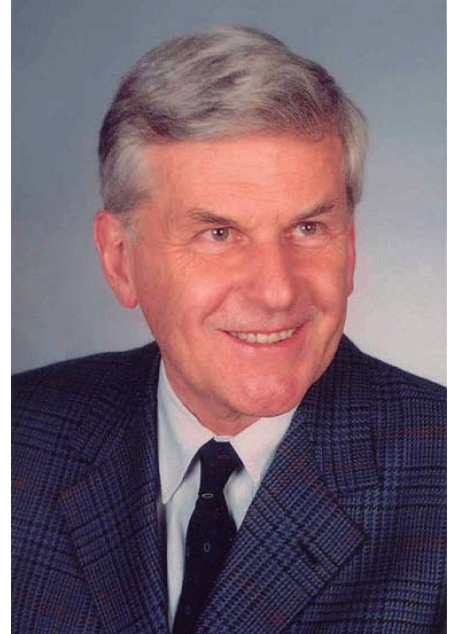


In Memoriam

Prof. Andrzej Szczeklik



Prof. Andrzej Szczeklik (Head of the Department of Medicine, Jagiellonian University School of Medicine, Krakow, Poland) died on February 3.

Prof. Szczeklik received his graduate degree from the University of Krakow and, after completing his 1-year internship in the USA, worked for 7 years at the Academy of Medicine in Wrocław. He completed his postgraduate training at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm and the University of Uppsala in Sweden and at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA.

In 1989 he became Head of the Department of Medicine, Jagiellonian University School of Medicine in Krakow. He was elected Rector (President) of the Copernicus Academy of Medicine in Krakow (1990-1993) and then Vice-Rector of the Jagiellonian University for Medical Affairs (1993-1996).

Prof. Szczeklik's main research interests included cardiopulmonary diseases, aspirin-induced asthma, and chemical mediators in diseases of the circulatory and respiratory systems, with special reference to eicosanoids.

Prof. Szczeklik lectured extensively in major European, American, and Japanese universities. He was a visiting professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sheffield (UK), King's College School of Medicine (UK), and Hochgebirgsklinik Davos-Wolfgang (Switzerland).

He was author and co-author of some 600 papers published in the leading biomedical journals, including *Nature*, *The Lancet*, *NEJM*, *JCI*, *BMJ*, *Blood*, *Circulation*, and *JACI*. He was also author, co-author and co-editor of several international and Polish medical textbooks.

He was a member of numerous scientific societies, such as the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (Vatican City), Royal College of Physicians (Honorary Member) (London, UK), American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, European Academy of Allergy Clinical Immunology, European Respiratory Society, International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

In 1995, Prof. Szczeklik was awarded the "Gloria Medicinae" medal of the Polish Society of Medicine. In 1997 he received first prize from "The Lancet" for his paper on genetic polymorphisms of leukotriene C4 synthase. In 1998, he received the scientific prize of the Royal College of Physicians, London and was elected to the College. In the same year he received the first award of "The Polish Science Foundation" for his studies on the mechanism of action of aspirin. In 2001 he was awarded the gold medal and "The Robert A. Cook Memorial Lectureship" by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. From 1999 to 2003 he received honorary doctorates from the University Schools of Medicine in Wrocław, Warsaw, Katowice, and Łódź. In 2007, he was awarded a Fellowship by the American College of Physicians.

As a humanist, he published 2 largely successful and very well received books: "Katharsis" (published in 2002 in Polish, English, Hungarian, and Spanish) and "Kore".

Prof. Szczeklik was a fervent collaborator of the *Journal of Investigational Allergology and Clinical Immunology*, where he did us the honor of serving on the Editorial Board.

We wish to express our sincere condolences to Polish allergists and to his family.

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