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## Sobieski Moves the Sun. Poems Dedicated to King Jan III of Poland by Johannes Hevelius's Correspondents

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In 1684, Johannes Hevelius, an astronomer from Gdańsk, honored Jan III Sobieski, the King of Poland, by naming a new constellation *Scutum Sobiescianum* –after the King's coat of arms. This fact was commemorated at that time in several poems which can be found in the collection of Hevelius's astronomical correspondence. They are examples of non-scientific endeavors originating from astronomical studies.

Poems, preserved both in manuscripts and as published pamphlets, were authored mostly by people from Gdańsk. Among their authors, there were notable individuals with whom Hevelius corresponded (e.g. Michał Antoni Hacki, the Abbot of the Oliwa Monastery near Gdańsk), the astronomer's learned colleagues (e.g. Adam Adamandus Kochański, a Jesuit mathematician), and professional poets (e.g. Johann Peter Titius (Titz), the professor of poetry at the *gymnasium academicum* in Gdańsk). They praise –in varying degrees –the King and his constellation, and the astronomer who proposed it.

In my paper, I will discuss the poems and their function in the corpus of Hevelius's letters. I will attempt to determine their role in the astronomer's pursuit of royal patronage. I will analyze the literary tropes in these works, the extent of astronomical knowledge they contain, and how the former relate to Hevelius's astronomical studies.

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