

The Digitalization and Internationalization of the Academic Journal *The Biblical and Liturgical Movement*, 2016–2017

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In 2017, the seventieth volume of the academic journal *The Biblical and Liturgical Movement* was published. This was also the second year we realized the tasks described in the grant for the financing of activity aimed at popularizing research and publishing proved by the Polish Theological Society on December 31, 2015. They were qualified for subsidies from the Minister of Science and Higher Education, decision number 797/P-DUN/2016 from January 30, 2017, and were realized from July 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017, on the basis of contract number 797/P-DUN/2016 from August 30, 2017.

The first task, titled: *The Digitalization of Archival Issues of the Journal The Biblical and Liturgical Movement (1948–2011) and the Open Access Publication of the Entire Journal Contents*, consisted of the digitalization and online publishing of all the issues of the journal published between 1948 and 2011. The issues published between 1948 and 1970 were first scanned, after which individual pages were saved as digital files; they were subsequently cleaned up and processed with the aid of optical character recognition software in order to create two-layer PDF file ready for reading, searching, and copying of selected segments. The issues published between 1999 and 2011 were retrieved from archival open files, which were first revised; afterwards, PDF files were produced from them. Both PDF files with entire issues of the journal as well as those with individual articles were prepared for publication. Basic metadata (the authors' names and the titles of the articles) were saved in all the files. At the same time, a new website for the journal, <https://rbl.ptt.net.pl>, was launched and configured in Open Journal Systems (OJS) version 2.48, while the journal's publisher became a member of the Publishers International Linking Association (CrossRef), which is an organization of publishers who manage Digital Object Identifiers (DOI). All the texts and issues digitized as part of this task as well as the volumes and issues published online between

2012 and 2015 along with their metadata and DOIs have been published on the journal's new website with the use of OJS. The entire contents of the journal have been made available in several databases, including the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (CEJSH), and Google Scholar.

The realization of the second task, titled: *The Creation of an English Language Version of the Journal The Biblical and Liturgical Movement 69 (2016) No. 3–4 and 70 (2017) No. 1–2*, began with the launch of the journal's English language website. Not only have the contents visible to the readers been translated into English; so have the tools related to the processing of the text by the editorial board, such as the review form. Starting with issue 3 (2016), all texts submitted to the journal that had been written in Polish were simultaneously translated into English; the English translations were published at the same time as the original Polish texts.

When the *Biblical and Liturgical Movement* celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of its founding, the Polish Theological Society organized an academic conference titled: *Sixty Years of The Biblical and Liturgical Movement in the Service of Biblical and Liturgical Renewal in Poland*¹ on November 20, 2007; the conference materials were subsequently published in a publication under the same title.² The participants of this conference emphasized the enormous influence of the journal on the development of Biblical and liturgical studies in Poland and wished it further success. Thanks to the realization of the above-mentioned tasks, in the seventieth year of its activity our journal is published online in Polish and English, which makes it an even better tool for scholarly discussion about the Bible and the liturgy, accessible not only to Polish scholars, but to those worldwide.

1 Cf. S. Wronka, *Konferencja naukowa Sześćdziesiąt lat „Ruchu Biblijnego i Liturgicznego” w służbie odnowy biblijnej i liturgicznej w Polsce (Kraków, 20 listopada 2007)*, „Ruch Biblijny i Liturgiczny” 61 (2008) nr 1, s. 73–76, <https://doi.org/10.21906/rbl.317>

2 Cf. *Sześćdziesiąt lat „Ruchu Biblijnego i Liturgicznego” w służbie odnowy biblijnej i liturgicznej w Polsce*, pod red. S. Wronki, Kraków 2007, <https://doi.org/10.21906/9788376431451>.