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This new issue of the *Journal of Health Inequalities* marks the third anniversary of our journal's existence. Throughout this period our publication has developed at a very promising pace, gaining a global reach and recognisability and attracting contributions from some of the world's leading public health researchers. The Index Copernicus Value awarded to the JHI has also grown markedly, in the latest ranking reaching a rating of 94.67. This places our journal among some of the leading public health publications in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Another important measure of the development of our publication is the attention it has been receiving from the global scholarly community. It has been a pleasure to see the rising number of citations, even though the JHI is not yet indexed in all bibliographic databases. Together with our partners, we will continue to collaborate to strengthen the visibility of our journal, making sure that it offers its contributors the scientific impact that their work deserves.

The current issue of the JHI marks the inauguration ceremony of the 2018/2019 academic year of the The President Stanisław Wojciechowski State University of Applied Sciences in Kalisz (PWSZ), the academic institution which is the host of our journal. It is our honour to publish the inaugural address given on this occasion by the eminent epidemiologist Professor Peter Boyle, the President of the International Prevention Research Institute in Lyon. Professor Boyle's address, outlining the key global challenges on public health, had a profound impact on the policymakers, scientists, and community leaders who attended the ceremony.

The December 2018 issue is devoted to three main themes. First of all, we present Dr Łukasz Gruszczyński's analysis of the EU regulatory regime for e-cigarettes, accompanied by commentaries from leading public health scholars from the UK, and an analysis of the trends in e-cigarette use among Polish and US youth.

Secondly, we tackle the problems surrounding influenza vaccination, both from the public health and economic points of view, with contributions from scholars from Poland, Italy, and the UK.

Thirdly, we continue our series of articles devoted to tobacco control developments in different European countries. In this issue we have the pleasure of presenting an overview of the situation in Georgia, prepared by one of the country's most distinguished public health advocates Dr George Bakhturidze. This is accompanied by a report from the 8th session of the WHO FCTC Conference of Parties.

Finally, we conclude with commentaries we received to Dr Mark Parascandola's article on ambient air pollution and lung cancer in Poland, which appeared in our June 2018 issue; the appeal issued by the Polish Health Promotion Foundation on the 2018 World No Tobacco Day; a piece on the creation of Cochrane Poland; and a review prepared by the eminent sociologist Dr Jacek Moskalewicz of the recent book analysing the alcohol policy developments in Russia in the last years.

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