



Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present you the newest 2015 issue of a scientific journal "The Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine and Psychology", where we would like to honor Professor Mieczysław Wojtkowiak. Professor Wojtkowiak has worked at the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine (MIAM) for nearly 60 years. He is an enthusiast of aviation and science.

As a former military pilot, he has deep understanding of the challenges posed by the flight environment. His passion for flying was the reason he never abstained from conducting experiments on himself, as exemplified by e.g. the studies on catapult ejection training. However, it is his studies on human centrifuge that brought him international recognition and constitute the core of his work. He was also involved in space research and was a member of a team that qualified general Miroslaw Hermaszewski for the space flight.

The life story of Professor Wojtkowiak is inextricably tied to the history of Polish aviation medicine. I have the enormous pleasure of inviting you to read an article by Professor Wojtkowiak summarizing his scientific achievements, as well as a biographical note devoted to his ties to military aviation and MIAM.

At the end, I would like to inform you that this is the last issue of the journal under the current name: "The Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine and Psychology". Following approval by the Institute director, Scientific Council, and the Editorial Board, we came to the conclusion that due to dynamic development of aviation bioengineering, since 2016 our journal should be published under the title "The Polish Journal of Aviation Medicine, Bioengineering and Psychology".

Best wishes for a happy and productive year.

Editor in Chief,
Jan F. Terelak