**We now know the results of the ninth edition of the Smart Book of the Year 2023**

– **a competition for the best popular science book of the past year**

*A Natural History of the Future: What the Laws of Biology Tell Us about the Destiny of the Human Species*; *Bebechy czyli ciało człowieka pod lupą*; *Chłopki. Opowieść o naszych babkach* and *Sensacyjne życie ptaków. Pierzaste wampiry, tęczowe albatrosy i trujące przepiórki* – these are the titles that have been selected as the Smart Books of the Year 2023. On 23 May at 4 p.m., as part of the "Copernicus Festival 2023: Machine!" event, the results of the competition for the best popular science book published or translated into Polish last year were announced.

The Gala was hosted by Wojciech S. Wocław. The 15 nominated books (the list of which can be found here: <http://madraksiazkaroku.pl/nominacje/>) competed in four categories. Below we present the results:

* **The main Award for the Smart Book of the Year 2023** – Rob Dunn, *A Natural History of the Future: What the Laws of Biology Tell Us about the Destiny of the Human Species*, Polish translation by Krzysztof Skonieczny, Polish Publisher: Wydawnictwo Copernicus Center Press;
* **The main Award for the Children’s Smart Book of the Year 2023** – Adam Mirek, Katarzyna Cerazy (illustrations), Bebechy czyli ciało człowieka pod lupą, Znak Emotikon Publishing House;
* **Jagiellonian University Academic Community Award** –Joanna Kuciel-Frydryszak, *Chłopki. Opowieść o naszych babkach*, Wydawnictwo Marginesy Publishing House;
* **Public Choice Award organised by Gazeta Wyborcza** –Adam Zbyryt, *Sensacyjne życie ptaków. Pierzaste wampiry, tęczowe albatrosy i trujące przepiórki*, Wydawnictwo Poznańskie Publishing House.

The main awards were granted by the Jury consisting of: Professor Stanisław Kistryn (Jagiellonian University), Doctor Monika A. Koperska (The Spokesman of Science, MAK Art & Science Productions), Doctor Kamil Kopij (Jagiellonian University, Smart Books), Michał Olszewski (“Gazeta Wyborcza” magazine), Marta Seweryn (Carbon Footprint Foundation), Aleksandra Stanisławska (Crazy Science), Leszek Szumlas (Smart Books), Marta Alicja Trzeciak (Smart Books and the Experyment Science Centre in Gdynia).

For the fourth time, Smart Book had its own series of events at the Copernicus Festival, which included 2 meetings. The programme is presented below.

**22.05, at 4 p.m.**

Results of the competition for secondary schools for the best advertisement and the original cover design of the book nominated in the Smart Book of the Year 2023 competition

**23.05, at 4 p.m.**

The Smart Book of the Year 2023 Gala

The organiser of the event is Jagiellonian University - the owner of the Smart Books website. This year's partners are: Copernicus Festival, “Gazeta Wyborcza” magazine, Strategic Programme “Excellence Initiative” at Jagiellonian University, De Revolutionibus Books and Café Nauka website.