international journal, contributions in the standard conference languages (English, French, German, Russian and Italian) are accepted. The journal publishes papers pertaining to the history of the Mediterranean and Slavic area within the chronological limits from the 1st through the 17th century CE. *Studia Ceranea* is indexed in the following databases (bibliographic, abstract and full-text): Emerging Sources Citation Index (**Web of Science™ Core Collection**), USA; EBSCOhost research databases, USA; Slavic Humanities Index, Canada; European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (**ERIH PLUS**), Norway; Central and Eastern European Online Library (CEEOL), Germany; Bibliographic Database of Polish Academic Journals from Humanities and Humanistic Social Studies (BazHum), Poland; Central European Journal Of Social Sciences and Humanities (CEJSH), Poland; Index Copernicus Journals Master List (IC), Poland; Polish Scholarly Bibliography and POL-Index (PBN), Poland; University of Łódź Repository, Poland.

3. **Erasmus Partner Universities:** Czech Republic – Charles University (CZ PRAHA07); Bulgaria: Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BG SOFIA30); Veliko Tarnovo University “Cyril and Methodius” (BG VELIKO01); University of Plovdiv (BG PLOVDIV04); Germany – Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (D FREIBUR01); Slovenia: University of Primorska (SI KOPER0); University of Ljubljana (SI LJUBLJA01); Turkey – Suleyman Demirel University (TR ISPARTA01); Italy – Università Degli Studi di Firenze (I FIRENZE01) & Università Degli Studi di Napoli “l'Orientale” (I NAPOLI02).

4. In December 2015, *Ceraneum* was invited to join the **International Research Network Pax Byzantino-Slava**. Currently, the Network comprises 22 research centers, institutes, academies, departments and associations from Bulgaria, Greece, Georgia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland and Italy.

5. International educational project as part of the **LLP-Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP)**, funded by the Bulgarian Human Resource Development Centre (acting as the Erasmus National Agency in this country), entitled **Standards of Everyday Life in the Middle Ages and in Modern Times** (3 editions: 2012, 2013, 2014). The project is being implemented by a consortium consisting of: St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria) – coordinator; St. Clement of Ohrid University of Sofia (Bulgaria), University of Łódź – *Ceraneum* (Poland), Uludag University (Bursa, Turkey), Ankara University (Turkey), Ovidius University (Constanța, Romania).

6. International educational project as part of **LLP-Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP)**, funded by the Bulgarian Human Resource Development Centre (acting as the Erasmus National Agency in this country), entitled **Syncretic Societies: Bridging Traditions and Modernity? Balkan Summer School for Religion and Public Life**. The project is being implemented by a consortium consisting of: Plovdiv University “Paisiy Hilendarski” (Bulgaria) – coordinator, University of Eastern Finland (Finland), Istanbul Bilgi University (Turkey), University of Bucharest (Romania), University of Milan (Italy), University of Łódź – *Ceraneum* (Poland), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

