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**RESOLUTION No. 12/2026
OF THE SCIENCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
of 25 February 2026**

on the evaluation of the quality of education at a doctoral school

Pursuant to Art. 259(1) and Art. 262(2) of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), hereinafter referred to as the “Act”, having reviewed the results of the evaluation referred to in Art. 262(1) of the Act, which was carried out by the Evaluation Team, the Science Evaluation Committee

positively evaluates the quality of education

at the BioPlanet Doctoral School

run jointly by

the Museum and Institute of Zoology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
the Roman Kozłowski Institute of Paleobiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
and the Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

This evaluation applies to the period from 1 October 2019 to 11 May 2025.

Justification:

On 4 August 2025, Museum and Institute of Zoology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Roman Kozłowski Institute of Paleobiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences submitted for assessment a self-evaluation report concerning the quality of education at the BioPlanet Doctoral School in the period from 1 October 2019 to 11 May 2025. As part of the evaluation process, the Evaluation Team appointed by the Chair of the Science Evaluation Committee reviewed the documentation and then conducted an on-site visit to the Doctoral School on 18 November 2025, during which it obtained additional information allowing for a full verification of the data presented.

The Evaluation Team concluded that during the period under evaluation, the education process implemented at the BioPlanet Doctoral School met the evaluation criteria for level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework to a degree sufficient to award a positive assessment. The BioPlanet Doctoral School's education programme was characterized by its interdisciplinary nature, internationalization and adaptation to the diverse needs of doctoral students, but it was not periodically and formally improved. The decision to award a positive assessment was made despite the identified systemic shortcomings, in particular the lack of a formalized system for verifying learning outcomes and evaluating the quality of education. At the same time, the Evaluation Team took into account the high scientific and human resources potential of the Doctoral School, the significant degree of internationalization of education, the provision of education in English, the high scientific activity of the staff and doctoral students, and the real possibilities of implementing the corrective measures indicated in the recommendations.

In view of the above, the Evaluation Team decided to give a positive assessment of the quality of education at the BioPlanet Doctoral School during the period subject to evaluation.

Having examined the documentation, the Science Evaluation Committee decided as stated in the introduction.

Note:

An entity dissatisfied with the evaluation may, pursuant to Art. 262(4) of the Act, raise objections to this evaluation within 30 days from the date of delivery of this resolution.

Chair of the Science Evaluation Committee

prof. dr hab. inż. Zbigniew Kąkol

/-signed digitally/

Annex:

Evaluation report prepared by the Evaluation Team.

Copies to:

- 1) Museum and Institute of Zoology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 2) Roman Kozłowski Institute of Paleobiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 3) Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 4) Minister of Science and Higher Education