

Centrum Astronomiczne im. M. Kopernika PAN

Annual Meeting

2023

Rafał MODERSKI

January 31, 2024

Prizes, awards and new memberships

Marek ABRAMOWICZ

Medal Bohdana Paczyńskiego

"On September 11, 2023, during the opening ceremony of the 41st Congress of the Polish Astronomical Society in Toruń, prestigious awards presented by the PAS were given. The highest distinction, namely the Bohdan Paczyński Medal awarded for outstanding scientific achievements, was bestowed upon Professor Marek Abramowicz."

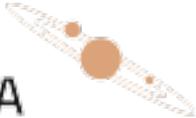


Marek SARNA

Medal CAMK PAN

"for his invaluable contribution to the Polish involvement in the SALT project."

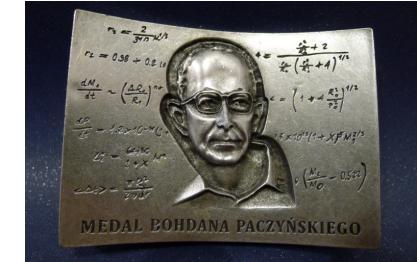
AKADEMIA
KOPERNICKAŃSKA



Leszek ROSZKOWSKI

Marek SARNA

members of the Nicolaus Copernicus Academy



Ewa ŁOKAS

AcademiaNet

„nominated by the National Science Centre Council for inclusion in the AcademiaNet database. AcademiaNet is an online portal showcasing profiles of outstanding women scientists.”

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Employment

	TOTAL						ZA I (Toruń)						ZA II (Bartycka)						AstroCeNT						
	2023		2022		2021		2023		2022		2021		2023		2022		2021		2023		2022		2021		
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pracownicy naukowi	65,9	87	59	72	72	7	7	7	7	8	38,08	52	33	44	44	20,85	28	19	21	20					
bezterminowe	24,0	27	27	31	0	5	5	6	6		19,0	22	21	25											
terminowe	42,0	60	32	41	0	2	2	1	1		19,1	30	12	19		20,8	28	19	21						
prac. badawczo-techniczni	4,0	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1					
pozostali	46,9	64	43	52	53	4,13	7	4	6	6	32,4	44	32	37	38	10,4	13	7	9	9					
RAZEM	116,9	155	106	128	129	12,13	15	12	14	15	72,5	98	67	83	84	32,22	42	27	31	30					
PhD students		37		39	42			5		4		25		29	32		7		6	6					
przyjęci na I rok		1		4					1		1		2											1	

N number – **68**

Scientific performance - evaluations

2013 (2009-2012): A+ excellent

2017 (2013-2016): A very good

2022 (2017-2021): A+ excellent

Change of rules between the 2017 and 2022 evaluations (also financial rules).

Criteria: I) *publications*, II) *grants*, and III) *influence on economy, society, etc.*

I) publications (weight 60%) – 378,66 (max 439,26)

II) grants (weight 20%) – 139,55 (max 139,55)

III) influence (weight 20%) – 30 (max 100/62,5)

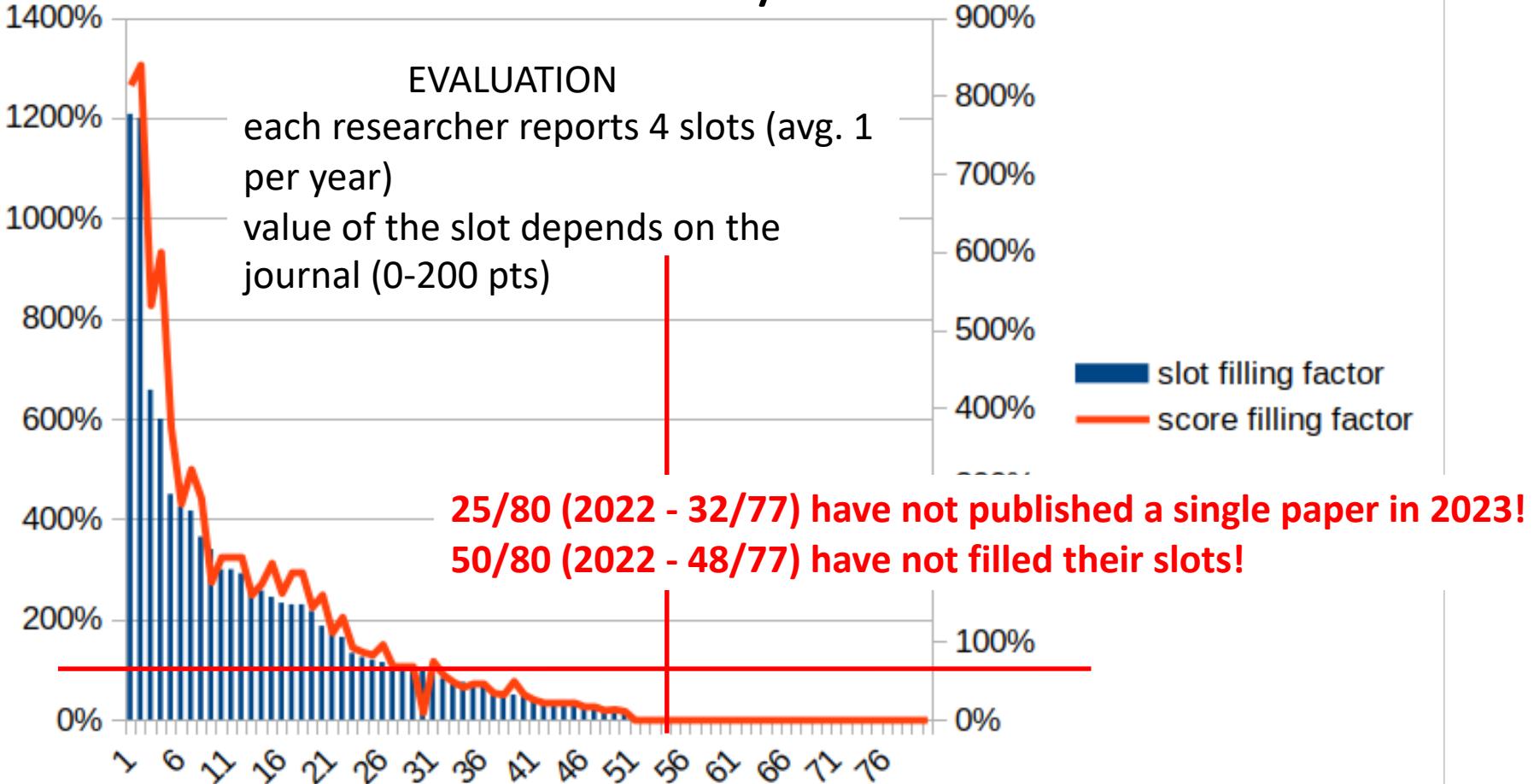
For category A the reference numbers are 339,2/27,6/46

Expert evaluation for A+ (at least 86% of max publication score)

Publications/Presentations

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
number of reports	126	135	135	130	127	113	107	100	88	81	70
refereed publications	156	204	189	205	172	181	183	201	113	134	113
ratio (#pubrec/#rep)	1,24	1,51	1,40	1,58	1,35	1,60	1,71	2,01	1,28	1,65	1,61
conference publications	21	52	17	45	13	73	50	53	42	50	30
conference presentations	173	150	122	53	170	136	186	101	123	114	139
other presentations abroad	54	49	48	30	43	43	40	38	28	45	28
other presentations in Poland	38	31	45	57	63	56	62	82	84	89	83
papers with authors > 100	21%	14%	20%	17%	23%	22%	19%	36%	14%		
papers with 13 < authors < 100	17%	22%	16%	19%	18%	17%	15%	20%	25%		
papers with authors < 13	62%	64%	64%	64%	60%	64%	49%	66%	58%		

Publications/Presentations



Evaluation recommendation

- 1) Publish your results!
- 2) Publish in high score journals:

1	<i>ACS Nano</i>	1936-0851
2	<i>Advanced Science</i>	2198-3844
3	<i>Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics</i>	0066-4146
4	<i>Applied Physics Reviews</i>	1931-9401
5	<i>Astronomy and Astrophysics Review</i>	0935-4956
6	<i>Astrophysical Journal Letters</i>	2041-8205
7	<i>Astrophysical Journal, Supplement Series</i>	0067-0049
8	<i>Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering</i>	0045-7825
9	<i>Living Reviews in Relativity</i>	1433-8351
10	<i>Living Reviews in Solar Physics</i>	1614-4961
11	<i>Measurement: Journal of the International Measurement Confederation</i>	0263-2241
12	<i>National Science Review</i>	2095-5138

CAMK may cover OA publication costs in these journals – contact me for details.

13	<i>Nature</i>	0028-0836
14	<i>Nature Communications</i>	2041-1723
15	<i>Nature Physics</i>	1745-2473
16	<i>Physical Review Letters</i>	0031-9007
17	<i>Physical Review X</i>	2160-3308
18	<i>Physics Reports</i>	0370-1573
19	<i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i>	0027-8424
20	<i>Reports on Progress in Physics</i>	0034-4885
21	<i>Reviews of Modern Physics</i>	0034-6861
22	<i>Science</i>	0036-8075
23	<i>Science Advances</i>	2375-2548
24	<i>Annual Review of Earth and Planetary Sciences</i>	0084-6597
25	<i>Sensors and actuators B: Chemical</i>	0925-4005

Evaluation recommendation

3) Insert your publication into ORCID database (make it public)

4) Report your publication!

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Please REMEMBER to use 'Save' buttons especially before you exit the report or leave your desk to make a coffee.
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Print evaluation statement

Printable version

1. Refereed publications:

To attach an item to the report check the checkbox next to it. Items with empty checkboxes will not count to the report. Move mouse over a publication to see the full publication title and the list of the authors.

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! Checking this you agree to add this publication to the CAMK evaluation and to your score. Meaning that you cannot agree this publication to be used in evaluation by another institute.

Additional (other than NCAC) Polish affiliations of an author can be added with 'Add affiliations' button.

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Add affiliations

In ORCID, score = 0.18

(R5041) "HESS J1809–193: A halo of escaped elec...", H. E. S. S. Collaboration; Aharonian, F.; Ait Benkhali, F. ..., 2023, A&A, 672, A103
 Corresponding author

Add to evaluation !

Completed and verified

In ORCID, score = 0.13

(R5046) "Search for the evaporation of primordi...", Aharonian, F.; Ait Benkhali, F.; Aschersleben, J. ..., 2023, JCAP, 2023, 040
 Corresponding author

Add to evaluation !

Completed and verified

In ORCID, score = 0.13

(R5072) "Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope...", Acero, F.; Acharyya,

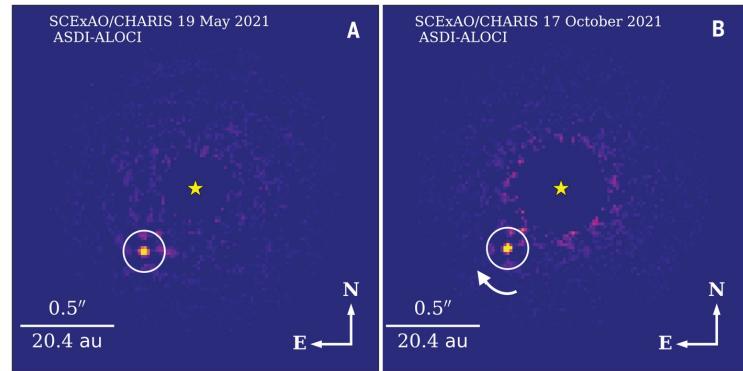
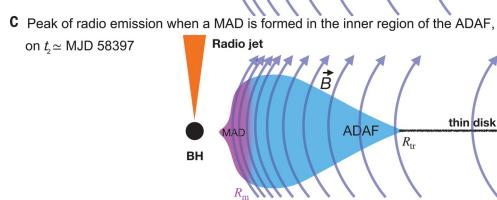
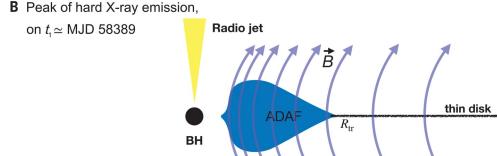
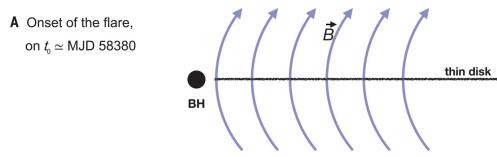
Scientific highlights

21 (2022 – 24) papers in journals with 200 pts. (3 more in Nature Astronomy)

Direct imaging and astrometric detection of a gas giant planet orbiting an accelerating star

Currie, T. et al. (Hełminiak, K.)

Science, Volume 380, Issue 6641, pp. 198-203 (2023)



Observations of a black hole x-ray binary indicate formation of a magnetically arrested disk

You, B. et al. (Sikora, M.; Życki, P.)

Science, Volume 381, Issue 6661, pp. 961-964 (2023).

Research projects

	2023			2022			2021
	in progress	start	end	in progress	start	end	TOTAL
TOTAL	27	7	22	37	12	11	
NCN grants	21	4	14	25	10	10	43
MAESTRO	1		2	3		1	4
SONATA BIS	5		2	6	1		7
OPUS	9	3	4	8	5	4	15
PRELUDIUM(BIS)	4		2	4	2	2	8
MINATURA			2		2		1
inne	2	1	2	4		3	8
MEiN grants	3	2	4	6	1	1	
EU grants	3		2	4	1		
other		1	2	2			

5 more projects started at
the beginning of 2024

Grants finances

Grants awarded in	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total budget	12 661	10 530	76 778	14 557	15 202	50 096	7 245	23 604	2 466	5 820
First year	2 388	2 708	2 592	4 327	1 330	4 884	2 521	5 521	661	1 480

New grants

Dynamika pola magnetycznego w gwiazdach neutronowych

NCN OPUS 24 LAP Wave (with FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-UNIVERSITÄT JENA)

dr hab. Brynmor HASSELL

The old Milky Way: a holistic approach for the accurate analysis of metal-poor stars

NCN OPUS 24 LAP Wave (with CENTER FOR ASTRONOMY, UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG)

dr hab. Rodolfo SMILJANIC

Search for dark matter with liquid argon detectors

NCN OPUS 24

dr hab. Marcin KUŹNIAK

Formation and evolution of the Nuclear Star Cluster in the Milky Way and other spiral galaxies on the cosmological time scale

PAN LTP Ukraina (with US NAS)

prof. Peter BERTSYK

Przyrost masy czarnych dziur w gromadach gwiazd

NCN POLONEZ BIS

dr Abbas ASKAR

New grants

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01 (Teaming for Excellence)

Astrocent Plus

prof. Leszek ROSKOWSKI

has been invited to the second and final submission stage

Międzynarodowe Agendy Badawcze (MAB FENG)

AstroCeNT – Centrum Naukowo-Technologiczne Astrofizyki Cząstek

dr hab. Marcin KUŹNIAK

has been invited to the third and final evaluation stage

Financing infrastructure/instrumental projects

(International) Astronomical Observatory (OCM),

Chile

prof. G. Pietrzyński; ERC, NCN and MEiN grants in progress

National Center for Satellite quantum Communication

(NCSatCom), RSA

prof. M. Konacki; MEiN SPUB in progress

SOLARIS, Argentina, RSA, Australia

prof. M. Konacki; MEiN SPUB in progress

SALT, RSA

prof. M. Sarna; MEiN grant in progress

BRITE, Poland

prof. G. Hamdler; MEiN SPUB in progress

Hyper-Kamiokande, Japan

dr. Marcin Ziembicki; new MEiN grant

H.E.S.S., Namibia

prof. R. Moderski; MEiN new grant (2 years)

CTA, Chile, La Palma

prof. B. Rudak, R. Moderski

DarkSide, Italy

dr. M. Kuźniak

ATHENA

prof. A. Różańska



Rolf Chini's Cerro Murphy Observatory in Chile

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Scientific degrees & title

Bryn Haskell received Italian Full Professor scientific habilitation (ASN) in Astrophysics
(italian scientific sector 02/C1)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
professor	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1
habilitacja	(1)	0	4	2	5	2	1	1
PhD	6	10	4	3	2	5	4	1

Finances



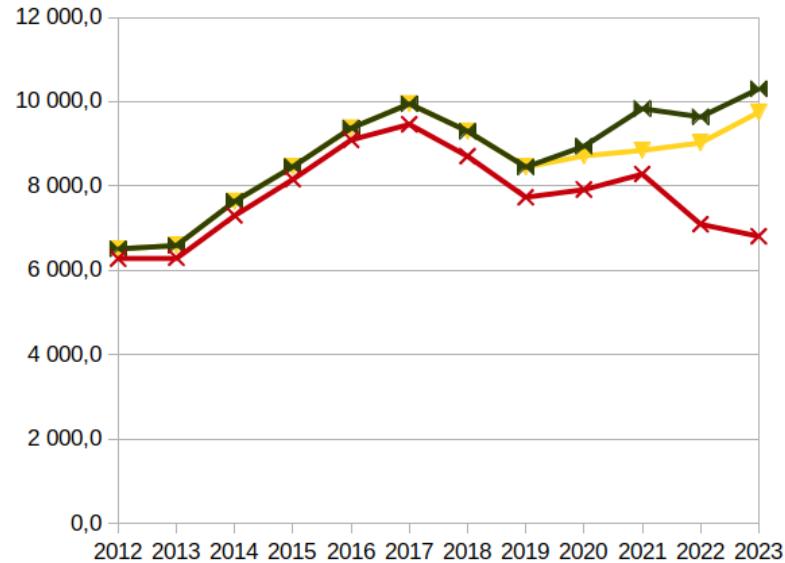
- Electricity: cost increase of 250 % in Jul 2022 – monthly cost increase from ca. 29 kPLN to 90 kPLN (since Dec 2022 – 100 %).
- Further increase of energy cost due to VAT increase (despite „the shield”) from 488 kPLN to 546 kPLN
- We managed to decrease energy consumption from 525,8 MWh in 2022 to 465,1 MWh in 2023 (12%)
- Heating cost increase from 154 kPLN to 244 kPLN (consumption from 1625 GJ to 1701 GJ)

	INCOME			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
subwencja MEiN	10 306,7	9 640,4	9 838,0	8 945,0
subwencja bazowa	9 752,2	9 025,8	8 848,8	8 718,0
zwiększenie PhD	554,5	614,6	989,2	227,0
koszty pośrednie projektów	3 069,4	2 472,0	1 999,0	1 847,0
wynajem		408,0	339,0	367,0
hotel		107,0	98,0	90,0
usługi badawcze + R&D		421,0	650,0	381,0
inne		92,0	29,0	0,0
RAZEM	13 140,4	12 953,0	11 630,0	

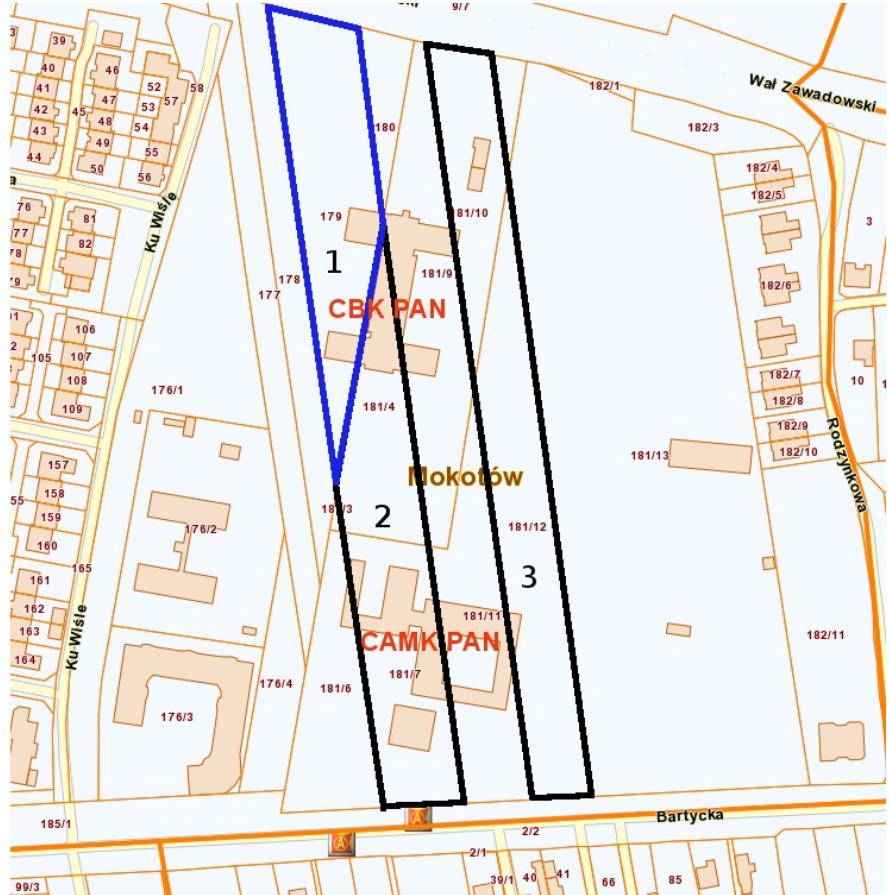
Subsidy for the maintenance and development of research potential from MEiN (now MNiSW)

SUBWENCJA

rok	subwencja [kPLN]	zwiększenie [kPLN]	SUMA [kPLN]	zmiana r/r [kPLN]	szkoła doktorska [kPLN]	zmiana r/r [kPLN]	RAZEM [kPLN]
2012	6 512,0		6 512,0				6 512,0
2013	6 593,0		6 593,0	81,0		0,0	6 593,0
2014	7 640,0		7 640,0	1 047,0		0,0	7 640,0
2015	8 462,0		8 462,0	822,0		0,0	8 462,0
2016	9 376,0		9 376,0	914,0		0,0	9 376,0
2017	9 951,0		9 951,0	575,0		0,0	9 951,0
2018	9 300,0		9 300,0	-651,0		0,0	9 300,0
2019	8 453,4		8 453,4	-846,6		0,0	8 453,4
2020	8 282,1	435,9	8 718,0	264,6	227,0	227,0	8 945,0
2021	8 282,1	566,7	8 848,8	130,8	989,2	762,2	9 838,0
2022	8 406,4	619,4	9 025,8	177,0	614,6	-374,6	9 640,4
2023	9 477,1	275,1	9 752,2	726,4	554,5	-60,1	10 306,7



Land ownership



- Series of land ownership disputes
 - No. 2 already resolved in 2016-2020
 - No. 3 - The court issued a judgment ordering the payment of compensation for non-contractual use of the plot (> 3,5 mln PLN with interests). We appealed against the verdict (123 kPLN cost) but hopes for a positive outcome are low.
- We are no longer using plot no. 181/13 – it has been released to PAS

Challenges for 20234

1) towards the permanent A+ category

- a) quality of research (easily available and monitored information on our performance + changes to employee evaluation system)
- b) better projects support
- c) better working and studying environment quality (GEP, HRS4R, remote work, computing infrastructure, training)
- d) PR strategy (events, interviews, awards, social media actions)

2) the future of AstroCeNT – still uncertain, but progress made

3) “big” infrastructure

- a) OCM investment – awaiting 2.5 m telescope
- b) SOLARIS + NCSatCom – final comissioning and operation
- c) BRITE control station – change of the antenna system
- d) participation in international projects (CTA, H.E.S.S., Hyper-Kamiokande, DarkSide, space missions)

4) salaries and costs (unknown)

- a) formal increase of salaries and scholarships

5) ~~10 % further reduction in power energy consumption (GreenCAMK)~~

- a) dynamic computer switching (desktop, clusters, etc.) + energy efficient components
- b) UPS replacement
- c) ~~building lock 22-6~~
- d) PV installation

THANK YOU

and I wish you a nice meeting!

GeoPlanet Doctoral School

