**We now know the results of the seventh edition of the Smart Book of the Year 2021**

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

*A Planet of Viruses*; *The Book of Dirt: A smelly history of dirt, disease and human hygiene*; *Must We Divide History Into Periods?* and *The beginning of the end? Conversations about ice and climate change* – these are the titles that have been selected as the Smart Books of the Year 2021. On 17 May at 5 p.m., as part of the "Copernicus Festival 2022: Information" event, the results of the competition for the best popular science book published or translated into Polish last year, which has been organised since 2016, were announced.

The Gala was hosted by Wojciech S. Wocław and his guest was a member of the Competition Jury, Professor Stanisław Kistryn. The 15 nominated books (the list of which can be found here: <http://madraksiazkaroku.pl/nominacje/>) competed in four categories. Below we present are the results:

* **The main Award for the Smart Book of the Year 2021** – Carl Zimmer,*A Planet of Viruses*, polish translation:Szymon Drobniak, CCPress Publishing House
* **The main Award for the Children’s Smart Book of the Year 2021** – Monika Utnik-Strugała, Piotr Socha (concept and illustrations), *The Book of Dirt: A smelly history of dirt, disease and human hygiene*, Dwie Siostry Publishing House
* **Jagiellonian University Academic Community Award -** Jacques Le Goff, *Must We Divide History Into Periods?*, polish translation: Wanda Klenczon, Aletheia Publishing House
* **Public Choice Award organized by Gazeta Wyborcza -** Julita Mańczak, Jakub Małecki, *The beginning of the end? Conversations about ice and climate change*, Znak 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), 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 second time, Smart Book has its own series of events at the Copernicus Festival, which include 5 meetings. The programme is presented below.

**17.05, at 5 p.m.**

The Smart Book of the Year 2021 Gala

**18.05, at 2 p.m.**

Results of the competition for secondary schools for the best book cover or commedation of the book nominated in the Smart Book of the Year 2021 competition

**19.05, 2 p.m.**

Meeting with Carl Zimmer, author of the book *A Planet of Viruses*, polish translation:Szymon Drobniak, CCPress Publishing House, which was awarded the title Smart Book of the Year 2021. Moderated by Marta Trzeciak.

**21.05, 2 p.m.**

Meeting with Piotr Socha, co-author (together with Monika Utnik-Strugała) of the book *The Book of Dirt: A smelly history of dirt, disease and human hygiene*, Dwie Siostry Publishing House, which was awarded the title Children’s Smart Book of the Year 2021. Moderated by Marta Trzeciak.

**22.05, 2 p.m.**

Meeting with Julita Mańczak and Jakub Małecki, authors of the book *The beginning of the end? Conversations about ice and climate change*, Znak Publishing House, which was awarded the title Smart Book of the Year 2021 - Public Choice Award organized by Gazeta Wyborcza. Moderated by Marta Trzeciak.

The organiser of the event is Jagiellonian University - the owner of the Smart Books website. This year's partners are: Copernicus Festival, Gazeta Wyborcza, De Revolutionibus Books & Café and Café Nauka website.