

IBA 2020 Elections
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I have been involved with IBA for a while now, and it has been a pleasure I wish never stops. My engagement with bear research started in 2002, initially focusing on physiological and behavioral effects of stress and then expanding into ecology. Currently, I am an assistant professor at the Institute of Nature Conservation of Polish Academy of Sciences in Kraków.

I attended my first bear conference and became an IBA member in 2007 in Monterrey, Mexico. Two years later I was invited to join BSG as a member of European Brown Bear Expert Team. I co-organized captive bears workshops at the IBA conferences in Georgia and Canada and got involved with the students' presentations at the Utah conference. Later I teamed up with amazing colleagues in preparing the Recent Bear Literature section for International Bear News, and in 2017 I joined our Ursus journal as an Associate Editor. I am also co-chairing the communication team.

There are many IBA-inspired stories we hold dear and share when we meet, and many things we want to improve in the bear world with our knowledge and experiences. In some countries bear populations are viable, whereas in others they are on the verge of extinction. With IBA's transition, we are going to increase our global impact and offer more resources for all members. This will be especially important in areas where bear populations need immediate attention, but also where the needs are different and less urgent. Being familiar with this diversity in which we study, manage and conserve bears, I will commit to continue creating a welcoming and inclusive community and to increase the exchange of knowledge among all member countries of IBA. I have enjoyed serving as a Councillor and look forward to continuing the role as Vice President, Eurasia, if elected.

