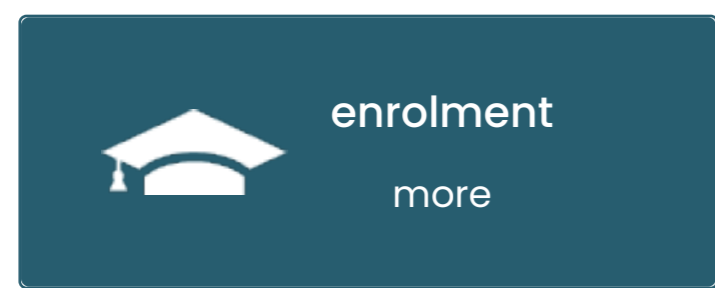




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Lecture with a world-class specialist in the field of medicine - prof. Richard Burt visited the University of Zielona Góra

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Students of the Collegium Medicum of the University of Zielona Góra had an unusual opportunity to listen to an expert in transplanting stem cells of the hematopoietic system during the treatment of autoimmune diseases.

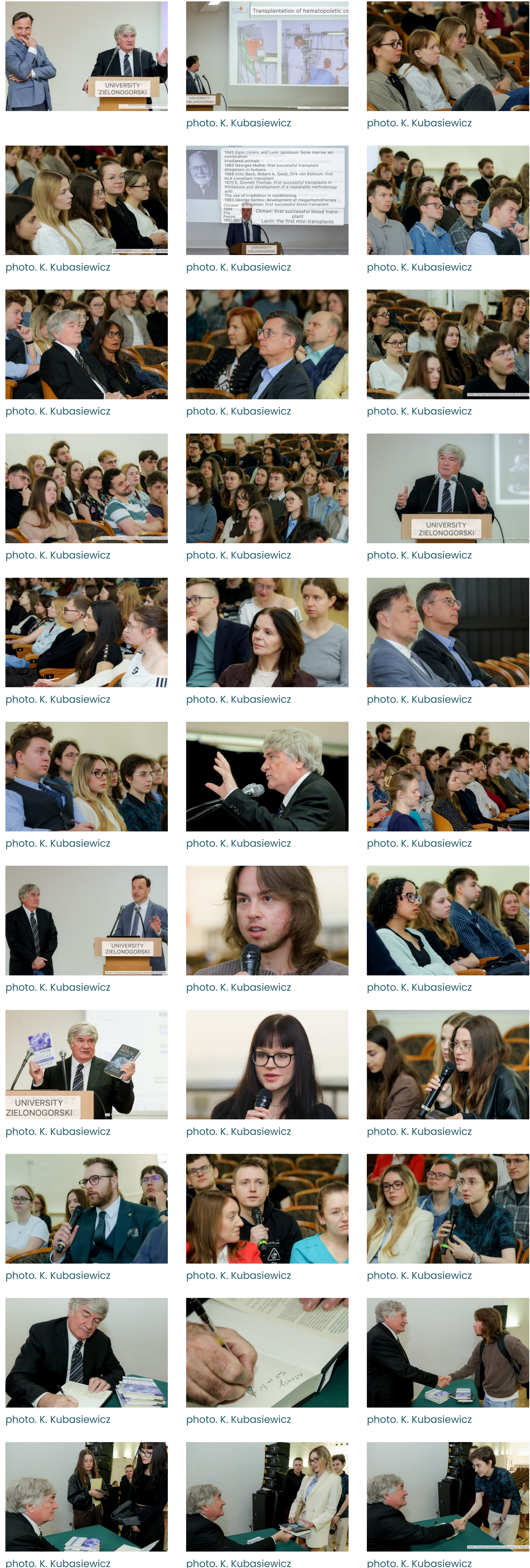
As the authorities of the Collegium Medicum of the University of Zielona Góra admit, this is the first meeting of this type with a world-famous medical specialist at our university: - Collegium Medicum celebrates 10 years of its existence this year. We have reached the point that we are able to invite top people from the world of medicine.

The topic of the meeting was cell therapies. The beginnings of transplants and the progress that has been made in cell therapies thanks to prof. Richard Burt, and what he is currently working on. Prof. R. Burt pioneered America's first hematopoietic stem cell transplant for the treatment of autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis.

Prof. dr hab. n. med. Emilian Snarski also took an active part in the lecture, talking about bone marrow transplantation, its beginnings and what point we have reached in medicine. Prof. Burt, in turn, guided the listeners through an exciting journey through the past, present and future in cell therapies.

The authorities of the Collegium Medicum of the University of Zielona Góra hope that such meetings with foreign experts will become a new tradition, and students will be able to count on access to knowledge in an even more inspiring way.

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Professor Richard Burt in the Lubuskie Land, Kepler's legacy, Augustinians and 800 years of winemaking tradition

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Professor **Richard K. Burt** of **Northwestern University** in Chicago is a global pioneer of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in autoimmune diseases, performed the first United States transplants in multiple sclerosis, lupus and Crohn's disease, and Scientific American magazine ranked him among the 50 people in the world recognized for their special contribution to improving the condition of humanity. In addition to the material documenting his lecture at the University of Zielona Góra, it is also worth showing the cultural side of the professor's week-long stay in the region.

Visit, organized by prof. dr. hab. n. med. **Emilian Snarski**, hematologist and director of the Institute of Medical Sciences, included a whole week of intensive program: academic lectures, clinical classes at the University Hospital, seminars with doctors in the region and strategic talks on the development of hematopoietic cell transplantation in the Lubuskie Voivodeship. Thursday, May 21, 2026, was entirely devoted to the cultural and scientific heritage of our region, and the program of this day was prepared by the Department of Neuroengineering and Space Medicine of the Institute of Medical Sciences, led by Dr. n. med. inż. **Maksymilian Brzezicki** and dr. n. med. **Przemysław Zakowicz**.

The focal point of the day was the Collegium Augustinianum in Żagań, one of the most magnificent preserved Baroque monastery libraries in Central Europe, with the famous whispered vault and monumental globes from Willem Blaeu's workshop. Professor Burt was clearly moved by the historical genius loci of this place. He enthusiastically commented on the fact that Jan Kepler had observed celestial bodies in Żagań as early as 1628-1630, and the later astronomical and meteorological point operating there belonged to the world's first Societas Meteorologica Palatina network. As he admired the historic globes in the library, he remarked with a smile that "when Kepler was watching the sky here, Chicago was not even discovered yet!" It is worth recalling that today's Chicago was first visited by Europeans, French explorers Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet, only in 1673, which is almost 400 years after the introduction of the regular canons of St. Augustine to Żagań in 1284 by the Piast prince Przemek Scinawski. In gratitude for the hospitality, the professor donated two of his books to the collection of the Baroque library, which has been the subject of theology, law and medicine since the 14th century. Professor Burt also added the latest book "Kill Switch" (2025) to the book collection, devoted to the history of human relations with viruses and the ethical dilemmas of the contemporary scientist, with a fore-face of the MSG. Tomasz Trafny, Polish priest of the Archdiocese of Lublin, long-time director of the Department of Science and Faith of the Pontifical Council of Culture in the Vatican.

Dr. **Brzezicki** showed the guests around the local vineyards and treated them to Zielona Góra delicacies, and Dr. **Zakowicz** graced the evening with a recital on the historic organ, on which Franciszek Liszt once performed. Conversations over honeys from the Collegium Medicum university apiarium, provided by dr hab. Jolanta Chmielowiec, prof. UZ, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, which turned into a substantive discussion about their biological properties and potential in translational medicine. From these conversations, specific concepts of joint scientific projects emerged, combining the experience of Professor Burt's team with research conducted in Zielona Góra.

Professor **Burt** expressed deep appreciation for the connection that has been built in Zielona Góra: an ambitious medical university set in the Polish cultural landscape with eight centuries of unbroken scientific and wine tradition. The visit showed that modern translational medicine, hematopoietic cell transplantology and space medicine can be developed in an environment whose strength flows from both the research infrastructure and deep rooting in the history of the region.

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