



### **The late Dr Bednarowski**

Dr Wladyslaw Bednarowski, a Pole, studied Philosophy in the Jagiellonian University in Krakow prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. He escaped with the Polish Army at the start of the War, eventually arriving in Britain. At the end of the War, he obtained a post as Lecturer in the Aberdeen University Logic Department (subsequently merged into the Philosophy Department, which is now part of the School of History, Divinity and Philosophy). He remained there, teaching and pursuing research, in due course being promoted to a Readership, and ultimately retiring in 1975. He continued to live in Aberdeen until his death in November 2002, aged 94.

### **The W. Bednarowski Trust**

Having visited Poland several times in his later years, Dr Bednarowski recognised the value for Polish academics of being able to visit a British University, and formed the idea of providing money for this purpose. His idea was welcomed by members of the Aberdeen University Philosophy Department, and with money he gave the Trust was instituted in 1999 by a small group.

The primary purposes of the Trust, which is recognised as a charity, are: to advance education by facilitating contacts for Polish academics, particularly in Philosophy and particularly between the Jagiellonian University of Krakow and the University of Aberdeen, by the provision of support for Polish academics visiting Scotland for the purposes of study and research; and to support activities of other bodies which are seeking to advance the education of Polish academics.

The Trust offers short visiting research fellowships, open to application from members of staff of the Jagiellonian University and other Polish universities, enabling three or more individuals each year to visit Aberdeen or other Scottish universities. The purpose of this scheme is to give Polish academics an opportunity to learn more about Philosophy in the English-speaking world, and to make contact with colleagues in their discipline (possibly with a view to subsequent collaboration). It is hoped that there will also be a benefit for the host department and its members. By Summer 2013 the scheme had brought over thirty fellows to Scotland. The Trust has also offered support for Polish philosophers to attend the major annual UK philosophical conference, the 'Joint Session', when it met in Aberdeen in 2008 and in Stirling in 2012. Also, in co-operation with Polish philosophers, it is holding a Joint Polish-Scottish conference and workshop in Warsaw in September 2013, focusing on Political Philosophy and Epistemology.

## **Fellowship visits**

Visits are normally for six weeks, but may be extended if appropriate. Fellows coming to Aberdeen are given support towards their travel costs, free accommodation and a weekly stipend to cover basic living costs; they have access to the University Library, space for study and access to a computer. They may also receive some support for travel to other institutions. Similar arrangements apply for visitors to other Scottish universities.



## **Applications**

Applications for the visiting research fellowships are invited early during each calendar year, for visits in the following academic Session (late September/early October – early June). Applications are considered and awards made by a Selection Committee in May or June (*see below*).

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**The Trust's logo:** *Dr Bednarowski was an enthusiastic and prolific painter. The symbol in the Trust's logo was the one he used as his signature on his paintings.*

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