Professor Franciszek Przekop (1935-2024)

Memorial



Professor Franciszek Przekop was born on April 11, 1935 in Turówka, Augustów County. After graduating from the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences of the University of Warsaw, in 1961, as a master of biology, he began his scientific work at the Institute of Animal Physiology and Nutrition of the Polish Academy of Sciences in the Department of Neurophysiology and Endocrinology headed by Professor Eugeniusz Domański. He received his doctoral degrees in natural sciences (1969), habilitated doctor (1981) and the title of professor of natural sciences (1991) at the Faculty of Biology of the University of Warsaw.

The main subject of the Professor's research, to which he was faithful throughout his professional life, was work on the role of the central nervous system in the regulation of the secretion of gonadotrophic hormones of the pituitary gland in sheep. Professor expanded his knowledge during scientific internships abroad, m.in. at the Endocrine Research Unit, Michigan State University (USA), Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique, Nouzilly (France) and Institute of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology, University Graz (Austria).

In the years 1982-2000 he was the head of the Naeuroendocrinology Laboratory, and then for several years the head of the Department of Neuroendocrinology. Professor promoted many academics, some of whom still work at the Institute.

Professor, as an outstanding specialist in neuroendocrinology, was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit in 1986, and in 1987 he received the Medal of the Polish Physiological Society. For his scientific work, he received two team awards from the Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences (1971, 1988), an individual award from the Faculty of Agricultural and Forest Sciences (1980) and two diplomas of recognition from the Faculty of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences (2000, 2004).

Professor died on July 13, 2024 in Warsaw and was buried in Augustów, in his homeland.

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