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**5** ANNIVERSARIES  
25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first in Poland cochlear implantation in a pediatric patient  
20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program of hearing preservation after cochlear implantation  
**15** 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first in the world operation of a partially deaf patient



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15 July 2017, Kajetany



## Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,

The 16<sup>th</sup> July is the date which brings me and my colleagues back to the year 1992 when we performed the first in Poland cochlear implantation in a deaf patient. Only recently we have celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that surgery (well, the time flies, as they say!). We decided to celebrate this great jubilee together with our patients. We invited them over to Kajetany and attempted to beat, or rather update, our Guinness World Record which we had established 5 years ago during the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that pioneering surgery. And now we did it again! On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a group of 601 patients with cochlear implants, which is 44 people more than in 2012, reunited at the World Hearing Center. Here I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who came over to Kajetany on that day to celebrate the recovery of their hearing ability. Why such reunions are so important? Because we are all members of the same big family. Because meetings like this one help us to overcome all barriers. Because they make the users of cochlear implants who require our support throughout their lifetime feel at home.

Personally, apart from enjoying the opportunity to spend this time together with our patients, I am very keen to strengthen their confidence and faith in themselves. Therefore, during this reunion, we had a chance to listen to patients – cochlear implant users who sing and play various instruments, follow their passions and dream about pursuing their musical careers thanks to cochlear implantation. I am talking about the participants of the Clinical Workshops for musically talented patients with cochlear implants, as well as the laureates of two editions of the first in the world International Music Festival for Children, Youths and Adults with Hearing Disorders “Beats of Cochlea” who presented their impressive musical skills and shared with us their positive energy hidden in between the sounds of their music.

I am simply at a loss of words trying to describe all these great emotions. Yet, I hope that all the pictures collected in this photo album will allow you to get at least a sense of that atmosphere.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Henryk Skarżyński". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Prof. Henryk Skarżyński, M.D., Ph.D., Dr. h.c. multi

