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**Letters****Gender of *Ostrów Mazowiecka***

Although the better know Ostrów Mazowiecki has accustomed Poles to assigning the masculine gender to "Ostrów," a town about 100 kilometers east of Warsaw is called *Ostrów Mazowiecka*, i.e, its gender is feminine. "Ostrów" here means "my Ostrów," or a kind of ladder used by Kurpians in Puszcza Biała to climb trees. In my letter published in *Sarmatian Review* in January 2012, you incorrectly changed the gender from feminine to masculine.

Jerzy Mioduszeowski, University of Katowice, Poland
We stand corrected. Ed.

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