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**Od Kopernika do Wolszczana. Historia odkryć i współczesne
badania astronomiczne Wszechświata**

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SUMMARY

From Copernicus to Wolszczan – a lecture held by Prof. em. Wilhelmina Iwanowska on Dec. 2 1996 at the Meeting of the Committee of History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw.

Nicolaus Copernicus, the founder of the modern astronomy, was born in Toruń Poland in 1473. He “stopped the Sun, moved the Earth” in its triple motion and proved that the Universe is very great. In 1945 a new University bearing the name of Nicolaus Copernicus was funded in Toruń.

Aleksander Wolszczan born in Poland 1946, was a student, then Assistant and now a Professor and Director of the Astronomical Centre of the Nicolaus Copernicus University, appointed also at the Penn State University USA.

As a first one, he has discovered in 1991 a planetary system out of our Solar system, consisting of at least three planets circling around a star – a pulsar.

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