

## Foreword

The special issue 5/2020 of *Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae* (SEeB) was created in response to the appeal of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland to promote the achievements of Polish scientists internationally. The financial support of the Ministry, allocated for this purpose under the DUN (Działalność Upowszechniająca Naukę - scientific dissemination activities) programme, allowed to publish 35 articles in English, all of which were originally issued in Polish, in SEeB between 2003 and 2018. We express our hope that the studies of Polish authors will be more widely available to foreign scientists and will contribute to the revival of scientific debate on the broadly understood environmental issues. We believe that, as a result, our journal will also arouse a greater interest of foreign authors and readers.

Since 2003, the journal “*Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae*” has documented the specific character, scope and development trends of the research conducted at the Institute of Ecology and Bioethics at the Faculty of Christian Philosophy at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (UKSW), transformed in 2020 into the Centre for Ecology and Ecophilosophy. The goal of the journal is to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, postulates, and experiences related to various manifestations of environmental crises. The journal draws on the main methodological assumption of the research conducted at the Centre for Ecology and Ecophilosophy, highlighting the need for parallel, and even comple-

mentary methodology, i.e. for adopting an empirical and humanistic approach to the contemporary ecological issues. This special issue is an excellent illustration of the profile of the *Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae* journal. It reflects its interdisciplinary character, presenting 21 articles that revolve around the environmental issues from a humanistic and social perspective, as well as 14 articles that discuss those issues from a natural perspective.

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