



In remembrance of Professor Mariusz Taniewski

Professor Mariusz Taniewski MD, PhD, the son of professor Józef Taniewski, was born in Warsaw on the 9th of September 1931. His medical studies started at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical Academy in Poznań to be later continued in Szczecin where he was granted his medical doctor's diploma in 1953. Ten years later he received a doctoral degree in medicine from the Medical Academy of Szczecin. In 1976, he received his habilitation and in 1978, he was appointed an associate professor.

In years 1953-68, he held an academic position at the Medical Academy in Szczecin. In 1968, he became the head of the otolaryngology department of the Regional Hospital in Białogard where he stayed until 1972. Between 1973 and 1983, professor Taniewski was the head of the Sense Organ Laboratory of the Institute of Maritime and Tropical Medicine in Gdynia. His main area of interest was occupational medicine, in particular occupational diseases of the auditory organ and upper respiratory tract.

Starting from 1983 until his retirement in 2001, he worked at the Gdańsk University of Physical Education and Sport where he held the position of the head of the Sports Medicine Department. In his work, Professor Taniewski focused on medical problems related to various forms of physical activity (physical recreation and tourism). In years 2001 through 2014, his enormous activity and educational passion were expressed by his work as the head of the Chair of Recreation and Health Promotion at the Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management in Gdańsk.

Professor Mariusz Taniewski authored a total of 85 scientific articles in Polish, English and German, as well as 5 monographs and 2 handbooks. The main subjects of those publications included physiology and pathology of the senses of hearing, taste, and balance, as well as selected issues in industrial and sports medicine. From among his monographs, special attention should be drawn to publication titled "Taste tests", published in 2008 and dealing with practical aspects of taste disturbances.

He was granted scientific internships at university clinics in Vienna and Berlin. Professor Taniewski actively participated in numerous scientific symposia and congresses such as the International Congress of Physiology in Paris in 1977, the Congress of Audiology in Helsinki in 1982, or the European Congress of Sports Medicine in Prague in 1985; most importantly, he participated in the congresses of the Polish Association of Otorhinolaryngologists and Head and Neck Surgeons. For many years, he was an active member of the Pomeranian Branch of our association, both as a participant in scientific discussions and as the branch board member. He was a scientific supervisor and reviewer of numerous doctoral dissertations. He was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit and a distinction for exemplary health care service.

During his academic career at the Gdańsk University of Physical Education and Sport and afterwards, he continued his otolaryngologist practice in outpatient health care, earning high esteem and respect of his patients to whom he was greatly dedicated. He also served as physician on duty at the otolaryngology department of the then-Voivodeship Hospital in Gdańsk. Besides medicine, his personal interests spanned from mathematics, logics and cybernetics to music and poetry. He loved reciting poetry, being particularly fond of Konstanty Ildefons Gałczyński. Professor Mariusz Taniewski was married with one son and two grandchildren. He will stay in our memory as a man of unique sophistication and charming way of being. He will also be remembered for his scientific and professional achievements. We lost an excellent researcher, experienced and empathic physician and beloved relative.

Professor Mariusz Taniewski passed away on 25th of February 2015 and was buried at "Srebrzysko" Central Cemetery.

Hail to his memory!

Czesław Stankiewicz