

Through the grace of Prof. Adam Gadomski, a true expert of works and legacy of Jędrzej Śniadecki, I am sending this letter

**To the organizers and participants of the BRIDGE Workshop on Connecting Experiment and Theory in Modern Biomedicine
Bydgoszcz, June 9–11, 2025**

It is a pleasure and an honor to send my greetings and wish you all success — you who continue the ideas of Professor Jędrzej Śniadecki (1768–1838).

Born very close to this place - in Żnin, Poland - Jędrzej Śniadecki is a historical figure closely linked to Vilnius. After studying in Europe, he came to Vilnius University in 1797 to teach chemistry and worked there until the end of his life. He was a person ahead of his time, not afraid of bold scientific thinking, and fully dedicated to educating the next generation. His work opened new paths in organic chemistry and biochemistry.

Among his many writings, the most well-known are his textbook on the principles of chemistry, the philosophical work *Theory of Organic Beings*, and his treatise on education *On the Physical Upbringing of Children*. These works attracted the attention not only of his contemporaries but also of later scientists and the general public. Below is a quote:

Without a well-founded and clear-cut theory there will be no real science, indeed, it is unthinkable that the art of medicine might exist without science.

In: *Theory of Organic Beings*. Vilnius, 2018. Vol. 1, p. 42

Wszakże bez dobrze dowiedzionej i jasnej teorii nie będzie prawdziwej nauki, bez nauki nic będzie nigdy sztuki lekarskiej.

In: *Teorya jestestw organicznych*. Wilno, 1838. Vol. 1, p. VIII

I hope that the words of Śniadecki will inspire your work during the conference and in your future research.

Wishing you every success.

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