

INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

We are presenting our fourth annual monograph of the *Salt Review*, edited as “Geologia” AGH-UST quarterly, Vol. 3., in co-operation with the AGH University of Science and Technology Press in Krakow.

The papers and data appearing in this issue offer a broad presentation of the Polish salt industry operations and scientific and research activities conducted by salt specialists from various academic and research and development centres. We would like to point out the instrumental role of the Polish Salt Mining Association demonstrated by regular publication of our valuable salt community journal.

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With similar deference, we wish to thank the authors and reviewers of papers for their intellectual, creative and fairly idealistic dedication to the publication of this volume.

The fourth volume of the *Salt Review* is a manifestation of the activity and development of scholarly and technical thought in the salt industry. It is also evidence of our agreeable co-operation, unity and creative dedication to our specific field of industry and science in Poland, regardless of the surrounding general apathy and shallow understanding of such important matters as Knowledge in particular.

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