

## From the Editor

Dialogue is the most appropriate form of complex and competent cognition of the reality. The more complex reality is submitted to the research, the bigger pressure has to be put on the undisturbed communication among the partners of the enterprise. As it has already been stated in our journal many times, the family institution undoubtedly belongs to the scope of phenomena of the highest level of complexity. No wonder, both the subject of the research itself and the scientific discipline with the task of the integral family study (Family Studies), which “Family Forum” annals intentionally identify with, require the consistent dialogue among all research subjects (disciplines) involved. This volume of the journal, which is an attempt of interdisciplinary perspective of the family with its complexity, is a significant expression of such an approach.

We are publishing with great satisfaction a subsequent volume of “Family Forum” for critical reading, hoping that the research goal – which is to show the multifaceted abundance of the family in an approach demanding a high degree of interdisciplinary character – is, at least to some extent, fulfilled. Assuming that – apart from family studies – issues of the marriage and family are studied by philosophy and theology in the area of humanities, pedagogy, philosophy and sociology in the area of social sciences, but also legal science and medical sciences from a specific perspective, the journal comprises articles from all these mentioned above fields and scientific disciplines. The articles are arranged according to the principle of subsequent scientific disciplines. In this way a mosaic of perspectives and ways of approach to the subject illustrates the factual abundance of the family subject matter and the necessity to complement the fragmentary perspective of individual sciences in order to achieve an integral view of the studied reality. The rich view on the family is traditionally complemented with the reviews and reports from some substantially important scientific conferences dealing with the family subject matter.

It is great pleasure to note that the creation of the volume is joined by Opole University doctoral students. Thus, the journal is becoming a plane to exchange

thoughts among notable scientists of different fields and young scientists presenting the results of their first research undertaken under their supervisors, who deserve much recognition for introducing young research workers into the world of science.

Since the journal is open with its programme to the interdisciplinary and integral approach and these are the characteristic markers of the family itself as well as the problems of the scope, the volume is of particular importance with the message of regular and multifaceted need of scientific cooperation to explore the family problems. We would like to invite all Researchers, regardless of the country of origin or residence, their outlook on life, or academic centres and disciplines they represent, to join the discussion in the journal.

A regular – as regards the matrix – graphic layout indicates the substance of the volume (in the colourful square). Since the first volume of “Family Forum” it has been the motif of intertwined strings in different colours which indicate families and their multiple problems originating from the family reality. An interdisciplinary approach towards the problem issue of the family is nothing more than undergoing methodological rigour and operating with the tools available for given scientific disciplines. The graphic of the present volume cover with the distinctive elements: a calliper and a magnifying glass – the tools indicating scientific and empirical disciplines – is the illustration of the journal receptiveness to interdisciplinary research of other branches of science and the illustration of the factual content of the volume.

The participants, as it happens every year, are represented interdisciplinarily by different research centres in Poland and abroad. We do show appreciation on behalf of the Readers, the Editorial Board of “Family Forum” and the Family Studies Institute, which is publishing the journal, to all eminent scientists from various European countries, who belong to the Academic Board, but also to the representatives of various research disciplines who have taken on the responsibility of being thematic editors of “Family Forum”. We are also grateful to the Reviewers, Translators and Proofreader for their care for high substantive quality of the journal.

On behalf of the Academic Board and Editorial Board of “Family Forum” we would like to invite all to join the discussion on the multifaceted family reality. We also want to inform that the following volume will be devoted to children’s place and role in a family and problems connected with having or not having children.

As the Editorial Board of “Family Forum” we also want to share a piece of information that the journal has its website (<http://familyforum.uni.opole.pl>) and it

is already in a few international full text and abstract journal bases. We wish all the readers fruitful reading.

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The chief editor of “Family Forum”

