

SUMMARY

This monograph, *Different faces of Nicolaus Copernicus. Meetings with a history of interpretations*, has a form of prolegomena regarding contemporary Copernican research. This is the first monograph of this kind in world literature. It recalls the achievements of scholars both well known and long forgotten. It shows numerous unsolved problems in this field and also presents different possible scenarios for the further development of Copernican studies. The book considers many problems, aspects and issues of an interdisciplinary nature. It is about: Copernicus's biography, the quest for Copernicus's grave, the genesis and reception of his achievements in science, philosophy and theology, the changing interpretations of his thought in science and culture (including the idea of the Copernican revolution), the Polish-German quarrel about Copernicus, the construction of new interpretations of Copernicus's considerations, and many others.

It is worth emphasizing that this monograph was conceived as a kind of introduction to Copernican research, in order to remedy at least in a small degree a paradoxical decay in Poland of this research in times when it is experiencing its real renaissance in the world, especially in USA and Germany!

To better understand the subject-matter of the book, see its table of contents (in English, p. 15–21 on the beginning of the book).

