

***In memory of Prof. Andrzej Włochowicz Ph.D., D.Sc. Eng.,
Dr h.c. of the Technical University of Lodz
1931 – 2015***

Andrzej Włochowicz, a long time member of the Scientific Committee of the journal *Fibres & Textiles in Eastern Europe* and member of the Scientific Board of our publisher – the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres (former Institute of Man-Made and Synthetic Fibres), passed away on 29 August 2015.

Professor Andrzej Włochowicz, a great friend of ours, was a member of our Scientific Committee for 12 years, of the Scientific Board of the Institute for 29 years, and the chairman of the Board for 16 years.

Professor Andrzej Włochowicz was an active promoter of our journal, always willing to offer us his help and support in the steady creation of the policy of our journal, supervising efforts to achieve a higher essential and editorial level. This is not only a loss for our journal, but also for the whole Polish scientific community, especially that of Łódź and Bielsko-Biała.



Professor Andrzej Włochowicz was born in 1931 in Podlesie. He graduated with an M.Sc. in Textile Metrology from the Technical University of Łódź (The present Lodz University of Technology) in 1955. He attained a Ph.D. in 1963, and later a D.Sc. degree, both also from the Technical University of Łódź. In 1980 he became Associate Professor, and from 1990 was a full Professor. He attended profiled training periods at the Moscow Textile Institute (1963-64), the Technical University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (1972), the Rigalne Denke, Japan, the Technical University of Budapest, the Higher Institute of Chemical Technology, Sofia, the Leningrad Institute of Technology, and the Moscow Technical Institute, Moscow. Professor Włochowicz's professional career in the textile and polymer sciences commenced in 1954 at the Textile Faculty of the Technical University of Łódź, where he worked as a research assistant in the Chair for Textile Raw Materials and Metrology, and from 1963 as a researcher at the Textile Institute for Fibre Physics and Chemical Treatment of Fibres. In December 1963 Professor Włochowicz began his carrier at the University Schools in Bielsko-Biała. He was one of the creators of the independent University of Bielsko-Biała, officially established in 2001. He organised not only an important base of modern scientific instruments but even more important a team of outstanding young researchers of international experience. In 1969 Professor Włochowicz began to work at the Textile Institute of Bielsko-Biała's Branch of the Technical University of Łódź, and from 1973 to 2001 he was Managing Director of the Institute. He was Vice-Dean of the Textile Faculty in the periods from 1973-77 and 1991-92, Dean of the Faculty of Textile Engineering and Environmental Protection from 1992-93, and Pro-Rector of the Technical University of

Łódź, responsible for the Bielsko-Biała Branch from 1993 to 1999, and later Professor of the University of Bielsko-Biała. Professor Włochowicz's specialisation includes investigations into the structure of fibres and fibre-grade polymers, especially following interaction with different external parameters, as well as modification of the submolecular structure of natural and chemical fibres. He created a new school of structural investigation into fibres and polymers, especially using the WAXS and SAXS methods. Beginning in 2001,

Professor Andrzej Włochowicz was an initiator and main organiser in Bielsko-Biała of the famous International Conferences on X-ray Investigations of Polymer Structures. Professor Włochowicz was the author of 169 monographs and scientific dissertations, 240 published scientific papers, 140 works presented at conference proceedings and 5 university text books. Professor Włochowicz was a member of The Textile Institute, Manchester (from 1994), the American Institute of Physics (from 1992), the New York Academy of Sciences (from 1993), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (from 2000), the British Society



of Rheology, several committees and commissions of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), including those for material science, chemistry, polymer chemistry, analytical chemistry, polymer analysis, and metrology; the Scientific Association of Łódź (from 1975), and the Central Commission for Scientific Titles and Degrees (1993-96). He was also a member of the Scientific Boards of the Institute of Natural Fibres in Poznań 1976-96 (chairman 1984-95), the Beskid Textile Institute 1973-2000 (chairman 1988-2000), the Institute of Textile Material Engineering 1987-97, the Centre of Polymer Chemistry of PAN (from 1980), the Centre of Molecular and Macromolecular Research of PAN (1988-), and of the Institute of Chemical Fibres 1985-2012, where he was Chairman of the Board 1998-2014.

Professor Włochowicz was awarded The Gold Cross of Merit (1975), Polonia Restituta Crosses of Cavalry (1982), Officer (1996), and Commander (2001), the Medal of the Polish National Education Commission (1986), Silver and Gold Honorary Medals of the Main Technical Organisation, Silver and Gold Medals of the Polish Textile Association, Honorary Badge of the City of Łódź, and Honorary Badge of the Bielsko-Biała Voivodship.

A truly inspiring and outstanding scientist and man has passed away. He will be greatly missed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "J. Gogolewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.