1) President / Président  
Dr. Marcin Gabryś

2) # of Canadian Studies Centres / # des Centres d'études canadiennes  
8

3) # of Members / # des Membres  
145

4) Web site / Site Web  
http://www.ptbk.org.pl

5) Activities (including dates) / Activités (avec dates)

- Arctic Day – University of Lodz (7 March 2014)
- Conference: 2nd Meeting with Anglo-Saxon Cultures, State University of Applied Sciences, Konin (7 April 2014)
- Students’ conference: Multiculturalism, the Final Frontier? Representations of Diversity in Canadian Mass Media and Popular Culture, University of Silesia, Sosnowiec (14 May 2014)
- Days of Canadian Culture, University of Silesia, Sosnowiec (14-15 May 2014)
- Canada Days, University of Szczecin (28-29 May 2014)
- Conference: Representing, (De)Constructing and Translating Borderlands, University of Białystok (29-30 May 2014)
- Conference: Re-Imagining the First World War: (Hi)stories, Myths, and Propaganda in Anglophone Literature and Culture, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, (25-26 September 2014)
- Conference: Culture & Space – Alice Munro: Creation, Edition, and Adaptation, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń (20-21 October 2014)
- Students’ Conference: Leonard Cohen, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (24 October 2014)
- Congress of Polish-Canadians, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (Warsaw, 7-8 November 2014)
- 3rd Festival of Canadian Culture & Students’ Conference “Aboriginal Peoples of Canada”, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (17-21 November 2014)
- Jour du Québec, Université de Silésie, Sosnowiec (17 décembre 2014)
- Meeting with Beata Golembiowska – Canadian film director, photographer and writer, Krakow (4 March 2015)
- Conference: The aesthetics and politics of contemporary women’s life-writing in Canada and the US: multicultural perspectives, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan (7 March 2015)
- Conference: 3rd Meeting with Anglo-Saxon Cultures, State University of Applied Sciences, Konin (14 April 2015)

The following Canadian scholars, artists and writers gave guest presentations at Polish universities:

Gilles Bélanger - University of Silesia, Sosnowiec
Henry Beissel - University of Szczytno
Jonathan Locke Hart – Lodz, Warsaw
Lindsay Thistle – University of Silesia, Sosnowiec
Claude Michaud – Krakow, Warsaw, Sosnowiec
Dominique Garand – University of Warsaw & University of Silesia
Joseph Patrouch - University of Silesia, Sosnowiec
Margaret MacMillan – Warsaw
Régine Robin - University of Warsaw
Jan Grabowski – Jagiellonian University, Krakow
Daniel Geleyn - Jagiellonian University, Krakow
John-Michael Warner – University of Lublin
Kylie Crane – University of Lublin
Sherrill Grace – Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun
Walter Epp - Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun

The following PACS members gave guest presentations at universities outside of Poland:

Józef Kwateko - Université Paris-4 Sorbonne-Nouvelle (France)
Joanna Durczak - Palacky University in Olomouc (Czech Republic)
6) Publications

- Anna Branach-Kallas becomes a member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Canadian Studies / Revue internationale d’études canadiennes*

7) Grants awarded by the association. Awards & prizes received by members / Bourses offertes par l’association. Prix reçus par les membres de l’association

- PACS awarded the *Governor General’s Medallion* by HE David Johnston, Governor General of Canada for the facilitation and promotion of Canadian studies and knowledge of Canada
- Józef Kwaterko (Université de Varsovie) – CIEC / ICCS *Certificat de mérite*
- Anna Branach-Kallas (Nicolaus Copernicus University) – ICCS *Pierre Savard Award* for the book: *Uraz przetrwania. Trauma i polemika z mitem pierwszej wojny światowej w powieści kanadyjskiej*
- Rafał Madeja (University of Silesia) – ICCS *Graduate Student Scholarship*
- Krzysztof Majer (University of Lodz) was accepted to the *Banff International Literary Translation Centre residency*
- Michał Obszynski - *bourse de l’AIEQ* (Association Internationale des Études Québécoises) – la participation au colloque - Université Simon Fraser, Vancouver

8) Research / Recherches

Literature is the dominant discipline. History and social sciences are also well-represented. Among PACS members one can find experts in Canadian theatre, cinema and media, Native issues (history, culture, literature, etc.), environmental issues, Canadian history and literature (both French and English), political sciences, linguistics, sociology, culture and identity studies, gender and immigration studies. PACS members are not only established scholars, but also PhD and graduate students, who constitute a majority of
Polish Canadianists. Some members come from other countries like Germany, Ukraine, Romania, Austria, France or Canada. Due to PACS’s status as a non-profit association, the possibilities of financial development are quite limited. The annual grant received from Foreign Affairs Canada allowed PACS to support the majority of its activities, which had to be suspended due to the budget cuts introduced by the Canadian government in May 2012. The whole budget now comes from the membership fees, which allows for running a strictly limited number of PACS own programs (see point 7 above). PACS also promotes grants and programs offered by ICCS-CIEC (Postdoctoral Fellowships, Graduate Student Scholarships). Despite the limited budget, within a few months the seventh issue of Polish Journal of Canadian Studies TransCanadiana will be published. We are planning to work on the further diversification of PACS activities and encourage new members and disciplines.

After the Canadian government’s decision to end all funding for Canadian studies organizations, including PACS, we are now forced to rely on very limited financial resources – membership fees, voluntary work of our members and in-kind services offered by Jagiellonian University (PACS office – free of rent payments – is on the premises of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków). These resources constitute only around 10% of the previous budget.

Until May 2012 PACS offered programs allowing support for research trips within Poland and abroad, and for conference participation. The programs, however, were suspended due to Canadian government’s decision to cease financial support of Understanding Canada Program (incl. financial contribution to PACS budget). The list of suspended programs:

**Conference grants** - allow to cover travel expenses for Canadianists (PACS members) who attend conferences outside Poland or do their research in European libraries. The grants are offered yearly in two rounds.

**Library grants** - allow a partial cover of travel expenses and accommodation for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students as well as for other scholars (PACS members) who plan to do their research in the libraries of Canadian Studies Centres in Poland.

**Lecture tours** by Polish and foreign professors, and invited Canadian artists. All tours are co-financed by receiving universities and PACS. One of the objectives is to enable Polish students studying Canadian topics to participate in lectures of Canadian scholars.

The only grant we offer on a regular yearly basis is:

**Nancy Burke Best M.A. Thesis Award** – This PACS Award is designed to promote each year an outstanding M.A. thesis on a Canadian topic written in Poland (in either Polish, French or English), and which contributes to a better understanding of Canada in Poland. The award is consistent with the ICCS’s strategy of fostering a new generation of Canadianists.

**Days of Canadian Culture**, University of Silesia, Sosnowiec (May 6-7, 2015)

**Summary of the year 2014 in Canada**, Jagiellonian University (Kraków, 7 May 2015)

Conference: **11th Literature in English Symposium**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (15-16 May 2015)

“**Discover Canada**” competition / knowledge quiz (Żory, 11-12 June 2015)

**Canada Days**, University of Szczecin (11-12 June 2015)


**7th PACS Congress**: Canada and war/Le Canada et les guerres, (Torun 19-21 May 2016)