

## Jarosław Ościk (1922 – 2001)

Jarosław Ościk was born on 3 October 1922 in Klimontow in Kielce Province. In June 1939 he finished the junior high school in Staszów. He was going to start the senior high school in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski but the outbreak of the Second World War disrupted his plans.

During the Second World War he took part in the resistance movement as a soldier of the Home Army. He joined II Polish Army as Lieutenant and became the commander of an artillery section.

In 1945 he started the studies of chemistry in the Mathematics and Natural Science Faculty at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. In the fourth year of his studies he was employed as a junior assistant in the Physical Chemistry Department. In 1954 he was the first to obtain the Doctor's Degree at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and in 1961 he qualified as an assistant professor. He obtained the Associate Professor title in 1969 and the Full Professor title in 1976. Adsorption and separation mechanisms in liquid chromatography were his main areas



of interest. He published over 150 scientific papers. He is the author of the fundamental monograph "Adsorption" – the third edition in Poland. Its English extended version was published by the Polish Publishing House (PWN), Ellis, Horwood Ltd., Warsaw-Chichester in 1982. The theoretical scientific descriptions of adsorption from multi-component solutions and the equations

describing separation processes in liquid chromatography have become a canon in the knowledge about the phenomena occurring at the interface. The model of adsorption on solids taking into account intermolecular interactions in the surface and volumetric phases proposed by Professor Ościk in the sixties, has been successfully used in many scientific centers so far. He was one of the pioneers to give sound thermodynamic foundations for the present theories of adsorption from the liquid phase on solids.



Of particular importance is Professor Ościk's teaching activity. He was a university teacher with a strong passion for imparting knowledge to students, postgraduate students and co-workers. His lectures in physical chemistry were very popular with students. He was a winner of the Homo Didacticus in the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry three times. He conferred the master degree on over 200 persons of whom two obtained the professor title later.

Professor Ościk was a man of an extensive general knowledge. He was a humanist and a natural science philosopher. His objectivism and broadmindedness contributed to the true understanding of natural phenomena as well as human relations.



One should remember about the great contribution Professor Ościk made to the organization of the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. In the years 1971-1981 he was the Director of the Institute of Chemistry. From 1980 to 1993 he was the Head of the Physical Chemistry Department. In the years 1984-1990 he was a Member of the Central Qualifying Committee for Scientific Degrees and Titles. He organised scientific work in physical chemistry as a Coordinator of the Government Program R.P.I.08 and a long-term member of Analytical Chemistry Committee Polish Academy of Science, Surface Physicochemistry Committee – Polish Academy of Science and Polish Chemical Society. Professor Ościk was an active member of the academic sports community. He was a member the Academic Sports Union. In the years 1947-1952 he practiced fencing and took part in Polish Championships in sword and foil. In the fifties his passion was gliding and for many years he was a fond angler.

In recognition of his scientific and educational activities he was a holder of the Cross of Commander, the Bachelor's Cross of Polish Revival Order, the Gold Cross of Merit and the Medal of National Education Committee. He was also awarded A Person of Merit for Lublin Region and a Person of Merit for the City of Lublin.

Professor Jarosław Ościk died in Lublin on 3 April 2001.

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