



IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JAN NOWICKI

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On the 5th of February 2014 passed away Col (Ret) Jan Nowicki MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, a longtime researcher, eminent otolaryngologist-audiologist and Head of the Hearing and Balance Laboratory of the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine (MIAM).

I met the Professor in 1973 when I started working at the MIAM. He was my supervisor and tutor at the same time. He will be remembered for the kind, caring person and exceptional scientist he was.

Professor Nowicki was born in Inowrocław on 4 December 1921. He attended primary and secondary school of Jan Kasprowicz in Inowrocław. He further continued his education at the Medical University of Gdańsk (1945-1951). Straight after the graduation he was called to active military duty. Over next five years he served as a Senior Medical Officer in the Polish Air Force. In 1957 he began working at MIAM, where he did 2nd degree specialization in aviation medicine and otolaryngology with a subspecialization in audiology. In 1959 he was promoted to Head of the Hearing and Balance Laboratory of MIAM. In 1967 he defended his

doctoral thesis on "Masking speech audiometry through bone conduction". In 1976 he did habilitation on "The impact of aircraft noise binaural auditory integration in the self-assessment distorted speech research method" thesis. In recognition of his scientific achievements in 1988, he gained a title of Associate Professor.

Professor Nowicki focused in his research on aviation audiology and aviation otoneurology. He published about 100 scientific papers in national and international journals on:

- Occupational Safety and Health Issues of Aircrew Personnel;
- Hearing ability in specific working conditions of flying crew;
- Diagnostic methods used in audiology and otoneurology;
- Prevention and treatment of vestibular and hearing organ.

He was fluent in German and participated in many international conferences. He co-authored the textbook "Fundamentals of Aviation Medicine". He was the author of 18 scientific reports and supervised one PhD thesis.

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Professor Nowicki received many honors for his scientific achievements. For services to Polish civil and military aviation, he was awarded with, among others, the Order of Polonia Restituta. In 1991 he retired, but continued his research at MIAM until 2005.

Professor Nowicki was passionate about audiology. He also had an extensive general knowledge in the fields of both science and humanities. He was a forerunner in development of many innovative studies on diagnostic methods and prevention. Professor Nowicki achieved great success in scientific research. He was respected by academics and colleagues at the Institute. He was a fulfilled man, fulfilled in all his earthly assignments. I allow myself to state that professor Nowicki was a leading audiologist in Poland in the last quarter of the twentieth century.

Professor Nowicki was an extremely modest righteous and honest man, presenting the highest form of integrity throughout his life. He demanded a lot from himself and his staff. In personal contact he appeared to be a warm-hearted person who received joy from helping others. He cared a lot about professional development of his staff. I feel immense gratitude for his mentorship and I am proud to continue his work.

The funeral ceremony took place on 17th February 2014 in the Northern Cemetery in Warsaw. The mass was followed by military honor service. Family, friends, acquaintances, employees of the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine were present at the ceremony.

I say goodbye to You. I say one more ... I will remember You forever Professor.