

In memory of Professor Jerzy Radecki

It was a little over ten years ago that I met Jerzy and Hanna for the first time. Both were recommended to me by Phil Gale, who was also at Southampton at the time, for a potential collaboration in electrochemistry. Jerzy, Hanna and I quickly developed a strong mutual interest in researching electrochemistry based genosensors using our porphyrin modified DNA. We established a long-lasting, great friendship along our scientific collaboration, which resulted in many fruitful exchanges and several excellent papers. The latest of our papers has just come out in Bioelectrochemistry.

Jerzy has always been an inspiration for science and research, and we had many great discussions whenever we met, either in Poland, in the UK or anywhere else including over the phone. A few ideas that we wanted to realise did unfortunately not materialise due to lack of time or hands, but our sensor systems had great impact. Jerzy was always very diligent, focussed, and concerned about the high quality of research. He was leading an excellent team in Olsztyn together with Hanna, and I had several chances to visit both the institute as well as Jerzy and Hanna's great new residency in the woods. I always enjoyed the best possible hospitality, and I was shown many great places in and around Olsztyn by Jerzy and Hanna. I know that a tree which I helped to plant is growing steadily in their garden. Jerzy was also part of our EU ETN consortium for several years together with Hanna while we tried to get funding, until their retirement last year, just before we finally got the ETN funded. There, he was equally supportive and an inspiration to all of us.

Jerzy was taken away from us far too early, and he did not stand a chance to enjoy much of his retirement with Hanna, something that he very much looked forward to. His great scientific mind, and even more his humorous personality will be greatly missed. Jerzy: wherever you are, have a great time; I know that someday, somewhere, we will meet again!



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