



Dr Janusz M. Matusik

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Janusz Maciej Matusik, M.D., Ph.D., was born in Strzelce Wielkie (Brzesko county) on February 25, 1941. His father Ignacy was a lawyer. He accomplished his primary, and then secondary-level education in Cracow, graduating the Second High School in Cracow in 1958. Subsequently, he became a student of the Faculty of Medicine, Medical Academy of Cracow, receiving the diploma of physician on June 16, 1964. His two-year internship took place in the Municipal Hospital in Jaworzno.

Immediately after the completion of his internship, on October 5, 1966, he became employed at the Department of Pathological Anatomy, Medical Academy of Cracow, under the supervision of Professor Janina Kowalczykova, where he worked as an assistant and senior assistant till September 30, 1978. For two years, between May 1967 and June 1969, he was in the army, working in the Central Military Sanitarium Complex in Krynica-Żegiestów as an assistant at the Gastrology Ward. At that time, Dr. Matusik commenced his training qualifying him for the first degree of specialization in internal medicine; he passed the examination and received the title on April 16, 1971.

He obtained the first degree of specialization in pathological anatomy on April 13, 1972. In 1975, he was granted the second degree of specialization in pathomorphology and departed for the United States, where he was employed for a year as a resident in pathomorphology in Saint Louis. Upon the presentation of a doctoral dissertation devoted to this subject and entitled "Comparative studies of gastric cancer structure in the Polish and Japanese populations" and passing the necessary examination, he was conferred the title of Doctor of Medical Sciences on February 28, 1978. In addition, he was the author of numerous reports in the field of pathomorphology prepared both in Poland and abroad.

In September 1978, he terminated his employment at the Institute of Pathology, Medical Academy of Cracow, and became Head of Pathomorphology Department of the Municipal Hospital in Zakopane. One year later, he left for Kuwait, to head the Pathomorphology Department of a hospital staffed by Polish personnel working under a contract negotiated by Polserwis. Several years later, he moved to

Sweden, where he was initially employed at the Department of Pathomorphology of a hospital in Boras, and subsequently headed the Department; he was instrumental in obtaining national accreditation for his Department, being among the first Swedish institutions to do so. In the last year before he fell ill, he organized the Congress of Swedish Pathologists in Boras.

Throughout the period of his stay in foreign countries, Dr. Matusik maintained contacts with the Chair of Pathomorphology Collegium Medicum Jagiellonian University and the Polish Society of Pathologists, many times assisting the Chair in obtaining necessary equipment. In this period, he attended Congresses of the Polish Society of Pathologists, presenting his achievements there. For the past two years, he battled against an incurable neoplastic disease and finally succumbed in Boras on May 5, 2004.

Kind to everyone, well liked by his students, associates and colleagues from the Chair of Pathomorphology, whenever Dr. Matusik visited Poland, he shared his thoughts with us. While a student in Cracow, and later, when he worked there, he was also involved in sports, being a member of a volleyball team and playing bridge.

We shall remember his spirited, friendly figure.

We bid farewell to our trusty friend.

Boleslaw Papla M.D.





