

In Memory of Professor Jerzy Radecki

The scientific work of Professor Jerzy Radecki was connected to the University of Nicholas Copernicus in Toruń where his scientific career began. It was continued in Olsztyn in the Academy of Agriculture and Technology and Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research of Polish Academy of Science, where he was the head of Biosensors group. Science was his passion. The main interest of his work was focused on a difficult subject however it was very developmental. Professor Jerzy Radecki was a specialist in the area of chemical bioanalysis in human environment. He has developed several sensors, some of which I would like to mention: electrochemical sensor for dopamine determination in human plasma, immunosensors for detection of several viruses (avian influenza H5N1, plum pox) biosensor for acrylamide determination in potato chips, potentiometric sensors for determination of undissociated carboxylic acids and phenol derivatives.

Among Professor Jerzy Radecki achievements are mostly new solutions connected to electrochemical biosensors. In the last decade he published 70 papers in high impact journals all being listed in JCR. He collaborated with prestigious scientific groups in Belgium, England, Japan, India, Germany and Czech Republic. Professor Jerzy Radecki was a great man, friend and colleague. I had a great appreciation for his scientific achievements while reviewing his professor application. He was a founder and editor – in- chief of the Polish Journal of Environmental Studies, international journal currently with IF = 1.383. He was dedicated to constant improvement of the journal. Our publication published in Polish Journal of Environmental Studies „Research on heavy metals in Poland” had reached as much as 200 citations all over the world. This year the Journal is celebrating its 30th anniversary. I remember discussions with him regarding the idea of creating a new environmental journal with international reach.

The untimely passing of Professor Jerzy Radecki, so fast and premature is for all our academic community a hurtful and severe loss, both here and abroad.

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