

## Memorial of Professor Aleksandra Ziółeczka (1924-2024)



Professor Aleksandra Zofia Ziółeczka née Szyfter was born in Poznań (Poland) in 1924. From her parents she acquired the rules and principles which were always the most important for her: patriotism, responsibility and respect for tough work.

In 1950 she graduated from Poznan University, Faculty of Agriculture and was awarded the Bachelor of Agriculture and Master of Agricultural Science degrees. Ten years later she was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (in Agriculture and Forestry Sciences) degree by the Scientific Council of Animal Husbandry Department of Main School of Rural Homestead (currently WULS-SGGW), and later in 1969 she was awarded Post-doctoral degree. In 1981 she worked as professor, and in 1988 she was granted the title of professor.

Her scientific career started in 1950 in the Animal Husbandry Institute in Bydgoszcz, Animal Feeding Department. This department was the base to form the Kielanowski Institute of Animal Physiology and Nutrition Polish Academy of Sciences in Jabłonna in which Prof. Ziółeczka since 1955 has continued her scientific adventure. In the years 1955–1970 Prof. Ziółeczka worked as assistant professor and later as an independent research fellow. She was the Head of Ruminant Feeding Unit, and in the years 1985–1989 – the Head of Department of Ruminant Feeding and Physiology. Despite retiring in 1989 she has continued her professional career.

During that time, the Institute took over the publication of the scientific journal Polish Agricultural Annual, Ser. B. Animal Science edited by Polish Academy of Sciences. It was transformed into the Journal of Animal and Feed Sciences of which Prof. Ziółeczka was the editorial secretary and also the ‘good spirit’.

Prof. Aleksandra Ziółeczka was the outstanding specialist in the field of animal feeding and feed science. She actively participated in the works of scientific councils and editorial boards of many scientific journals. She was the Honoured Member of the Committee on Animal Sciences Polish Academy of Sciences and Animal Welfare Society Polish Academy of Sciences For her overall scientific achievements she was granted the Gold Cross of Merit and the Order of Polonia Restituta.

We will remember Prof. Ziółeczka as very cheerful, modest, noble and righteous person, who was endlessly devoted to science, family and friends. She was the perfect organiser, tutor and mentor for many generations of Institute’s employees. Her kindness, politeness and respect for each and every person will stay with us forever.

On April 25, 2024 Prof. Aleksandra Ziółeczka passed away in Łódź and was buried in the family grave in Poznań at Sołacki Cemetery.

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