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*Initiatives undertaken by the*  
**Foundation for Polish Science**  
*to develop research in Poland*

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# FOUNDATION FOR POLISH SCIENCE

- registered in **1991** according to the law on foundations and own statute
- public benefit organization since **2005** (under law on public benefit activities)
- independent
- self – financing (endowment from the Central Fund for Science and Technology Development)
- not - for - profit
- operating on national and international level
- the biggest non-governmental organization supporting science in Poland since 1991

# AUTHORITIES



Photo: prof. A. Członkowski, prof. I. Kotowska,  
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## Council of the Foundation

- supervises Foundation activities
- 7 members
- 4-year term, renewable once

## Board of the Foundation

- implementation of all activities
- day to day management
- currently 3 members



Photo: prof. W. Bolecki, prof.. M. Żylicz, dr T. Perkowski



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*'Supporting only the best,  
so that they can become even better'*

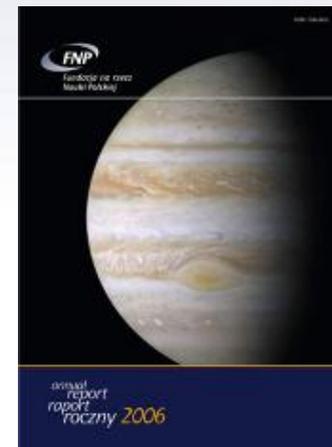


# PRINCIPLES



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- **competitiveness** – open competition in all the FNP programmes
- **independent *peer-review* system** – as an essential and fundamental tool for evaluation of every submitted project proposal
- **transparency** - external financial **audit** & public annual financial and programme **reports**
- **Codes of Ethics** – both for the FNP authorities, staff and beneficiaries



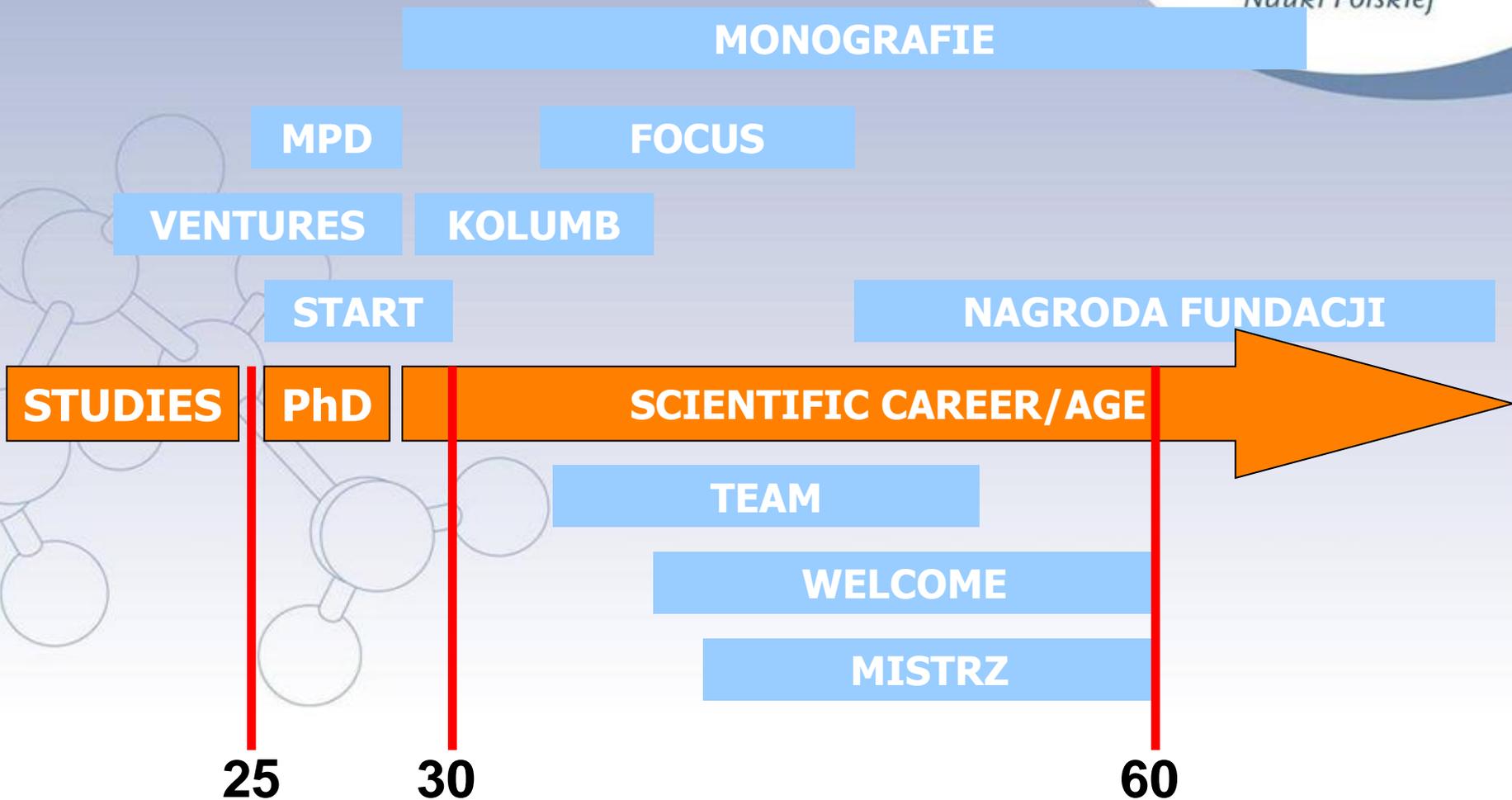
# Funds

- initial endowment – ca \$ 30 million (1991)
- in mid 2008 – total contribution to science in Poland exceeds ca € 100 million
- spendings in 2009 – € 17 million
- current assets amount ca € 130 million
- spendings planned for 2010 – € **20 million**

# FOUNDATION POLICY



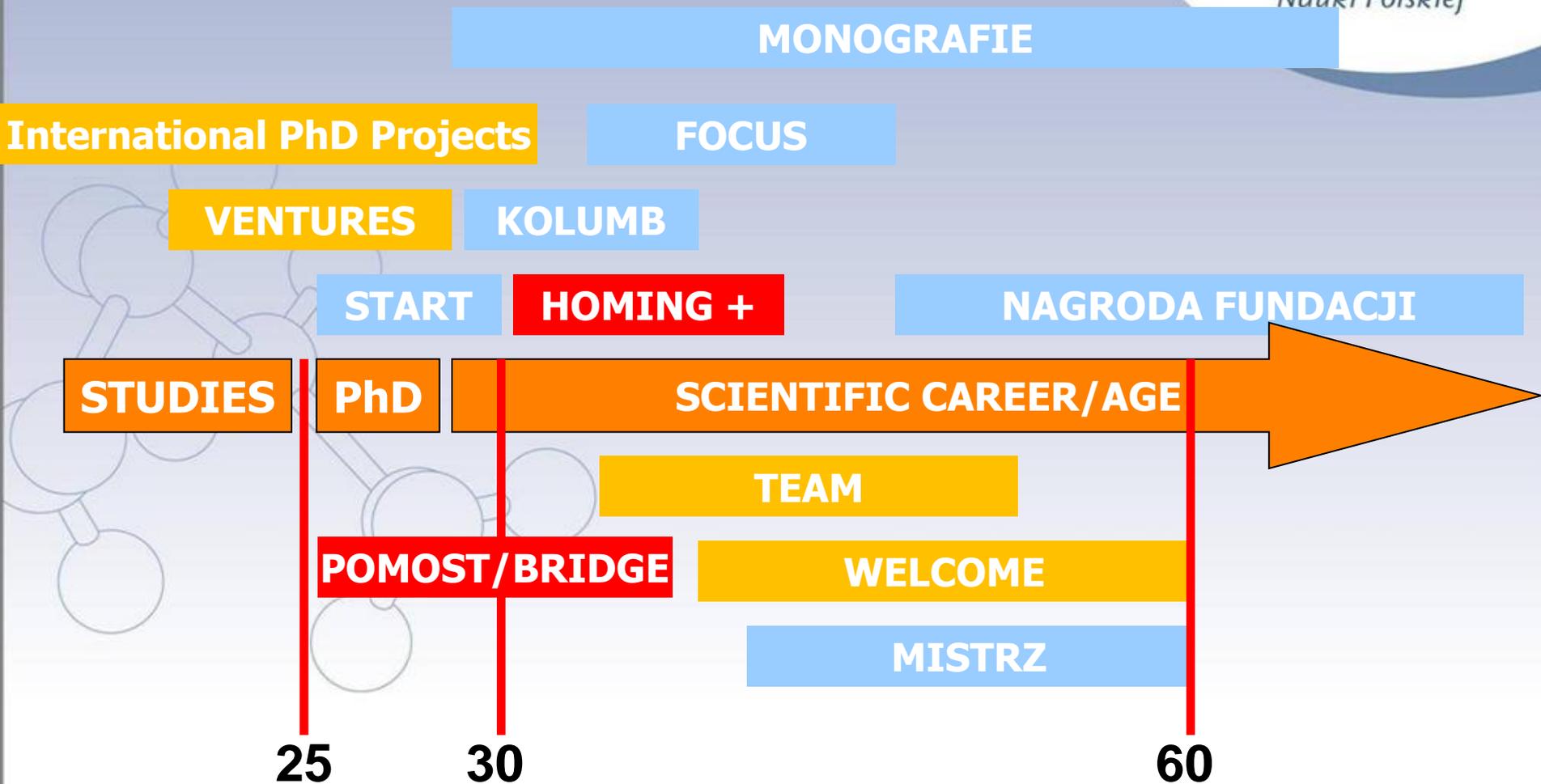
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# FOUNDATION POLICY



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# EU Funded Programmes



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## The programmes:

- ❑ Welcome,
- ❑ Team,
- ❑ International PhD Projects,
- ❑ Ventures,
- ❑ Homing Plus
- ❑ BRIDGE/Parent

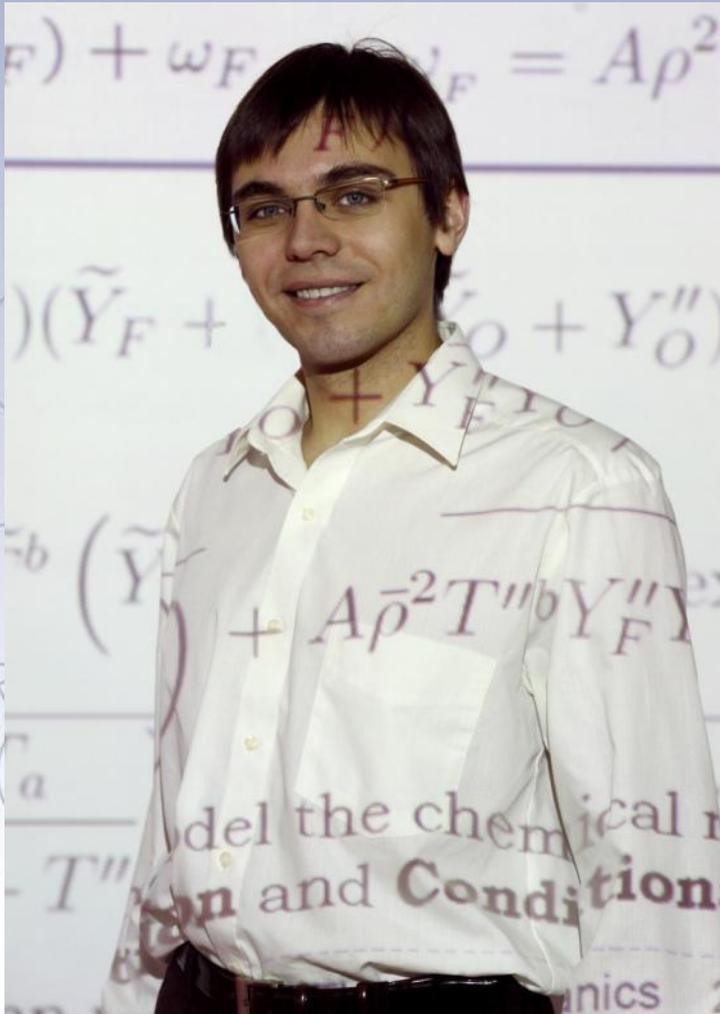
financed from the Operational Programme Innovative Economy 2007-2013;  
measure 1.2 – „Strengthening the human potential in the science sector”

**400 mln PLN (100 mln EUR)**

# Ventures programme



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**Supporting master students,  
graduates and PhD students carrying  
out projects with  
a practical application to the economy**

The objectives:

- boost pro-economy and pro-innovation attitudes of young researchers
- encourage them to pursue scientific careers.

# Ventures programme



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## Funding in programme:

### 1) personal stipends

students - amounting to ca € 400 per month;  
graduates - amounting to ca € 400 per month;  
PhD students- amounting to € 800 per month

### 2) scientific grant

which depends on the actual costs of the  
project and does not exceed € 8 900 PLN per  
year

Duration of the projects: from 1 to 3 years

Closing dates in 2010:

15 April 2010 and 31 October



# Homing Plus



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For scientists at early stage of academic career (up to 4 years after obtaining the doctorate).

The objectives:

- encourage young Polish scholars abroad to return to Poland
- bring young PhDs who are citizens of other countries for a postdoctoral fellowship to Poland

# Homing Plus



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## Funding

- **research stipend** in an amount of ca € 1300 per month.
- **research grant** in an amount of up to ca € 21 000 per year

stipends in an amount of € 250 per month for two students conducting work on their master's thesis

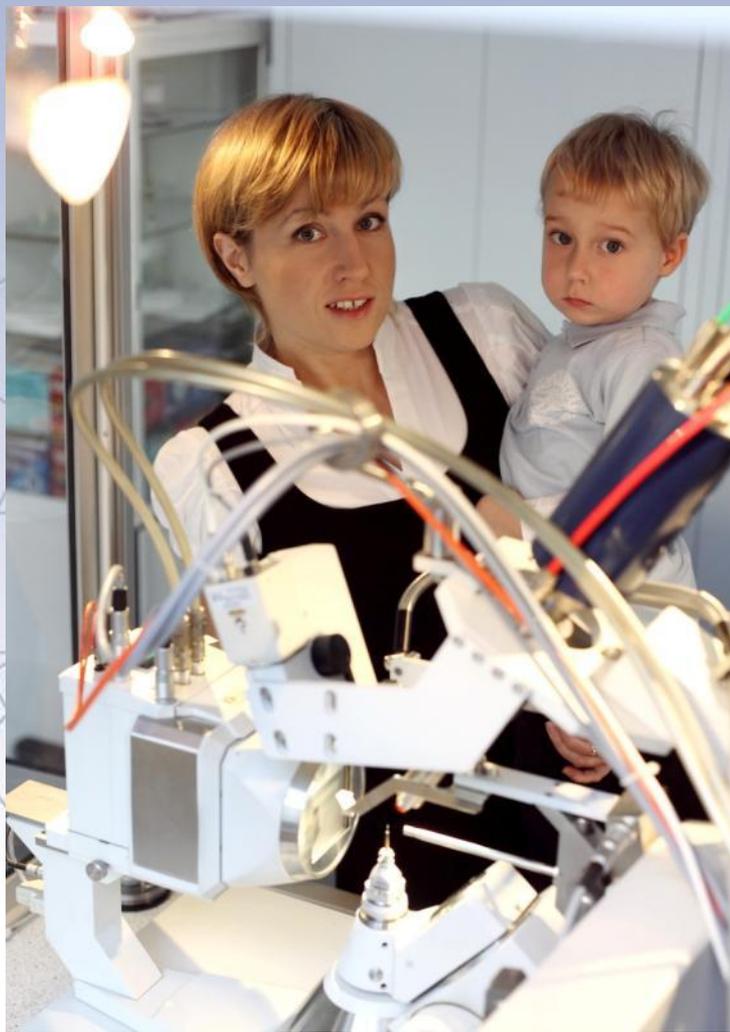
The project last from **1 to 2 years.**

Closing dates in 2010: 9 April and 15 October

# Bridge/Parent programme



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The objectives:

- enable the best researchers who are raising young children to return to advanced research work
- enable pregnant women to conduct research projects financed from external sources

Two schemes:

- **Return grant**
- **Support for pregnant women**

# Bridge/Parent programme



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## Return Grant

- **research grant** in an amount of ca € 35 000 per year
- **stipends for up to three researchers** supervised by the project director (students or PhD students)

The duration of the projects ranges from **1 to 3 years**.

The projects may be carried out on a part-time basis.

Closing dates in 2010: 9 April and 15 October

# Bridge/Parent programme



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## Support for women expecting a baby

Funding costs of hiring of an assistant to take the place of the pregnant woman for tasks necessary to carry out the research project which she is unable to perform herself.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

# Team programme



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For research team leaders  
intending to engage students, PhD  
students or young PhDs in the  
project

## The objectives:

- increase engagement of young scientists in research performed by the best teams and in the best laboratories in Poland

Three main thematic areas: **Bio, Info, Techno.**



**Photo:** PhD Joanna Trylska and part of her team from Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling, University of Warsaw.

# Team programme



## Funding :

- stipends for team members:  
postdocs –to ca € 1 300 per month;  
PhD students - amounting to ca € 800 per month;  
students - amounting to ca € 250 per month
- research grant  
ca € 8900 per a PhD student/yearly
- ca € 21 000 PLN per a postdoc/yearly.

Project duration - from **2 to 4 years**.

**Msc, PhD students and Post-Docs for the team are chosen on an open, international competition basis**

Closing dates in 2010: 15 March and 15 September

# International PhD Projects Programme

*Consortia of at least one Polish and one foreign institution realizing a PhD studies programme*



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## Funding:

- **personal stipends** for PhD students amounting to ca € 800 a month

(during foreign visits the stipend will be increased up to ca € 1200 per month);

- **research grant**

up to € 8 900 yearly/per person).

Project duration - from **4 to 5 years**

# Welcome Programme



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**Projects carried out by outstanding scientists from abroad establishing research teams in Polish scientific institutions.**

**Photo:** PhD Agnieszka Chacińska, the laureate of Welcome programme. Came to Poland from The Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Freiburg in Germany.

# Welcome Programme



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## Funding:

- personal stipend for the laureate:  
€ 50 000 - € 90 000 per year
- research grant of **up to € 250 000 per year**

## Stipends for the team:

- MSc students: € 250 per month
- PhD students: € 800 per month
- Post Docs: € 1 300 per month

**Msc students, PhD students and Post-Docs for the team are chosen on an open, international competition basis**

Project duration - from 3 to 5 years.

Closing dates in 2010: 15 April and 15 October

# Polish-German Cooperation



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**Copernicus Award** – for a pair of scientists, one from Poland and one from Germany, who in a collaboration and their work is well recognized in their field at the international level

**Alexander von Humboldt Honorary Fellowship** – fellowships for German professors, who realize their project in Poland within 3 years

**International PhD Projects**

**Homing Plus**

**Welcome Programme**

**Consecutive funding (Max Planck Society – FNP Group)**



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