**Order No. 25/2023**

**of the Rector of the Medical University of Białystok**

**dated March 13, 2023.**

**on collection, development and sharing of digital versions of doctoral dissertations prepared at the Medical University of Białystok, publications and research data of employees, PhD students and students of the Medical University of Białystok**

Pursuant to Article 11 (1) (9) of the Law of July 20, 2018. Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 574, as amended), Articles 12, 14, 15a of the Law on Copyright and Related Rights of February 4, 1994 (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 2509), it is ordered as follows:

# § 1

1. The author of a doctoral dissertation prepared at the Medical University of Białystok is obliged to:
2. provide the Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok with one copy of the dissertation in hard copy and a compatible electronic version;
3. guarantee open access to the dissertation by depositing or enabling the electronic version of the dissertation in the Repository of the Medical University of Białystok (PPM Local Repository) and making it publicly available in the Repository of the Polish Platform of Medical Research (PPM Repository) based on an executed license agreement or an agreement on the transfer of property rights (Annex No. 1 a-h).
4. The electronic copy of the dissertation should be merged into one unsecure file and submitted on a CD/DVD or USB stick in the following format: pdf or doc.
5. A hard copy of the dissertation will be included in the collection of the Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok.
6. Doctoral dissertations in paper and electronic versions will be stored and archived in the Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok unaltered and with respect for the author's personal rights.
7. The electronic copy will be included in the Repository of the Medical University of Białystok (PPM Local Repository) and made available in the Repository of the Polish Platform of Medical Research (PPM Repository) under the terms of the signed license agreement or transfer of property rights agreement.
8. At the written, justified request of the author of the dissertation, after obtaining the written consent of the Rector, it is possible to sign a license agreement according to the model attached as Attachement No. 2. In this case, the dissertation will be made available through the information system terminals located on the premises of the Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok, subject to paragraph 4.

# § 2

1. Along with the dissertation, a completed "Bibliographic Description", the model of which is attached as Appendix No. 3 to this Order, shall be submitted.

 2. The Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok shall confirm the fact of acceptance of the dissertation and the signing of the agreement by issuing a certificate, constituting Appendix No. 4 to this Order.

# § 3

The author of a publication other than a doctoral dissertation may deposit an electronic version of his/her own publication or research data in the Repository of the Medical University of Białystok (PPM Local Repository) and make it available in the PPM Repository based on a concluded license agreement or an agreement on transfer of property rights.

# § 4

Sample license agreements or agreements for transfer of economic rights to dissertations, publications and research data are attached as Attachements No. 1a-i and No. 2 to this Order.

# § 5

Supervision of the implementation of the Order is entrusted to the Director of the Main Library of the Medical University of Białystok.

# § 6

As of the date of entry into force of this Order, the Order No. 62/2020 of the Rector of the Medical University of Białystok, dated Jun 26,2020, on collecting, compiling and sharing digital versions of doctoral dissertations prepared at the Medical University of Białystok and publications of employees, PhD students and students of the Medical University of Bialystok becomes null and void.

# § 7

The Order shall come into effect as of the date of signature.

**Rector**

**prof. dr hab. Adam Krętowski**