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# **Education path**

**2016 - ...** Undergraduate studies, University of Warsaw, Department of Chemistry -

Chemistry – Individual Course of Studies

2013 – 2016 IX Klementyna Hoffmanowa's High School in Warsaw

mathematics, biology and chemistry profile

# Scientific experience

**2018 - . . .** Centre of New Technologies University of Warsaw, Interdisciplinary Laboratory of

Biological Systems Modelling, host: Joanna I. Sułkowska, PhD DSc. Exploring the folding process and the energy landscape of the deepest-knotted protein with

Molecular Dynamics using the  $C\alpha$  model.

**2015 – 2018** Institute of Organic Chemistry Polish Academy of Sciences, internship, host: prof.

Janusz Jurczak. Synthesis and study of properties fluorescent anion receptors based

on diamidonaphthalenedipyrrole platform targeted for carboxylates.

**2015 – 2016** Institute of Microbiology, Department of Biology, University of Warsaw,

performance of experiments for the XLIV and XLV Biology Olympiad.

**2015 – 2016** Department of Chemistry, University of Warsaw, scientific workshop as a

member of the Polish Children's Fund.

#### **Conferences**

4th Polish-Korean Conference on Protein Folding (9-13.09.2018)

International conference with broad topic span concerning experimental and theoretical aspects of protein folding.

Poster entitled: "How to entangle a protein?"

ChemSession 2018 (8.06.2018)

The conference gathers chemistry students from Warsaw who present their scientific results to the Warsaw chemical community.

Poster entitled: "Is the ribosome crucial for protein's knotting?"

• Young Chem 2017 (11-15.10.2017)

International conference for young researchers held in Lublin, Poland. Poster entitled: "*Molecular and chiral recognition of anions using diamidonaphthalenedipyrrole-derived fluorescent sensors*" - Piejko M., Stepniak P., Jurczak J.

• London International Youth Science Forum 2016 (27.07-10.08.2016)

Representing Poland. The forum gathers over 500 international young scientists.

Poster entitled: "Synergistic effects of osmotic and thermal stress responses in Pseudomonas fluorescens and Escherichia coli" - Piejko M.

#### **Research interests**

- Folding proteins with nontrivial topology
- Supramolecular chemistry and systems chemistry
- Self-assembly and far-from-equilibrium processes

### **Publications**

- "Protein knotting by active threading of nascent polypeptide chain exiting from the ribosome exit channel" M. Piejko., P. Dabrowski-Tumanski, A. Stasiak, JI. Sulkowska under review
- *"Fluorescent sensor for benzoates"* M. Piejko, P. Stepniak, B. Lainer, J. Jurczak in preparation

### **Achievements and awards**

- Finalist of XLIV Biology Olympiad
- Special award for XLIV Biology Olympiad research paper "The influence of thermal shock on the osmotic stress response in Pseudomonas fluorescens"
- Special award for XLV Biology Olympiad research paper "The influence of osmotic shock on the thermal stress response in Escherichia coli"
- Scholarship of Rector of University of Warsaw for Best Students (2016/17, 2017/18)

#### **Hobbies and interests**

- Gliding and aviation SPL gliding license
- Playing piano
- Reptile and amphibians breeding
- Japanese language and culture
- Cooking