IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR JULIAN JAN AULEYTNER (1922-2003)



Professor Julian Jan Auleytner

We mourn with greatest sadness the death of Professor Julian Jan Auleytner, who passed away on 7th December 2003 after a long illness. We share our loss with many scientific communities that loved and respected him. Two years ago he celebrated the double jubilee, his 80th birthday and 50th anniversary of his scientific activity*).

Professor Auleytner, a person of note, a far-famed physicist, was with the University of Warsaw and the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. He was the long-standing leader of the Laboratory of X-ray and Electron Microscopy Research. He was author and co-author of over 240 papers, member of many scientific councils and boards, as well as a splendid organizer of science, namely, of structural research laboratories, international schools and conferences. The list of his achievements is very long. He won the respect and admiration of everyone for his quiet and efficient service to the science.

From the first National Symposium of Synchrotron Radiation Users in Cracow in February 1991, during which the decision of creation of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society was made, till the last moment Professor was with us. He participated in PSRS Council activities, and as a Chairman, recently as Honorary Chairman, in work of all organizing committees of schools and symposia organized by our Society. At the last Annual General Meeting of the PSRS in Warsaw on 18th September 2003, the General Assembly conferred a title of Honorary Member of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society on Professor Auleytner.

Professor Auleytner has been nominated the Honorary Chairman also of the present, 7th International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science in Zakopane. He very often took the floor at the conferences. His opinions were taken into considerations in all activities of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society, the scientific as well as administrative ones. Unfortunately, we missed our Teacher and Friend. During the present school and next ones, he will not be sitting in the first row, listening attentively to lectures and asking questions in a friendly manner. He will not question us and discuss problems at poster sessions. His words will be remembered for many years to come. Professor Julian Jan Auleytner will be with us for all times.

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^{*)} On this occasion an article about Professor Auleytner's life and achievements has been published in *Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science* **1** (2002) 3-4.