Eligiusz J. Złotkiewicz – A Biography

Eligiusz Jan Złotkiewicz was born on Nov. 6, 1937 in a small town of Frampol some 80 km south of Lublin. His father Leon ran a flour-mill and his mother Stanisława was a house-wife. On Sept. 3, 1939 the town was heavily bombed by Luftwaffe. His younger brother was killed, the family lost everything but what they were wearing that day. During the years of WW2 the family kept moving from one place to another looking for a job and housing. After the war they ultimately settled in a village near Biłgoraj where they were given a house and a piece of land.

E. Złotkiewicz began his education by entering a high school in Puławy. He got the maturity diploma from a high school in Biłgoraj in 1955. Then he passed admission examinations and became a student of mathematics at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. In 1959 he started working on his MS thesis under supervision of Mieczysław Biernacki to complete it, after Biernacki's death under supervision of Zdzisław Lewandowski. In 1960 he was employed as an assistant at the Department of Mathematics of UMCS. There, in 1965, he presented his PhD thesis written under supervision of Jan Krzyż and was promoted to the position of a lecturer at the Department. In 1971 he got a scholarship from IREX to spend six months at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, USA. At that period he attended seminars led by F. W. Gehring and P. L. Duren, collaborated with M.O. Reade and visited several US universities giving there colloquium talks.

Having returned to Lublin he presented the so called habilitation paper and got the tenure. At present he is a full professor of mathematics and a deputy chairman of the Department of Mathematics at UMCS.

E. Złotkiewicz has published, so far, about 50 papers in various journals in Europe and America, supervised six PhD theses and about 200 students got MS in mathematics from him. He is a reviewer for Zentralblatt für Mathematik and Mathematical Reviews. He was awarded for his work by getting the Medal of the Committee of National Education and the Chevalier Cross of Polonia Restituta Order.

E. J. Złotkiewicz was a chairman of the Department of Mathematics in the periods 1972-73 and 1981-83 and the dean of the Faculty of Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry in the years 1976-1980, 1988-1990. He spent three academic years (1974/75, 1980/81 and 1984/85) as a visiting professor at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, collaborating with R. Libera and two years at the University of Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey collaborating with Y. Avci. They have published many joint papers.

The following persons received their doctorates under Eligiusz Złotkiewicz direction

1. Józef Miazga
2. Anna Szynal
3. Maria Nowak
4. Janusz Godula
5. Janusz Kaptur
6. Wiesława Drozda

E. J. Złotkiewicz is married. His wife Bożenna is a psychiatrist. They have two daughters - Joanna and Dorota both married, and two grand children.

His hobbies - history, tourism and chess.

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